

1. Record Nr.	UNINA9910462423303321
Autore	Neumann Iver B
Titolo	At home with the diplomats [[electronic resource]] : inside a European foreign ministry // Iver B. Neumann
Pubbl/distr/stampa	Ithaca, : Cornell University Press, 2012
ISBN	0-8014-7765-4 0-8014-6300-9 0-8014-6299-1
Descrizione fisica	1 online resource (229 p.)
Collana	Expertise : Cultures and technologies of knowledge
Disciplina	327.4
Soggetti	Diplomatic and consular service, European Diplomatic and consular service, Norwegian Diplomats - Europe Diplomats - Norway Electronic books. Europe Foreign relations Norway Foreign relations
Lingua di pubblicazione	Inglese
Formato	Materiale a stampa
Livello bibliografico	Monografia
Note generali	Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph
Nota di bibliografia	Includes bibliographical references and index.
Nota di contenuto	Frontmatter -- Contents -- Preface -- Introduction: Who Are They and Where Do They Come From? -- 1. Abroad: The Emergence of Permanent Diplomacy -- 2. At Home: The Emergence of the Foreign Ministry -- 3. The Bureaucratic Mode of Knowledge Production -- 4. To Be a Diplomat -- 5. Diplomats Gendered and Classed -- Conclusion: Diplomatic Knowledge -- References -- Index
Sommario/riassunto	The 2010 WikiLeaks release of 250,000 U.S. diplomatic cables has made it eminently clear that there is a vast gulf between the public face of diplomacy and the opinions and actions that take place behind embassy doors. In <i>At Home with the Diplomats</i> , Iver B. Neumann offers unprecedented access to the inner workings of a foreign ministry. Neumann worked for several years at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he had an up-close view of how diplomats conduct their business and how they perceive their own practices. In this book he

shows us how diplomacy is conducted on a day-to-day basis. Approaching contemporary diplomacy from an anthropological perspective, Neumann examines the various aspects of diplomatic work and practice, including immunity, permanent representation, diplomatic sociability, accreditation, and issues of gender equality. Neumann shows that the diplomat working abroad and the diplomat at home are engaged in two different modes of knowledge production. Diplomats in the field focus primarily on gathering and processing information. In contrast, the diplomat based in his or her home capital is caught up in the seemingly endless production of texts: reports, speeches, position papers, and the like. Neumann leaves the reader with a keen sense of the practices of diplomacy: relations with foreign ministries, mediating between other people's positions while integrating personal and professional into a cohesive whole, adherence to compulsory routines and agendas, and, above all, the generation of knowledge. Yet even as they come to master such "idiotin tasks, diplomats are regularly called upon to do exceptional things, such as negotiating peace.
