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Diplomatic practice 872 (DIP 872)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Humanities
Module credits	30.00
Programmes	Master of Dipl Studies Coursework
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Political Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

An introduction and advanced analysis is provided of global diplomatic practice, one of the most important institutionalised activities within the international system. The focus is predominantly state-centric, although the growing impact of non-state entities on the form and substance of diplomacy is accommodated. Aspects such as the evolution, modes, styles, legal framework and institutions of diplomacy are investigated, as well as the specific roles and functions of diplomats and emerging areas of diplomatic specialisation. An African perspective on all of the above is prioritised, and in this regard specific emphasis is placed on mediation - a diplomatic mode and specialisation that is crucial within the context of African diplomatic practice.

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