

In 2023, the AI
Safety Summit in
the United
Kingdom marked a
significant
milestone for AI

Diplomacy, drawing participation from 28 countries, leading academics, and influential tech figures like Elon Musk. This summit aimed to establish a safer global effort for advancing the responsible development and implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI). While diplomatic efforts are shaping policies and regulations concerning AI, it's imperative not to overlook the practical application of AI in diplomacy. Swift AI advancements could offer substantial potential to enhance diplomatic engagements, fostering deeper connections with other state actors and civilians while optimising diplomatic resources.

Often, technological assimilation emerges as a last resort or belatedly incorporated into diplomatic practices. For example, the pace of digital diplomacy due to hesitation met with using social media to COVID-19 forcing diplomats to practice hybrid diplomacy by using Zoom.

AI Diplomacy, however, need not adhere to this pattern. Instead, diplomatic entities, such as embassies and Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MFA), should actively learn and assess using AI applications, mirroring various sectors that have already embraced using AI to achieve their objectives.

Highlighted by Ilan Manor, AI Diplomacy, exemplified by tools like ChatGPT, could hold promise in facilitating consular services, aiding negotiation preparation, and analysing media perceptions. Yet, challenges persist, such as ensuring the accuracy, reliability, and impartiality of such AI tools.

While an immediate fix for these issues might not be feasible, the current moment presents an opportunity to educate diplomats about AI, conduct thorough risk assessments, and brainstorm innovative problem-solving approaches in the practice of AI Diplomacy.

As the world embraces AI, diplomacy must evolve and adapt, ensuring seamless integration of AI into its practice.

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