

Science & Technology International Relations

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During past two decades, new forms of diplomacy in international relations have been introduced that include humanitarian diplomacy as well as diplomacy of science & technology. Clearly, today's modern diplomacies are considered to be powerful tools that play an important role in realization of country's goals, tools that when they are properly utilized, open the ways to resolve many obstacles within the traditional diplomacy practiced among different countries. The ever increasing important role of diplomacy of science and technology has caused politicians and policy-makers of different countries particularly Iran, to pay more attention to science & technology diplomacy. Experience gained by other countries indicate that a change in their traditional thought towards diplomacy and adaptation of the modern diplomacies such as science and technology diplomacy, has accelerated realization of country conceived and desired goals. In addition, resorting to science & technology diplomacy has brought more legitimacy and more credit to these countries in their International Relations with other countries. The current interaction between traditional diplomacy and modern diplomacy, is a manifestation of evolution in international relations in our current world. Deployment of these interactions, leads to an upgrade in the status of countries within the current international system. Considering that one of Macro-policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran is to gain a distinctive stand in all fields including diplomacy of science and technology, it is necessary that particular attention be given to diplomacy of science and technology and play an important tool in foreign policy and decision making. In this study in line with the general context and broad picture conceived of diplomacy, we will attempt to describe pathology of diplomacy of science and technology in Iran and some of the considerations to be made in adopting suitable policy.

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