Modes of Contemporary Diplomacy: An Ambassador's Perspective

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The twenty-first century has witnessed significant changes in the world of diplomacy: the quantity and type of actors has increased, spanning NGOs, governments, the private sector and intergovernmental organisations; and the subject matter encompasses a broad array of public policy (e.g. conservation) that extends well beyond traditional foreign policy (Cooper et al. 2013).

During this lecture-conversation, Ambassador Leigh Turner – Her Majesty’s Ambassador to the Republic of Austria and UK Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Vienna – will draw upon personal experience during overseas postings to illuminate the role and nature of contemporary diplomacy, as well as the modes, techniques and types of diplomacy required to be effective. He will also consider the various levels of diplomatic engagement, including public communication, and allow extensive time for engagement with audience members.

Mr Leigh Turner CMG is Her Majesty’s Ambassador to the Republic of Austria and UK Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Vienna. He previously held the post of HM Consul General Istanbul and Director General for Trade and Investment Turkey, Central Asia and South Caucasus from 2012-2016. From 2008-2012, Mr Turner was HM Ambassador in Kyiv, Ukraine. Previous postings have included Berlin, Moscow and Vienna.