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“All tools have intrinsic politics and technology is the new tool of now.”

—Godfrey Reggio

The efficient use of science and technology could be leveraged to avoid war and the conduct of international politics, particularly foreign policy, as has been demonstrated during the cold war decades. Technology cannot per se be considered to yield positive or negative impact but the way in which the users determine the real impact of the technology.

The post-Cold War period has witnessed growing economic globalisation with a major increase in the use of information and communication technology (ICT). This has been dominating the political and corporate agenda since then. The coexistence of cooperation and competition is the new paradigm that every society and nation must confine to. This calls for the effective exercise of diplomacy and priorities based on effective procurement and usage of science and ICT in the international relations and geopolitical front.

The prevailing effort of the nations in addressing global challenges like climate change, human security, human rights, security in outer space and cyberspace, etc. have scientific and technological facets. These kinds of global issues cannot be addressed by a nation on its own.

Therefore, the strategies used by the nation to frame its foreign policies are required to adapt to these changing international dynamics in the increasingly complex world of science and technology.

The cooperation between the scientific community and policymakers would facilitate political negotiations. It is hence important to facilitate the relationship between the two communities as it would benefit both communities alike. The scientist would be informed about the realities in policy making and the policymakers about the roles and limitations of science in policy. Moreover, it can also help in building trust between and among nations as the scientific values of rationality, transparency and universality are the same all over the world.

We, at CeRSSE, committed to our social responsibility of inculcating social awareness among our readers, are bringing to you a selection of editorial articles, also, presenting our interdisciplinary social approach reflected through our various activities. This is the tenth edition of TSSP covering the period between April and June 2023. The introductory piece analyses the refugee burden in India following the coup in Myanmar to capture *The World Perspective*. The other original articles cover issues of relevance such as implications of the Karnataka assembly election results, and also its impact on the religious minorities in *India Matters*; an insight into environmental sustainability in India through the green budget in *Climate Matters*; the tales of the Tibetan refugee women in Bylakuppe, Karnataka in the Gender Perspective; a reflection on the experience of a student's PhD journey in *Approaching Research* and a *book review* of *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*", by Yuval Noah Harari. Apart from this, the newsletter also incorporates *event reports* to showcase the centre's best practices. This issue also includes a section on *Faculty Achievements* to highlight the work that the faculty have been involved in during this period. We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we took pleasure in curating it for you.

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