

# Diplomacy and Diplomatic Law

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Course

Cyril Svoboda: Diplomatic Law

# Foreign Policy and Diplomacy – Basic Concepts

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Politics as promotion of public interest  
National interests and national security  
Alliance and Union relations  
Bilateral and multilateral relations  
Export promotion and human rights

# Understanding Politics

Politics is the process of making collective decisions that affect society.

It involves power, authority, conflict, and cooperation.

# Why Politics Matters

Shapes laws, rights, and daily life.

Decides how resources are distributed.

Maintains order and protects citizens.

Influences international relations and peace.

# Political Systems

Democracy – Power belongs to the people.

Authoritarianism – Power in one leader or elite.

Monarchy – Power held by royalty.

Comunism – State controls economy.

Hybrid regimes – Mix of democracy and control.

# Key Political Ideologies

Liberalism – Individual freedom, democracy, free markets.

Conservatism – Tradition, stability, gradual change.

Socialism – Economic equality, welfare state.

Nationalism – Loyalty to one's nation.

Environmentalism – Protecting the planet.

# Global Political Challenges Today

Climate change and sustainability.

Migration and inequality.

Rise of populism and misinformation.

Conflicts (Ukraine, Middle East, Sudan).

Balancing national sovereignty and global cooperation.

# Constitutional Framework

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President – Head of State

External representation

Negotiation and ratification of treaties

Appointment and recall of heads of missions

# Responsibility for Foreign Policy

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Government bears responsibility  
President not politically accountable  
Countersignature requirement  
Government responsible for decisions

# Concept of Diplomacy

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Ancient Greek diploma – sovereign authorisation

Art of negotiation

Maintenance of international relations

Protection of strategic interests

# Public and Private Diplomacy

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Public diplomacy – state representation

Negotiations with foreign governments

Private diplomacy – NGOs and corporations

Global corporate actors in diplomacy

# Methods of Diplomacy

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Summits and high-level meetings  
Permanent diplomatic representation  
Special missions  
Secret negotiations  
Diplomatic correspondence and media

# Types of Diplomacy

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Bilateral and multilateral  
Economic and cultural diplomacy  
Parliamentary diplomacy  
Military diplomacy  
European External Action Service

# Historical Development

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15th century Italian city-states

18th century France

Diplomatic corps and hierarchy

Monarchical direction of diplomacy

# Vienna Congress (1815)

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Vienna Regulation – three classes  
Legates, Ambassadors, Nuncios  
Ministers and Chargés d'affaires

# Vienna Convention (1961)

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Principle of seniority

Classes of heads of mission

Codification of diplomatic law

# Functions of a Diplomatic Mission

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Representation of sending State

Protection of nationals

Negotiation

Reporting

Promotion of cooperation

# Immunity and Indemnity

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Immunity – procedural protection

Indemnity – substantive non-liability

# Diplomatic Immunity

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Personal inviolability

No arrest or detention

Duty of respect and protection

# Diplomatic Missions under Czech Law

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Embassy

Permanent Mission

Consular Post

Special Mission

Liaison Office

# Privileges and Immunities

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Use of flag

Inviolability of premises

Tax exemption

Diplomatic courier

Limited staff immunity

# Duration of Immunity

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Begins upon entry

Ends upon departure

Functional immunity persists

# Diplomatic Service

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Developing foreign relations

Protecting Czech interests

Conducted within Ministry of Foreign Affairs

# Foreign Policy of Donald Trump

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Graduate Lecture Presentation  
Analytical and Comparative Framework

# 1. Analytical Framework

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Realism vs Liberal Institutionalism  
Nationalism and Economic Statecraft  
Transactional Diplomacy  
Rupture or Structural Continuity?

## 2. America First Doctrine

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Sovereignty over multilateralism

Bilateralism over institutional diplomacy

Alliance burden-sharing

Trade as a security instrument

# 3. NATO and Alliance Management

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Pressure for 2% GDP defence spending  
Public criticism of allies  
Conditional rhetoric on Article 5  
Strategic uncertainty vs fiscal correction

# 4. China Policy Shift

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Trade war and tariffs

Technology restrictions (Huawei, semiconductors)

Indo-Pacific strategic framing

China as systemic competitor

# 5. Economic Statecraft

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Withdrawal from TPP

Renegotiation of NAFTA → USMCA

Section 301 tariffs

Trade as geopolitical leverage

## 6. Middle East Policy

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Withdrawal from JCPOA

Abraham Accords

Jerusalem recognition

Targeted killing of Qasem Soleimani

# 7. Russia Policy

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Ambiguous rhetoric vs sanctions regime

Eastern Europe troop deployments

Helsinki summit controversy

Personal diplomacy vs structural constraints

# 8. North Korea Diplomacy

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Singapore and Hanoi summits  
Leader-to-leader diplomacy  
Media-driven summitry  
Limited denuclearisation progress

# 9. Multilateral Institutions

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Withdrawal from Paris Agreement  
WHO withdrawal attempt  
UNESCO and UNHRC exit  
Critique of liberal international order

# 10. Sanctions and Executive Power

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Expanded sanctions regime

Use of IEEPA authority

Iran, Venezuela, Russia, China

Growth of economic coercion

# 11. Strategic Outcomes

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Continuity in China containment  
Disruption in alliance cohesion  
Normative rhetoric shift  
Acceleration of multipolar realism

# 12. Comparative Perspective

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Obama – Multilateralism

Trump – Bilateralism / Transactionalism

Biden – Alliance restoration

Structural vs personal determinants

# 13. Academic Debates

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Transactional diplomacy vs grand strategy

Erosion of liberal international order

Executive dominance in foreign policy

Populism in international relations

# Conclusion

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Realist correction?

Institutional damage?

Structural inevitability?

Open debate for advanced analysis