



## The SAGE Handbook of Diplomacy

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The SAGE Handbook of Diplomacy provides a major thematic overview of Diplomacy and its study that is theoretically and historically informed and in sync with the current and future needs of diplomatic practice . Original contributions from a brilliant team of global experts are organised into four thematic sections:

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Comprehensively global in its scope and ambition, this Sage Handbook will have great appeal for both scholars and practitioners. With its 53 chapters ranging in substance from the very traditional (e.g. the meaning of 'diplomatic relations') to the very modern (e.g. 'digital diplomacy' and 'celebrity diplomacy'), and in style from the relentlessly abstract (e.g. 'conceptualizing diplomatic agency') to the sharply empirical (e.g. 'improving embassy performance'), it has something for everyone in the international

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Professor Gareth Evans

Chancellor, Australian National University and former Foreign Minister

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At a time when global crises abound, the Sage Handbook of Diplomacy is a major contribution to our understanding of this profession so vital for a future of peace in the world.

Nicholas Burns

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