

# Review of: "The Failure of Diplomatic Mediations in the Syrian Conflict – A Comparative Analysis"

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The paper analyzes the roots and structure of the Syria conflict and attempts to explain why several mediation initiatives have failed. The author uses as a theoretical framework the Lessons from mediation series in which Zartman et al. analyzed the missions of two UN envoys to Syria using the five basic challenges of mediation: mission and mandate, impartiality and inclusiveness, entry and consent, strategy, and leverage, but it is unclear what the research adds that is new.

The paper is well organized (although repetitive on challenges), but more should be done to provide a more objective perspective on the Syria conflict and the author's view.