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Preface and Acknowledgements

This edition of *Diplomacy: Theory and Practice* has been both refreshed and extended. It has been brought up to date at the time of writing (November 2014), and tightened and corrected where necessary. In places, it has also been extensively reorganized: for example, Chapter 8 is now based on a classification of the types of embassy that raise the main public policy questions; elsewhere, I have clarified some rather dense passages by reducing them to bullet points; and I have removed a number of boxes containing detail now readily available on the Internet. The book has also been significantly broadened in scope, with two new chapters in Part II: 'Secret Intelligence' and 'Economic and Commercial Diplomacy'. In abject surrender to the popularity of the term, I have retained 'Public Diplomacy' as the title of the chapter on propaganda.

In order to give better guidance on further reading at the end of each chapter, I have tried to be more selective in making recommendations and, here and there, annotated them. Other things being equal, I have also given preference to sources freely available on the Internet. As in earlier editions, I have avoided providing URLs for such sources, partly because they are often so long, partly because they tend to rot or die, and partly because it is usually easy enough to find a web resource via a search engine; I simply add '[www]' to a reference available on the Internet at the time of writing. Also for reasons of economy, and because I dislike the on-page clutter produced by the Harvard referencing system, I have eliminated many of the source citations that were a feature of earlier editions, as a rule confining these to quotations and statements that might otherwise raise an evebrow. The sources for unreferenced recent events are usually serious news websites such as Reuters and Al-Monitor, and online versions of newspapers or weeklies like the Guardian, Der Spiegel, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Huffington Post; for other points in the text, the sources are my own earlier writings or works listed in 'Further reading' that should be fairly obvious. When listing books here and in the 'References' at the end, I note only the first place of publication; it is also an idiosyncrasy of mine that I put the name of the publisher before place of publication, because I find this intuitive and because publishers have been doing the same thing on the title pages of their books for well over half a century.

(Students, beware! You will probably incur the wrath of your tutors if you follow my example.)

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