

Stefano Beltrame (Verona, 1960) is an Italian diplomat and writer.

Graduated at the University of Padova, after an experience in the private sector with Procter & Gamble and Johnson & Johnson, he started his diplomatic career in the early nineties.

He served as diplomat in Kuwait, Germany, Iran and United States. From 2010 until 2014 he served as Diplomatic Advisor to the President of Veneto Region. He is currently Consul General of Italy in Shanghai.

Beltrame is the Italian biographer of Mohammed Mossadeq and he published several works concerning the conflicts of the Persian Gulf : Iran-Iraq War, Iranian Revolution and First Gulf War. He is also a member of the Observatory of the Persian Gulf at Columbia University.



By analyzing the course of historical events, Beltrame criticizes/questions the determinism of the theorists of The Clash of Civilizations by Samuel P. Huntington, emphasizing that even in conflict there are always dialogue elements between different cultures, according to the intuition of the former Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, and blend of civilizations (as defined by the Patriarch of Venice, Angelo Scola).

In The first Gulf War (published in the lead-up to the Anglo-American intervention in the Gulf War), Beltrame exposes the diplomatic and military reasons why in 1991 the coalition led by Norman Schwarzkopf refrained from invading Iraq.

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Italian Honour



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