

## **Biography of Ambassador Kurt Volker**

Ambassador Volker is currently a Senior Fellow and the Managing Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. He has taught Transatlantic Relations at the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs and is a Member of the Strategic Advisors Group at the Atlantic Council.

Ambassador Volker was a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service, with over 23 years of experience working on European political and security issues under five U.S. Administrations. He served as Ambassador of the United States to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization from 2008 to 2009. Prior to his service at NATO, Ambassador Volker served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and Eurasian Affairs, from 2005 until 2008, where he was responsible for U.S. policy on U.S.-European Union relations, NATO, the OSCE, and numerous bilateral relationships. Ambassador Volker had previously served as Acting Senior Director for European and Eurasian Affairs at the National Security Council (NSC), as Deputy Director of the Private Office of then-NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson, as a Legislative Fellow for Senator John McCain, and in a variety of State Department positions in Washington and Europe.

Ambassador Volker has a B.A. from Temple University and an M.A. in International Relations from the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University.