

**University of Oslo**  
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**Term paper assignment**

Discuss one of the following questions, taking into account at least one concrete cybersecurity-relevant event, incident or dispute:

1. Critically discuss the legal relevance and utility (e. g. advantages and disadvantages) of the following «non-paper» that resulted from the UN Open-Ended Working Group on Cybersecurity.

UN Open-Ended Working Group on Cybersecurity, *Non-paper listing specific language proposals under agenda item "Rules, norms and principles" from written submissions by delegations*, Version as of 18 January 2021, available at  
<https://front.un-arm.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/OEWG-Non-paper-rules-norms-and-principles-19-01-2021.pdf>

If this Working Group or the Group of Governmental Experts (on advancing responsible State behaviour in cyberspace in the context of international security, GGE) publish further reports during the course of your research, and if those reports have relevance for your paper, you are encouraged to take into account these reports, too. Reports published during the last month before the final submission of your paper may be disregarded.

2. Critically discuss the EU Proposal for a Directive on measures for a high common level of cybersecurity across the Union, repealing Directive (EU) 2016/1148 (COM/2020/823 final). Discuss questions such as the following: What are the challenges this proposed Directive aims to address, compared to the current NIS Directive and to what degree is the proposed Directive suitable to address these challenges?

3. Critically discuss the on-going regulatory discourse regarding updates to the Radio Equipment Directive 2014/53/EU (RED) with respect to Internet of Things devices, including wearable devices. If EU organs publish further relevant documents during the course of your research, and if those documents have relevance for your paper, you are encouraged to take into account these reports, too. Reports published during the last month before the final submission of your paper may be disregarded.

4. "Cybersecurity regulation privileges the confidentiality of data at the expense of other legitimate interests". Critically discuss this claim in light of regulatory policy concerning access to strong encryption and in light of at least one other relevant policy domain.

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