

Larry Niksch

Larry Niksch was born in Gary, Indiana. He received his B.A. degree from Butler University with a history major. At Butler, he became a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He received a Master of Science in Foreign Service degree from Georgetown University and a Ph.D degree in history from Georgetown University.

Dr. Niksch retired from the Congressional Research Service in February 2010 after more than 43 years as a Specialist in Asian Affairs. At CRS, he provided information and conducted research for Members of Congress and congressional committees on security and political issues related to U.S. relations with the countries of East Asia and the Western Pacific. During that time and afterwards, he has authored many private papers and articles on these issues and participated in numerous conferences in the United States, East Asia, and Europe. In 1986, he served as a U.S. presidential election observer in the Philippines during the Philippine presidential election of that year.

Dr. Niksch currently is a Senior Associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and is involved in CSIS's Asia programs. Dr. Niksch also is a fellow with the Institute for Corean-American Studies (ICAS). He has taught East Asian History at George Washington University and currently is teaching a graduate course in East Asian Security.

Dr. Niksch is married to Mary Anne Niksch, who teaches piano. Their daughter, Alisa Niksch, is a practicing physician.