

Rose E. Gottemoeller



Rose Gottemoeller recently completed three years as the Deputy Secretary General of NATO, where she devoted significant attention to NATO relations with the EU, UN, Russia and China. She was responsible for the transition to the new NATO Headquarters in 2017, and did much to promote modern ways of working inside the alliance, especially with regard to diversity.

Gottemoeller took up her position in October 2016, after serving nearly five years as the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security at the U.S. Department of State. As Under Secretary, Gottemoeller advised the Secretary of State on arms control, nonproliferation and political-military affairs. She was acting in this position from 2012 to 2014, while concurrently serving as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Arms Control, Verification and Compliance (2009-2014). In this capacity, she was the chief U.S. negotiator of the New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) with the Russian Federation, which entered into force on February 5, 2011 and is currently in implementation.

During her time as Under Secretary of State, Gottemoeller focused on defense and security cooperation in Europe and Asia, peacekeeping policy and training, and weapons and mine abatement in post-conflict locales around the world.

Prior to the Department of State, beginning in 2000, she was a senior associate with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, with joint appointments to the Nonproliferation and Russia programs. She served as the Director of the Carnegie Moscow Center in 2006-2008.

From 1998 to 2000, as Deputy Under Secretary of Energy for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation and before that, Assistant Secretary and Director for Nonproliferation and National Security at the U.S. Department of Energy, she was responsible for all nonproliferation cooperation with Russia and the Newly Independent States.

Prior to her work at the Department of Energy, Gottemoeller served for three years as Deputy Director of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. From 1993 to 1994, she served on the National Security Council staff as Director for Russia, Ukraine and Eurasia Affairs, with responsibility for nuclear threat reduction in Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belarus. Previously, she was a social scientist at RAND and a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow. She has taught on Soviet military policy and Russian security at Georgetown University and is fluent in Russian.

Gottemoeller was born in Columbus, Ohio. She received a B.S. from Georgetown University, and an M.A. from George Washington University. She is married to Raymond Arnaudo, a retired diplomat and expert on polar policy. They have two grown sons, Daniel and Paul, who work in information technology.