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Diplomacy: Essentials and Dynamics
Interdisciplinary seminar in cooperation with the German Foreign Office
Lecturer: Ambassador Dr. Wilfried Bolewski, German Foreign Office
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Due to the growing number of participants in globalized relations (States, International Organizations, as well as NGOs, transnational companies, the media, etc.) the focus of traditional diplomacy is widening:

- internalization of diplomacy and internationalization of domestic affairs,
- flexibility and pragmatism,
- communitarianism versus reciprocity,
- culture and language,
- symbolism.

Diplomacy is transforming and expanding its role as the method of interstate relations to a general instrument of communication among globalized societies. Adapting to globalization the practice of diplomacy is shared by non-state participants, thus becoming privatized and popularized. With the strife for common values, the finality of international interaction moves beyond national interest towards communitarianism.

International law governing foreign relations can be strengthened through judicial review by national courts. The legal foundations of diplomacy are provided in particular by the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations. Working on the interface of diplomacy and academia, this practitioner's seminar combines an insider view into innovation and change of the diplomatic process with a concise interdisciplinary academic analysis.

The interdisciplinary, career-orientated seminar by an active diplomat in cooperation with the German Foreign Office is preparing for innovative international tasks and deals with topical problems of diplomacy using practical cases and experience as well as relevant literature.

Participants interested in an international career who have reached an advanced stage of their studies or have gained a B.A., have very good knowledge of English and preferably also French, as well as practical experience abroad should contact fudiplo@zedat.fu-berlin.de as soon as possible to be allocated a tutorial paper topic. Participants will receive a credit. This seminar is recognized as linguistic qualification in accordance with Section 14 (1) (b) of the study regulations for students of law (StO).

Reading list

Berridge, Geoff R., Diplomacy: theory and practice, (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan 2005) 3rd edition.

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Tutorial paper topics

A) Changing role of diplomacy in globalized relations

1. Diplomacy and change (aims, methods, participants)
2. Diplomacy and the changing modes of representation: Representing diplomacy and diplomatic representation
3. Operational relationship between foreign policy and diplomacy (policy-makers versus agent)
4. The rational engagement to New Public Diplomacy: symmetry and mutuality as core values
5. Diplomatic processes, cultural variations and common diplomatic culture: the central relevance of culture in diplomacy
6. Diplomacy and morality: communitarianism
7. Academia-diplomacy gap: Interdisciplinary foreign policy advice from universities

B) Diplomacy and consular service

1. Impact of consular affairs on diplomacy: consular culture and consular diplomacy
2. Political functions of consular services in crisis and conflict management
3. Europeanization of consular services: sovereignty, subsidiarity, trust
4. Privatisation of consular service
5. Future role of honorary consuls

C) Transformation of international relations and their impact on diplomacy

1. Normalization of sub-state entities in diplomacy: Para diplomacy
2. Privatization/ socialization of diplomacy
3. Corporate diplomacy in transnational relations: symbiosis of diplomacy and transnational companies
4. Concepts and contents of good governance
5. Cooperative structures for disaster diplomacy
6. NGO diplomacy in Track Two processes
7. Diplomatic theories (state-centric, new participants and innovative) and their relevance for the understanding of globalized relations

D) Diplomacy and law

1. Role of innovative diplomacy and the redefinition of sovereignty
2. Good governance and customary international law
3. Judicial review of governmental diplomacy (D, UK, US, F)
4. National courts and international relations: judicial empowerment
5. Transjudicialism and cross-fertilization in international and constitutional issues
6. Emergence of international common values and a global international community