



Innovative Diplomacy Programme

Algorithmic Ambassadors: How Artificial Intelligence is Revolutionizing Diplomacy

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Summary

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing diplomacy by mimicking human cognitive functions and automating tasks that traditionally require human intelligence. Diplomacy, defined as the art of influencing foreign governments and peoples through dialogue and negotiation, now incorporates AI to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.
- AI tools, such as the Cognitive Trade Advisor (CTA) and large language models (LLMs) from the Malta-based DiploFoundation, assist in trade agreements and speech generation, respectively. Initiatives like those by the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), a German development agency, promote inclusivity by creating open language datasets for regional languages.
- This Insight argues that AI's role in diplomatic negotiations is significant, offering data-driven support to identify issues, interests, and strategies, thereby improving preparation and decision-making. Early Warning Systems (EWS) powered by AI, like the EU's EWS and similar systems in China and India, detect and respond to potential crises. AI also combats disinformation through tools like the EU's Fake News Monitor and DisinfoLab, enhancing the credibility of information.
- Despite its advantages, AI presents challenges such as the "black box" problem, hallucinations, and inherent biases in data. Ethical considerations and the necessity of the human touch in diplomacy underscore the limitations of AI. Emotional intelligence, empathy and cultural understanding are critical aspects of diplomacy that AI cannot replicate.
- While AI promises to transform diplomacy by increasing efficiency and opening new avenues for international cooperation, it cannot replace the nuanced judgment and relational skills of human diplomats. The future of diplomacy lies in the synergistic integration of AI and human expertise, governed by ethical standards and regulations.
- The Insight highlights that the Gulf region, particularly countries like the UAE and Saudi Arabia, has been proactive in leveraging AI to diversify their economies and strengthen their global diplomatic presence. AI is being used to streamline governmental processes, enhance public diplomacy, and support crisis management.

- It concludes by emphasizing the need for proper training for diplomats, developing “smart embassies,” and establishing regional and global frameworks for AI governance. As AI continues to evolve, it holds the promise of transforming diplomacy, but its implementation must be guided by ethical standards and a focus on enhancing, rather than replacing, human capabilities.
- Among others, the Insight makes the following recommendations:
 - Education first: training programmes for diplomats should incorporate innovative thinking, big data management, and machine learning.
 - AI integration in embassies: develop and implement “smart embassies” concepts, AI-powered solutions for consular services, communication and resource management.
 - Proactive diplomacy/conflict prevention: Utilize AI to analyze vast amounts of data for identifying emerging trends and potential areas of cooperation or conflict.
 - Enhancing Public Diplomacy: Implement AI chatbots and virtual assistants on diplomatic websites and social media channels to improve engagement with foreign publics.
 - Economic Diplomacy: Leverage AI to identify strategic economic partnerships and investment opportunities to align with nation diversification goals.
 - Collaborative AI Governance: Establish regional working groups on AI in diplomacy to share best practices and develop common standards.

The Issue

“Artificial Intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing every sector it touches, and diplomacy is no exception. As nations navigate an increasingly complex global landscape, AI technologies are being harnessed to enhance diplomatic efforts and shape international relations. From predictive analytics aiding in strategic decision-making to AI-powered language translation breaking down communication barriers, the intersection of AI and diplomacy is reshaping how nations engage, negotiate, and collaborate on the world stage. In this article, we delve into the transformative impact of AI on diplomatic practices, exploring key applications, challenges, and implications for the future of global diplomacy.”

This introduction sounds good, doesn't it? I have put it in quotation because it is not mine, I had ChatGPT write it. Another practical example that shows the opportunities, but also the limitations of AI in diplomacy: During my time as head of the UN mission in Libya, we worked for a long time on a “Roadmap for Peace” (Appendix 1).

This was the result of hours of meetings and countless drafts. AI can now produce such a “roadmap” in just a few seconds (Appendix 2). However, there has been no political progress in the peace process in Libya between 2017 and 2024; on the contrary, the situation went from bad to worse. This example demonstrates that AI can be an efficient tool, however it is not sufficient to achieve sustainable results.

Let us now take a closer look at the opportunities and limitations of AI and its benefits for diplomacy, including its relevance to the Gulf.

Definitions first:

What do we mean by “AI”?

Artificial intelligence is an interdisciplinary field of computer science and engineering that aims to equip machines with the ability to mimic human cognitive functions.⁽¹⁾ AI systems use data, algorithms⁽²⁾ and computing power to recognize patterns, solve problems and automate tasks that traditionally require human intelligence.

What is “diplomacy”?

Diplomacy can be defined as the time-tested method of influencing the decisions and behaviour of foreign governments and peoples and reconciling their interests through dialogue, negotiation and other measures without war or violence, i.e., even before or after a violent conflict. Modern diplomatic practices go beyond bilateral relations and include summits, international conferences, parliamentary diplomacy, and interaction between legislators from different countries, non-state actors (NSAs) like militias or subregional entities like big cities and even powerful private companies.

Crucial to the success or failure of diplomatic negotiations are the tact and ability of diplomats to solve problems without provoking hostility and to navigate complex political landscapes, cultural differences and conflicting interests. Can this decisive human element be replaced by AI?

Several foreign ministries are already using AI and alternative forms of data analysis for administrative purposes, e.g. in consular matters, or for the purposes of semi-automated public diplomacy. Even before ChatGPT and other AI tools,⁽³⁾ there have been already a few practical examples in place. The Cognitive Trade Advisor (CTA) designed by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) analyzes existing trade agreements and suggests new agreements.⁽⁴⁾ The aim is to ensure a level playing field for countries with limited human resources in complex negotiations.

A speech generator from the DiploFoundation, which is based on ‘large language models’ (LLMs)⁽⁵⁾ and supplemented by individual expertise, drafts texts and speeches on international topics at the touch of a button based on individually selected default settings.⁽⁶⁾

Finally, the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) has joined forces with the Mozilla Foundation to create open language datasets in developing countries. These are intended to enable AI innovations in languages that are not widely spoken globally but are used by many people regionally, for example Kinyarwanda, Kiswahili and Luganda in East Africa.⁽⁷⁾

AI as tool for negotiations

But how can AI be used with the core of diplomatic practice: negotiations? Is it possible to use AI systems to evaluate the information relevant for a negotiation in a way that creates significant added value compared to the traditional methods of data analysis for preparing and conducting negotiations?

On the one hand, the added value is measured by a formal efficiency criterion: Is it possible to evaluate information using fewer resources, thus achieving results more quickly and thus having a clear information advantage over other actors? The quality of the analysis is also crucial: Does it provide strategic insights that significantly improve the negotiating partners' chances of success? And what is happening if all parties are using AI?

Negotiations in conflict resolution must always begin with a thorough analysis of the situation and the interests of the conflicting parties. To this purpose foreign ministries and, for example, the European Union are developing AI-powered negotiation support systems, which are designed to assist diplomats and negotiators in complex international negotiations.⁽⁹⁾ The objective is to help negotiators to better prepare for, conduct and conclude negotiations with other countries, international organizations and non-state actors.

The systems analyze vast amounts of data to identify potential negotiation issues, interests, and options. They also provide insights on the other parties' positions, goals, and constraints. Based on the analysis, recommendations for negotiators on potential negotiation strategies, tactics, and counterarguments can be recommended. The systems allow users to create hypothetical scenarios and explore different negotiation outcomes.⁽⁹⁾

The advantages are obvious: Improved preparation by identifying key issues and potential stumbling blocks, enhanced decision making by data driven support even during negotiation and overall better outcomes by leveraging AI powered analyses and recommendations. These systems will inevitably be applied in the fields of international trade negotiations, climate change negotiations, conflict resolution efforts such as peace negotiations or crisis management or to support humanitarian aid negotiations between governments, international organizations and NGOs.

AI and Conflict Prevention

An important field of application is the area of Early Warning and Conflict Prevention. As every mediator knows: the earlier a conflict is discovered and negotiated, the more likely it is that win-win situations can be created, and a further escalation can be averted.⁽¹⁰⁾ A good example in this context is the EU's Early Warning System (EWS), a mechanism designed to detect and respond to potential crises or threats in the EU before they escalate. The system is aimed at preventing or mitigating the impact of crises, such as natural disasters, terrorist attacks or cyber-attacks.

The EWS is based on a network of EU institutions, agencies, and member states that work together to share information, analyze risks and develop response plans. The Chinese government has developed an AI-powered predictive analytics system that uses machine learning algorithms to predict economic trends, identify potential conflicts and anticipate public opinion. The Indian government has developed an AI-powered crisis response system that uses machine learning algorithms to analyze large datasets, identify patterns and predict potential crises.

Fake news detection

Negotiations, especially in political crisis situations, are regularly hampered by the dissemination of fake news and the manipulation of information (disinformation campaigns). AI is an invaluable tool for separating fact from fiction. The EU has developed several tools to help identify and combat fake news.

The Fake News Monitor is a Web-based tool that tracks and analyzes fake news stories in real-time. It uses natural language processing (NLP)⁽¹¹⁾ and machine learning algorithms to identify potential fake news stories and categorize them based on their level of credibility.⁽¹²⁾ It reveals quickly that, for example, a news item that "60 percent of violent crimes in Germany are committed by males with migrant background" as definitely false and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán's statement in the current election campaign for the European Parliament that "Hungary's economy almost doubled within 14 years" as mostly false. Not to speak of the fake news strategies in the US election campaign in the run-up of the November 5 presidential election.

Already in 2016, the EU launched a fact-checking initiative to promote transparency, accuracy and accountability in online information. The EU Fact Checking Initiative includes a network of independent fact-checking organizations, which verify the accuracy of news articles and reports.⁽¹³⁾ The EU DisinfoLab is an open-source platform that uses machine learning algorithms to analyze and detect disinformation campaigns. It provides a dashboard for researchers and analysts to track and analyze disinformation campaigns, as well as a database of identified disinformation campaigns.⁽¹⁴⁾

Downside of AI

As we have seen, AI offers numerous benefits but also comes with significant downsides and challenges. Here are some of the primary concerns associated with AI:

On ‘black boxes’ and ‘hallucinations’

Large language models (LLMs) are currently at the center of the debate. (Abu Dhabi, for example, launched Jais, a new AI language model in Arabic, in 2023, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs serving as one of the launch partners.) Training with huge amounts of data and independent ‘deep’ machine learning between the countless nodes creates neural networks with their own functional logic. No one can therefore explain the result of a data input, not even the programmers: The AI becomes a ‘black box’.⁽¹⁵⁾

A famous quote illustrating this sentiment is attributed to AI pioneer Geoffrey Hinton, who is reported to have said: “I have no idea why it works, but it does.” This remark highlights the complexity and unpredictability of modern AI models, especially neural networks. Hinton and other AI developers have acknowledged that while they can create and train these systems, the inner workings of deep learning models are so intricate that understanding exactly why they perform well remains a challenge. This results in a control problem.

It is not clear how humans can create a reliable, fair and safe AI if they do not understand the processes running in the background and cannot comprehend the data used to train the models. This includes latent discrimination that only comes to light after prolonged use and the reinforcement of existing social fault lines, as well as the potential ability of an AI to replicate itself or utilize dangerous capabilities without being asked.

A ‘hallucination’ refers to a situation where an AI system generates outputs that are incorrect or nonsensical but appear plausible. These outputs can range from factual inaccuracies to entirely fabricated information. AI hallucinations are particularly concerning in LLMs, where the AI might produce text, images, or other content that seems credible but has no basis in the training data or real-world facts. There are reported cases in the United States where lawyers used ChatGPT to find legal precedents and the ChatGPT has completely made them up (and the lawyers didn’t check!).

Navigating the bias trap: ensuring fairness in AI systems

Diplomats using AI should be particularly aware of the bias trap: Try to ask the AI to show you a photo of an airline pilot and you will almost certainly get a white male pilot standing or sitting in a cockpit and not a female Air India pilot! AI is only as good as the data it is trained on. If the data is biased, incomplete or inaccurate, AI may make incorrect or unfair decisions.

AI with heart? Exploring the intersection of technology and empathy

The use of AI in diplomacy raises furthermore serious ethical questions, particularly about the transparency and accountability of algorithms. States must ensure that AI systems are fair and impartial and do not lead to unethical decisions.

But most importantly: AI cannot yet replace the ‘human touch’. It may not be able to replicate the emotional intelligence, empathy and personal connections that are crucial in diplomatic relationships, nor may it be able to think outside the box or come up with innovative solutions that human diplomats can. There may also be a lack of contextual understanding: AI may not fully understand the complex cultural, historical and political contexts that underpin diplomatic relationships. For diplomats it is important not to over-rely on technology, losing touch with the human aspects of diplomacy and neglecting the importance of building relationships through personal interactions.

Dangers of data misuse and problems of sovereign control

The UN Pact for the Future of September 2024 highlighted the risk of data misuse and emphasized the importance of sovereign control over data usage of AI tools in its Global Digital Compact (CDG) – one of the examples where the UN and the state community really look ahead suggesting a multidisciplinary Independent Scientific Panel on AI with balanced geographical representation. The Compact recognizes the immense potential of AI systems in all fields but stresses the need of international governance. Effective data governance would be crucial for nations to maintain control over their data and for individuals to protect them against data misuse. It aims to establish a normative baseline for data privacy and security that supports countries in managing their data resources effectively while promoting equitable access and use of AI technologies.

Gulf diplomacy and AI

Any foreign policy and diplomatic effort start with a definition of a country's domestic, regional and global interests. In the UAE, for example, most AI tools will give you the following basic key geopolitical, economic and security interests: Economic diversification; regional stability; security cooperation (e.g. with Saudi-Arabia and Egypt); influence in the Arab world; trade and investment as a hub between Asia, Europe and Africa; balancing relations with Iran; becoming a leader in technology and innovation, including AI; environmental sustainability (e.g. Masdar City Project). In each of these fields developing strategies using AI can be hugely helpful.

And efforts are well underway: In the field of economic diplomacy, the Gulf Countries, particularly the UAE and Saudi Arabia are leveraging AI to diversify their economies beyond oil⁽¹⁷⁾ and position themselves as global AI leaders. ⁽¹⁸⁾ The UAE has approved an international AI policy to support its foreign relations and empower government officials in global AI discussions.⁽¹⁹⁾

The UAE's AI for Governance and Diplomacy aims to enhance the country's diplomatic presence by using AI to streamline government processes.⁽²⁰⁾ AI is also used to coordinate humanitarian aid, disaster response and crisis management. For example, AI-driven data analysis helps the government provide more efficient and targeted support to regions affected by conflicts, enhancing its diplomatic image as a responsible global player. The airdrops in Gaza are just one example.

Similar examples can be found all over the Gulf: Bahrain's Fintech and AI diplomacy is positioning the country as a Fintech hub in the MENA region,⁽²¹⁾ Oman's Foreign Ministry has launched a programme called "Smart Embassies Hackathon" to enhance innovation and continuous improvement in Oman's embassies worldwide.⁽²²⁾ In Saudi Arabia the emphasis on AI leadership has begun to influence Saudi foreign policy on key strategic issues. The country might offer a significant reorientation away from China given the US-China technology tensions in exchange for US security guarantees and access to advanced American technologies, including AI.⁽²³⁾

Conclusion and outlook

The integration of AI into diplomacy is only just beginning, but the potential is enormous. In the future, we could see greater networking and cooperation between states, supported by advanced AI technologies. These could not only increase the efficiency and effectiveness of diplomatic efforts, but also open new avenues for conflict resolution and international cooperation.

As technology advances, it will be crucial that states and international organizations work together to develop ethical standards and regulations to fully exploit the benefits of AI in diplomacy while minimizing the risks.

However, human negotiation is a complex and dynamic process that involves multiple factors, including emotions, power dynamics and cultural differences.

But overall, the combination of AI and diplomacy promises an exciting new era of international relations. Breaking down strategies and policies into definable and executable parts for the use of AI will fundamentally change the way diplomacy is conducted in the coming years. Today, AI is still often prone to error and bias and will foreseeably not be able to replace the judgement of experienced diplomats. AI, however, is a great sparring partner for experimenting with ideas and refining one's own thinking.

Recommendations

Given the growing importance of AI in diplomacy I suggest a few practical recommendations.

- Education first: training programmes for diplomats should incorporate innovative thinking, big data management, and machine learning. Digital skills of diplomats today must include AI, data analysis and the development of strategic foresight capabilities using AI tools.
- AI integration in embassies: develop and implement “smart embassies” concepts, AI – powered solutions for consular services, communication and resource management. Use AI for real-time language translation and cultural context analysis to improve diplomatic relations. Employ AI-powered predictive analytics for crisis management and early warning systems.
- Proactive diplomacy/conflict prevention: Utilize AI to analyze vast amounts of data for identifying emerging trends and potential areas of cooperation or conflict. Develop AI-driven scenario planning tools to simulate various diplomatic outcomes, enabling more proactive policy making.
- Enhancing Public Diplomacy: Implement AI chatbots and virtual assistants on diplomatic websites and social media channels to improve engagement with foreign publics. Use AI for sentiment analysis to tailor public diplomacy strategies for different audiences and regions.
- Regional strategy development: Use AI to analyse complex regional dynamics, including the Israeli Palestinian conflict or situations in Sudan, Yemen or Libya.
- Economic Diplomacy: Leverage AI to identify strategic economic partnerships and investment opportunities to align with nation diversification goals. Use AI-powered analytics to optimize trade negotiations.
- Collaborative AI Governance: Establish regional working groups on AI in diplomacy to share best practices and develop common standards. Participate actively in international fora on AI governance to ensure Gulf perspectives are represented.

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Appendix I

Draft 2

Political Roadmap for Libya
May 2017

Rationale for a new round of talks

The Libyan Political Agreement (LPA), remains the transitional political framework to end the crisis in Libya. Elements needing to be addressed to advance implementation of the LPA include: broader commitment by constituencies on the ground, greater legitimacy through endorsement of the agreement and Libyan institutions upholding their obligations under the Agreement. There is currently some political momentum, including a tentative rapprochement between some of the key players. There is a general consensus around the provisions of the LPA requiring amendment to put the implementation of the LPA back on track.

Aim: The Road Map charts the way to a limited set of amendments to the LPA which is to be agreed as a package deal through an inclusive process among Libya's key stakeholders, facilitated by the United Nations.

Agenda:

- Structure and configuration of the Presidency Council (PC);
- Formation of new Government of National Accord (GNA) separate from the PC;
- An inclusive and unified structure for the Libyan army, including a clear definition of command levels and their competencies;
- Reunification of Libyan financial institutions;
- Composition of the State Council;
- Security arrangements for Tripoli and a credible plan for the demobilization of armed groups;
- Mechanism for the endorsement of the amended LPA;
- End state of the transition.

Mechanism: Building on and consolidating existing initiatives, the United Nations will convene and facilitate separate but interconnected political and security tracks through the following mechanism in close coordination with key members states, regional groups and the international community.

- In the spirit of Article 12 of the LPA, delegations selected by the House of Representatives (HoR) and by the High State Council (HSC) will lead the negotiations.
- The United Nations will identify relevant actors to consult as needed and decide in consultations with the parties how to involve them in the process to enhance inclusivity.
- Throughout the negotiations, the institutions emanating from the LPA will continue to function to maintain executive functions to prevent an institutional vacuum.

Timeframe: The talks aims at achieving a political settlement in time to be able to hold elections as originally envisioned by the LPA in 2018.

The following timeline will be proposed:

Phase 1: June 2017	Establishment of a High Level Working Group
Phase 2: July 2017	Agreement on the basis for the LPA
Phase 3: August 2017	Endorsement and implementation
Phase 4: February 2018	Agreement on the LPA and its implementation

Appendix II

Question to ChatGPT:

Please draft a political roadmap for Libya. rationale to have peace in Libya , suggest agenda items including power sharing and distribution of oil revenues, suggest mechanism, develop time table in 4 phases, define objectives and deliverables for each phase

Answer: (within 10 seconds)

Political Roadmap for Peace in Libya

Rationale: Achieving peace in Libya is essential for regional stability, economic recovery, and the well-being of the Libyan people. A comprehensive political roadmap can provide a structured approach to resolving conflicts, ensuring fair distribution of resources, and establishing a sustainable governance system. This roadmap outlines key phases, objectives, agenda items, and mechanisms to guide Libya towards lasting peace.

Phase 1: Immediate Ceasefire and Humanitarian Assistance (0-6 Months)

Objectives:

- Establish a ceasefire and end hostilities.
- Provide immediate humanitarian aid to affected populations.
- Lay the groundwork for inclusive political dialogue.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Ceasefire Agreement:** Negotiate and implement a nationwide ceasefire, monitored by an international body such as the United Nations.
- 2. Humanitarian Aid:** Mobilize international aid organizations to deliver food, medical supplies, and essential services.
- 3. Trust-Building Measures:** Release prisoners, open humanitarian corridors, and ensure the safe return of displaced persons.

Mechanism:

- Establish a **Ceasefire Monitoring Commission** (CMC) with representatives from the UN, African Union (AU), and Arab League.
- **Coordinate humanitarian efforts through** the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).
- **Deliverables:**
 - Signed ceasefire agreement.
 - Deployed international monitors.
 - Initial delivery of humanitarian aid.

Phase 2: Inclusive Political Dialogue and Power Sharing (6-18 Months)

Objectives:

- Initiate an inclusive political dialogue involving all Libyan factions.
- Develop a framework for power sharing.
- Establish interim governance structures.

Agenda Items:

- 1. National Dialogue Conference:** Convene a conference with representatives from all major factions, tribal leaders, civil society, and international observers.
- 2. Power Sharing Framework:** Negotiate power-sharing arrangements, including the distribution of key government positions among factions.
- 3. Interim Government:** Form an interim government tasked with overseeing the transition process.

Mechanism:

- Facilitate the dialogue through the UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL).
- Use mediators from neutral countries or international organizations to ensure fair negotiations.

Deliverables:

- Agreed-upon power-sharing framework.
- Established interim government.
- Roadmap for drafting a new constitution.

Phase 3: Constitutional Development and Economic Reforms (18-36 Months)**Objectives:**

- Draft and ratify a new constitution.
- Reform economic policies to ensure fair distribution of resources.
- Lay the foundation for democratic governance.

Agenda Items:

- 1. Constitutional Assembly:** Form an assembly representing all factions to draft the new constitution.
- 2. Oil Revenue Distribution:** Establish mechanisms for the transparent and equitable distribution of oil revenues.
- 3. Economic Reform:** Implement policies to stabilize the economy, attract investment, and rebuild infrastructure.

Mechanism:

- Technical assistance from international constitutional experts and economic advisors.
- Oversight by an international economic advisory board.

Deliverables:

- Drafted and ratified constitution.
- Transparent oil revenue distribution mechanism.
- Initial implementation of economic reforms.

Phase 4: Elections and Long-Term Stabilization (36-48 Months)

Objectives:

- Conduct free and fair elections.
- Establish a permanent, representative government.
- Ensure long-term peace and stability.

Agenda Items:

1. Electoral Framework: Develop and agree upon an electoral framework, including voter registration, campaigning, and monitoring.
2. National Elections: Hold elections for a new government as per the new constitution.
3. Security Sector Reform: Restructure security forces to ensure loyalty to the new government and protection of human rights.

Mechanism:

- Election support from international bodies such as the UN and EU.
- Security sector reform advised by international experts.

Deliverables:

- Established electoral framework.
- Successfully conducted national elections.
- Reformed and integrated security forces.

Timeline Summary

1.	Phase 1 (0-6 Months): Immediate Ceasefire and Humanitarian Assistance
2.	Phase 2 (6-18 Months): Inclusive Political Dialogue and Power Sharing
3.	Phase 3 (18-36 Months): Constitutional Development and Economic Reforms
4.	Phase 4 (36-48 Months): Elections and Long-Term Stabilization

Monitoring and Evaluation

A **joint international committee, comprising the UN, AU and EU**, will be established to monitor and evaluate progress at each phase. Regular reports will be published to ensure transparency and accountability, with adjustments made as necessary to address emerging challenges and opportunities.

Conclusion: This roadmap provides a structured approach to achieving peace and stability in Libya. By focusing on immediate needs, inclusive political dialogue, constitutional development, and long-term stabilization, Libya can build a foundation for a prosperous and peaceful future.