

Ambassador (Ret.) Kelley E. Currie

Throughout a three-decade career in foreign policy, Ambassador (ret.) Kelley E. Currie has specialized in non-traditional national security issues, with a focus on the Indo-Pacific region. Ambassador Currie was unanimously confirmed in 2017 as the United States Representative to the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and Alternative Representative to the UN General Assembly. She subsequently served as acting senior official for the Department of State's Office of Global Criminal Justice and Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues. Ambassador Currie is currently a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council's Indo-Pacific Security Initiative at the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, a Senior Advisor to the East West Center, and a Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Perry World House. She is a founding partner of Kilo Alpha Strategies, a boutique geopolitical advisory firm, and serves on the advisory boards of Spirit of America, the Vandenberg Coalition, and the Global Taiwan Institute, and on the Microsoft Corporation's Human Rights Advisory Board. From 2009 to 2017, Ms. Currie was a Senior Fellow with the Project 2049 Institute, where she founded and directed the Burma Transition Initiative. She previously held senior policy positions with the Department of State, U.S. Congress, and non-governmental organizations. She appears regularly in major media outlets, including the Wall Street Journal, Foreign Policy, The Journal of Democracy, and Just Security. Ambassador Currie received her Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center with a focus on International Human Rights Law and her bachelor's degree from the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia.