

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

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1. I found the paper to be repetitive. The approach followed in the reviewed paper to analyze the mediation failures in the Syrian conflict follows the method by Zartman et al. (2015), and it is not clear how the reviewed paper adds anything new to what Zartman et al (2015) reported.
2. It is well known that all the mediation efforts failed in the Syrian conflict. In fact, it is accurate to state that the conflict was resolved by a victory of the Assad regime, although some level of military opposition remains by groups funded and armed by those who want to destabilize the Syrian government (e.g., the USA, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, among others).
3. The Syrian conflict started by an uprising of sectors of the populace during the Arab Spring series of revolutions that toppled a few Arab governments. However, it was militarized by those Sunni regimes (e.g., Saudi Arabia, Turkey) in alliance with the USA and its western allies France and the U.K. who saw a golden opportunity to reduce Iran's and Russian influence in the Levant.
4. In the end, the Syrian conflict was settled militarily in favor of the Assad regime.
5. I recommend declining the paper for lack on novelty. It also is in need of thorough English editing.