The Castex Chair of Cyberstrategy conducts academic research in social and human science, focusing on two major questions:

- Strategic challenges and geopolitics of cyberspace
- Legal and sovereignty issues in cyberspace

Cyberspace has become an object of power rivalries between stakeholders, a scene of confrontation, and a highly powerful tool in geopolitical conflicts. Conflicts for and through cyberspace are both the expression and a new dimension of traditional geopolitical rivalries.

The Chair aims at situating cyber conflicts within their geopolitical context and training young researchers to encompass the cyber dimension of the geopolitical conflicts and regions they study. The Chair manages a multidisciplinary team of graduate students and covers a wide range of topics.

EU and USA, the Great Data Drain

Mapping cyberspace and cyber issues is an ongoing challenge. With a strong team of cartographers, the Chair works at developing a methodology to represent different dimensions of cyberspace, in relation to their spatial context. The team elaborates maps accessible to non-specialists to explain strategic issues in cyberspace.

Focus on Cartography

Active player in National Strategic Thinking

The Castex Chair team takes part in the national effort to elaborate cyber strategies for the government, the military, businesses and civil society.

In 2015, Frédérick Douzet, the Chairwoman, won the Best Cyber Book Award of the International Forum of Cybersecurity (FIC) for the publication of “Geopolitics of Cyberspace”, a special issue of the academic journal Hérodote which included many contributions from affiliated researchers.
Pioneer in European Academic Research

The Castex Chair conducts groundbreaking multidisciplinary research in collaboration with European partners such as the INRIA, the Digital Society Institute (Berlin), the University of Paris 8, IRT System X and the ENS.

Contributor to International Dialogues

Castex Chair researchers participate in international dialogues including the Munich Security Conference, the UNIDIR, Europol, the Sino-European Cyber Dialogue, and the East-West Institute.

The Chair is involved in research and discussions concerning the norms of responsible behavior for States in cyberspace that will shape the future of global security and stability.

The Chairwoman

Frédérick Douzet is the Castex Chair of Cyberstrat egy chairwoman and Professor at the French Institute of Geopolitics (University of Paris 8). She received several distinctions for her research including the Institut Universitaire de France (2006-2011); France-Berkeley Fund Award for Outstanding Young Scholar (2014); and book prizes from the FIC (2015), Society of Geography (2008) and Academy of Moral and Political Sciences (2008).

The Castex Chair of Cyberstrategy is attached to the Institute of Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN), founded by Admiral Castex in 1936. The Chair was created in 2011, by the IHEDN Endowment Fund which enables the Institute to expand its activities into new areas.