

21st Century Science Diplomacy

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SCIENCE has long played a role in our international affairs, largely through its contribution to military and technological superiority. However, in the highly networked, globalized world of today, science can play a new and constructive role in foreign policy. Science serves as a common language and a bridge among peoples as they strive to address both the technical and technological inequalities of the 21st century and its overarching problems of climate change, energy, water, health and food. I will explore the emergence of science diplomacy in the late 20th century and describe opportunities for scientists to serve in both official and unofficial capacities as science diplomats.