



Victoria Nuland

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

Term of Appointment: 09/18/2013 to present

Ambassador Victoria Nuland assumed her position as Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs on September 18, 2013. As Assistant Secretary she is responsible for diplomatic relations with 50 countries in Europe and Eurasia, as well as with NATO, the European Union and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. Previously, Ambassador Nuland served as State Department Spokesperson.

Ambassador Nuland was Special Envoy for Conventional Armed Forces in Europe from February 2010 until June 2011, and before that, she served on the faculty of the National War College. Ambassador Nuland was the 18th United States Permanent Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization from 2005 to 2008. As NATO Ambassador, she focused heavily on strengthening Allied support for the ISAF mission in Afghanistan, on NATO-Russia issues, and on the Alliance's global partnerships and continued enlargement.

A career Foreign Service officer, Ambassador Nuland was Principal Deputy National Security Advisor to the Vice President from 2003 to 2005, and the U.S. Deputy Permanent Representative to NATO from 2000 until 2003. She also served as Deputy to the Ambassador-at-Large for the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union, with primary responsibility for U.S. policy towards Russia and the Caucasus countries, and was twice a visiting fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations -- as a "Next Generation" Fellow looking at the effects of anti-Americanism on U.S. relations around the world, and as a State Department Fellow directing a task force on "Russia, its Neighbors and an Expanding NATO."

From 1993 to 1996, Ambassador Nuland was Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of State. Earlier in her career, she covered Russian internal politics at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, served on the Soviet Desk in Washington, helped to open the first U.S. Embassy in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, worked in the State Department's Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs and served in Guangzhou, China.

She speaks Russian and French. Her awards include: the State Department Distinguished Honor award and several Superior Honor awards; the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service; the Secretary of Defense's Distinguished Civilian Service medal; and decorations from the Governments of Italy, Lithuania, and Albania.

She earned a B.A. from Brown University.