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Data Types, Formats, Standards and Capture Methods

This article explores one particular arena for external influence which has been left virtually untouched by EU studies, namely that of the non-member state's diplomatic missions to the EU. First, the article identifies the diplomats' own raison d'être, maps the policy priorities of each mission, and investigates the practices employed for maneuvering through EU system in effectuating these policy priorities. Secondly, based on the diplomats' own account, the article evaluates the level of influence that the diplomats have had, and potentially can have, on facilitating, shaping and changing three key aspects of the EU's foreign policy portfolio: EU integration, trade and development, as well as security and defense

I will primarily be collecting data from interviews with diplomats stationed in Brussels, acrredited to the EU. The Union hosts about 125 diplomatic missions outside its member states. i am to get an interview with approximately all the ehads of delegation and some follow up interviews.

Ethics and Intellectual Property

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Resourcing

I will require some basic hardware such as a microphone to record the interviews, a computer to transcribe the itnerviews along with some basic statistics software to create descriptive tables generated from the intrviews. All these resources are or will be made available to me by the University.