



DOUBLE STANDARDS AND CHALLENGES AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED AND INDUSTRIALIZING COUNTRIES IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE DIPLOMACY

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Climate Diplomacy has been developed through many challenging phases. There is no accurate definition for climate diplomacy. However, the term “climate diplomacy” refers to activities of sovereign states for resolving issues related to global climate change through representations and negotiation. Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of the twenty first century which needs to be addressed through diplomacy and international governance. Developed nations can assist developing countries to overcome adverse effects of climate change through climate diplomacy. For an instance developed states can provide capacity building through technical and financial assistance and accept climate refugees of less developing countries. This research examines how countries engage in climate diplomacy, significant milestones in climate diplomacy, the Sri Lankan experience in climate diplomacy as an industrializing country and finally the challenges of climate diplomacy. The applicability of diplomacy and world governance in the context of climate protection are addressed by two main approaches: bilateral climate diplomacy and multilateral climate diplomacy. This paper explores how world leaders and world politics are involved in relation to this issue. The main documents that are consulted are the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and, the pinnacle of modern climate diplomacy, the Paris Agreement of 2015 and the Kyoto protocol. This research concerns nationally determined contributions as well. The research was carried out as a normative research and thus it was based on a literature survey pertaining to international treaties and, diplomatic incidents relating to Climate Diplomacy.

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