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Ambassador Dennis Ross *Statecraft: Restoring America's Standing in the Middle East*

Meet the presenter...



Ambassador Dennis Ross is the Washington Institute's counselor and Ziegler distinguished fellow. For more than twelve years, Ambassador Ross played a leading role in shaping U.S. involvement in the Middle East peace process. A skilled diplomat, he was the U.S. point man on the peace process in both the George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations. He was instrumental in assisting Israelis and Palestinians to reach the 1995 Interim Agreement; he also successfully brokered the 1997 Hebron Accord, and facilitated the 1994 Israel-Jordan peace treaty.

A scholar and diplomat with two decades of experience in Soviet and Middle East policy, Ambassador Ross worked closely with Secretaries of State Baker, Christopher, and Albright. Prior to his role as Middle East coordinator under President Clinton, Ambassador Ross served as director of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff in the first Bush administration, playing a prominent role in shaping U.S. policy toward the former Soviet Union, German unification and its integration into NATO, arms control, and the 1991 Gulf War Coalition.

In the Reagan administration, he served as director of Near East and South Asian affairs on the National Security Councils staff and deputy director of the Pentagon's Office of Net Assessment. Ambassador Ross received the Presidential Medal for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service from President Clinton, and Secretaries Baker and Albright presented him with the State Department's highest award.

A 1970 graduate of UCLA, he wrote his doctoral dissertation on Soviet decision making, and from 1984 to 1986 served as executive director of the Berkeley-Stanford program on Soviet International Behavior. He has published extensively on the former Soviet Union, arms control and the greater Middle East. His most recent book is *Statecraft, And How to Restore America's Standing in the World*.

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