

Message from the Editorial Board

At the end of our seventh year, the Whitehead Journal of Diplomacy directs its attention to the Changing Nature of Diplomacy. In a new security era and a rapidly globalizing world, diplomacy has moved beyond the confines of traditional state-to-state channels. This issue seeks to contribute to the understanding of informal diplomacy, along with a broader analysis of current diplomatic challenges.

Our keynote author, Joseph V. Montville, pioneered the phrase “Track Two Diplomacy.” In his article, Montville further articulates the application and relevance of track two diplomacy; in particular, he focuses on grassroots approaches to constructing a shared history among post-conflict groups. Avnita Lakhani advocates the value of faith-based diplomacy in confronting the challenges of resolving religious conflict. Robert L. Ostergard, Jr. explores US diplomacy in the age of terrorism and oil dependency. Focusing on the role of individuals, Glenn P. Hastedt and Anthony J. Eksterowicz look at the unique leadership potential of the office of the first lady. Finally, Binoy Kampmark looks at the role of media and information technology and its impact on cultural diplomacy.

Our World Leaders Forum continues with Lech Walesa, Former President of Poland and Nobel Prize Laureate, who delivered a speech at Seton Hall in December 2005. We have also included a speech from Congressman Robert E. Andrews, who addressed Seton Hall University in October 2005. On the topic of conflict prevention, Hae S. Kim analyzes the claims regarding the root causes of conflict. On the economic front, Brian N. Zeiler-Kligman examines the impact of multinational enterprises on global trade regimes. This issue concludes with our Book Review section, which surveys a range of recent international affairs literature.

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The Editors

