



Amb. Kurt Volker is an American diplomat, a former US Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations, a former United States Ambassador to NATO, and was the Founding Executive Director of the McCain Institute. He is also Senior International Advisor at BGR Group, in Washington DC, and a Distinguished Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis.

Kurt Volker was born on December 27, 1964 in Pennsylvania. He graduated in 1984 from Temple University in Philadelphia with a BA in International Relations, after which he received a Master's degree from the School of International Relations at George Washington University.

1986 - Kurt Volker joined the CIA as an analyst.

In 1988 he went to work in the US State Department, in the external service - carried out tasks in London and Brussels, worked at the American Embassy in Budapest, served as an assistant to US Special Representative Richard Holbrooke during negotiations on the conflict in Bosnia.

From 1997 to 1998 - Volker worked as a lawyer in the team of Senator John McCain, after which he First Secretary at the U.S. Mission to NATO. The following year - in 1999 - he became Deputy Director of the Private Office of NATO Secretary General George Robertson, where he worked for three years.

In the 2000s Kurt Volker was the Executive Director for European and Eurasian Affairs at the National Security Council, overseeing US preparations for the NATO summits in Prague (2002) and Istanbul (2004).

In July 2005 Volker was promoted to the post of Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, and in July 2008 he was appointed as Permanent Representative of the United States to NATO, replacing Victoria Nuland.

In 2009 Kurt Volker retired from the civil service and went to work at the research and consulting firm The Wall Street Fund Inc., after which he held senior positions in other trust funds and consulting firms.

In July 2017 Kurt Volker was appointed as Special Representative of the State Department for Ukraine, where he coordinated the efforts of the State Department to resolve the conflict in Ukraine.

Since August 2020, Kurt Volker, as an independent Member of the Board of Directors, has become a Member of the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian international company BGS Rail - a provider of solutions for rail transportation, maintenance, support and infrastructure, which is part of the Lithuanian group Avia Solutions.