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## Profile

Francesco Cirillo is a legal scholar and attorney working at the intersection of constitutional law, legal theory, neuroscience, and emerging technologies. He holds a PhD in *Law and Cognitive Neuroscience* and teaches Public Law, Legal Methodology, Neuro-Law, Data Protection Law, and AI Law at Università Niccolò Cusano (Rome). He has held research positions at the University of Tuscia and the University of Perugia, and visiting appointments at the Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory (Frankfurt) and Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.

His research focuses on neuroprivacy, cognitive liberty, AI regulation, proportionality in technologically dense environments, and the transformation of constitutional reasoning in digital contexts. He has also worked extensively on bioethical and constitutional questions related to end-of-life decision-making and on the theoretical foundations of sustainability and the rights of future generations.

He holds the Italian National Scientific Qualification (ASN) as Associate Professor in Legal Philosophy (12/H3) and is a member of the Scientific and Technical Committee of OSLE, responsible for the section “Legality and Emerging Technologies”.

## Academic Positions

- Adjunct Professor of Public Law, Legal Methodology, AI Law, Neuro-Law, and Data Protection Law, Università Niccolò Cusano.
- Research Fellow in Public Law, University of Tuscia (2024–2025).
- Research Fellow, University of Perugia (2023).
- Teaching Assistant / *Cultore della materia*, Università Niccolò Cusano (2018–present).

## Education

- PhD in *Law and Cognitive Neuroscience*, Università Niccolò Cusano.
- MA in Law (*110/110 cum laude*), University of Naples Federico II.
- Erasmus Programme, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München.

## Professional Qualifications

- Italian National Scientific Qualification (ASN), Associate Professor (12/H3 – Legal Philosophy).
- Attorney-at-law, Naples Bar.

## Research Interests

Neuroprivacy; cognitive liberty; neurolaw; AI regulation; proportionality; digital constitutionalism; legal theory; bioethics and end-of-life; rights of future generations.

## Selected Publications

### Monograph

- **Neuroprivacy. Theoretical Issues and Constitutional Perspectives**, Giappichelli, 2023.

### Articles (peer-reviewed)

- “The Fiction of Form: Early Kelsen Between Theory and Doctrine”, *Consulta Online*, 2025 (A).
- “Neurolaw, Neurorights and Neuroprivacy: Theoretical and Constitutional Issues”, *Medialaws*, 2024 (A).
- “The Principle of Proportionality in the Digital Environment”, *DPCE Online*, 2024 (A).
- “A Right for Artificial Intelligence? Quis, Quid, Quando, Ubi, Cur?”, *Democrazia e Diritti Sociali*, 2024 (A).
- “Neuro-Rights: Ambiguities of Cognitive Liberty”, *Consulta Online*, 2023 (A).
- “In the Interest of Future Generations? An Inquiry into Appeals to Posterity”, *DPCE Online*, 2023 (A).
- “New Rights and New Duties in End-of-Life Scenarios”, *Osservatorio AIC*, 2020.

### Book Chapters

- “Neuro-Rights: Critical Perspectives and Dogmatic Questions”, in *The Digital Transformation in Europe*, Giappichelli, 2024.
- “Data Protection in Public Law of the Internet”, in *Diritto pubblico di internet*, Editoriale Scientifica, 2024.
- “Sustainability as a Right of Present Generations?”, in *Global Sustainability and Comparative Legal Cultures*, Giappichelli, 2022.

## Languages

Italian (native), English (C1), German (C1), Spanish (B2).