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**CAS IR 330 Diplomatic Practice**

**Course Outline:**

This course focuses on diplomacy in the sense of the management of the relations between states and intergovernmental organizations by official agents with a view to maintain peace, security and their respective national interests. The evolution of diplomacy will be studied, along with a description of the functions of ministries of foreign affairs as well as of diplomatic missions.

The technical details of the status of embassies and consulates will be explained as part of the background of the Vienna Conventions of 1961 and 1963. A guided tour through an embassy – in the classroom - will show a diplomatic mission at work. A visit to a consulate general in Boston will illustrate how a real mission accomplishes its work. A discussion of war and peace in International Law will focus on the peacekeeping function of diplomacy. As international governmental organizations proliferate, they occupy an important place in diplomatic relations making it imperative to study their functions. The organization of the UN serves as an obvious example, as it claims global importance and is committed to peace. Various case studies will accompany the lectures; and a consideration of diplomatic methods will conclude the course.

Thorough reading of a quality daily such as *The New York Times* and weekly (such as *The Economist* or *The New Republic*) is mandatory. Access to the full daily edition of *The New York Times* is available on-line. You may also subscribe, or view hard-copy versions at Mugar library. We will be discussing events relating to diplomacy in class on a regular basis so it is important for you to be current on what is happening around you.

**Grading Distribution**

Class participation	25%
Mid-Term	25%
Final Examination	50%

**Special Remarks**

Students are expected to attend all classes except in case of a valid excuse (e.g. personal illness), in which case please e-mail me.

BU's Academic Conduct Code applies. Please make sure you have studied it.

**Course Schedule:**

## **Week One**

Introduction: Diplomacy as Management of Foreign Relations

*No readings*

## **Week Two**

The History of Diplomacy

*Kissinger, pp 17-55*

## **Week Three**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

*Feltham pp.9-12; Barston pp.9-31; Berridge pp.5-22*

Foreign Service Personnel

*Readings to be distributed*

## **Weeks Four & Five**

Inside an Embassy

*Feltham pp.13-24*

The Envoy's Function, Envoys and Diplomatic Missions – The Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961

*Feltham pp. 35-44; Berridge pp.108-150; Von Glahn pp 401-434*

Consulates – The Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963

*Feltham pp. 45-54; Von Glahn, pp 434-444*

## **Week Six**

Protocol

*Feltham pp. 25-34*

Diplomatic Asylum

*Von Glahn pp. 401-444*

## **Week Seven**

Diplomatic Methods

*Barston pp. 36-103; Berridge pp25-88*

Negotiations and Diplomacy

## **Week Eight**

Quiet Changes in a Quiet Profession

*Barston pp.1-15*

Digital Diplomacy

*Readings to be distributed*

## **Week Nine**

The United Nations and Diplomacy

*Feltham pp. 55-84; Berridge pp 151-173*

International Governmental Organizations

*Feltham pp. 85-114*

## **Week Ten**

International Treaties

*Feltham pp 115-138; Barston pp 311-377; von Glahn pp. 458-492*

## **Week Eleven**

War and Peace in International Law

*Von Glahn pp. 554-577*

Subjects of International Law

*Von Glahn pp. 103-126*

## **Week Twelve**

The UN and Iraq: The Use of Force

*Von Glahn pp. 271-275, 585-588*

Migrants and Refugees

*Readings to be distributed*

## **Week Thirteen**

Development Cooperation

*Readings to be distributed*

Promoting Democracy

*Readings to be distributed*

## **Week Fourteen**

### *Review and Discussion*

#### **Required Texts**

Barston, R.P. Modern Diplomacy, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, London, New York, 1997  
Berridge, G.R. Diplomacy, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2002

#### **Recommended Texts**

Feltham, R.G. Diplomatic Handbook, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, London, New York 1993  
Kissinger, Henry Diplomacy, New York, 1995  
Von Glahn, Gerhard Law Among Nations: An Introduction to Public International Law, 8<sup>th</sup> edition, Boston, 1995

#### **Office Hours:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
2.00 to 3.00 pm

Wednesdays  
10.30 to 11.30 am  
2.00 to 3.00 pm

*Other days, by appointment*