

Jeffrey Feltman

Experience

Visiting Fellow, Brookings Institution (May 2018-Present)

As part of Brookings' Foreign Policy research program, provide analysis and research regarding the actual and potential role for multilateral approaches for global challenges.

Senior Fellow, UN Foundation (July 2018-Present)

Offer strategic direction on the Foundation's planned incorporation of peace and security issues into what has been largely a focus on sustainable development approaches by the UN.

Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, United Nations (July 2012-April 1, 2018)

Led the UN's Department of Political Affairs (DPA), the UN's foreign policy, conflict prevention, and mediation division. Served as the chief foreign policy advisor to the UN Secretary-General and travelled extensively in that capacity, including the first high-level UN political visit to Pyongyang, DPRK in eight years. Directed the development of DPA's first strategic plan, to inspire unity and provide direction to over 400 New York-based international staff members, recruited globally, in 12 diverse functional and regional divisions. Served as the UN lead on decisions and policies regarding UN electoral assistance to member states globally.

Chaired the UN's Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, a coordinating body of 38 UN and non-UN entities, and served as Executive Director of the UN's Counter-Terrorism Center. Expanded the Center's staffing and funding and redefined its mission to focus on UN value-added and eliminate duplication with others. Designed and won member state support to create a new, free-standing Office of Counter-Terrorism that absorbed the CT functions as of July 2017.

Frequently briefed the Security Council on peace and security matters and developed innovative "early warning" mechanisms for Council members. Through technical assistance, deepened DPA's relations with regional organizations, to give the UN more local credibility and leverage for conflict prevention and resolution. Put the UN's mediation activities on solid financial and political grounds through member state outreach and an expanded donor base. Supported national peace processes in countries as diverse as Nepal, Colombia, and Libya.

Oversaw and provided strategic direction to 36 special political missions and envoys working on conflict resolution, mostly in Africa, the Middle East, and West Asia.

Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, U.S State Department (August 2009-May 2012)

Led the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA), overseeing diplomatic activities and relations with 18 countries (from Morocco to Iran) and the Palestinian Authority during the turbulent "Arab Spring."

Served as the Secretary of State's key advisor on NEA-related issues and as her liaison with Arab partners. Provided strategic guidance to 18 U.S. chiefs of mission. Designed Bureau restructuring to bring more focus and leadership to Iran-related work and to North Africa. Managed a foreign assistance budget of nearly \$7 billion.

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. State Department (February 2008-August 2009)

Managed the bureau and led career development, assignments and counselling of Bureau and overseas staff. Served as State's designated representative in the interagency process on issues related to Iran and Syria. Was Acting Assistant Secretary from December 2008 until Senate confirmation as Assistant Secretary in August 2009, with duties described above.

U.S. Ambassador, U.S. Embassy, Beirut, Lebanon (August 2004-January 2008)

Was Chief of Mission during Lebanon's "Cedar Revolution." Designed a government-wide U.S. response for increased U.S. engagement with, and investment in, Lebanon's institutions. With French partners, built an alliance for UN Security Council action to support Lebanon. During the 2006 Israel-Hizballah war, oversaw Embassy Beirut's evacuation of over 12,000 American citizens, the largest non-combatant evacuation in U.S. history.

Deputy Coordinator for Northern Iraq, Coalition Provisional Authority, Irbil, Iraq (January 2004-May 2004)

Focused on reconciliation between the Kurds of northern Iraq and Arabs and on linking institutionally and politically the Kurdistan Regional Government with Baghdad.

U.S. Deputy Principal Officer, U.S. Consulate-General, Jerusalem (August 2001-December 2003)

In the absence of a chief of mission, served as Acting Consul General from July 2002. As this period was marked by the intense violence of the Second Intifada, focused on efforts toward de-escalation and a return to a political process. The Consulate-General in Jerusalem is charged with leading U.S. diplomatic efforts with the Palestinians.

Other experience

Serve in diplomatic postings in Tunis, Tunisia (1998-2000); Tel Aviv, Israel (1995-1998), with a particular focus on the Gaza Strip; Budapest, Hungary (1988-1991); and Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Studied Arabic in Arlington and Amman, Jordan (1993-1995). Also served in Deputy Secretary of State Larry Eagleburger's office to coordinate assistance to Central and Eastern Europe (1991-1993).

Prior to joining the U.S Foreign Service in January 1986, worked for two non-profits in New York, the American Council on Germany and the Executive Council on Foreign Diplomats.

Awards and accomplishments

Achieved the rank of Career Minister in the Foreign Service, the second-highest rank in the senior Foreign Service.

Received multiple State Department awards, including several Superior Honor Awards and the James Clement Dunn Award for Excellence. The American Foreign Service Association conferred the Christian A. Herter Award for Constructive Dissent and also the Sinclair Language Award. Two-time recipient of the Presidential Service Award.

Received an honorary doctorate from Ball State University (May 2013).

Other Affiliations

Member of the American Academy of Diplomacy and the American Council on Germany.

Member, Board of Advisors, Dialogue Advisory Group, an Amsterdam-based mediation NGO.

Senior Advisor, Kissinger Associates, New York.

Member, Humanitarian Access Task Force, Center for Strategic & International Studies

Selected Recent Works

“Hezbollah: Revolutionary Iran’s most successful export,” in the Brookings series *Iran’s revolution, 40 years on – What has it meant for Iran, America, and the region*, published online on www.Brookings.edu on January 17, 2019

“The Only Way to End the War in Yemen: Saudi Arabia Must Move First,” *Foreign Affairs*, November 26, 2018

“Extremely Loud and Uncomfortably Close: Lessons of the ‘Great War’ 100 Years On,” UN Foundation published in Medium, November 9, 2018. Co-authored with Elizabeth Cousens

“Sri Lanka: An Urgent Case for Conflict Prevention,” Brookings Institution *Order from Chaos* on-line series, 10/31/2018.

“The right way and the wrong way to conduct summit diplomacy.” Brookings Institution *Order from Chaos* on-line series, 6/18/2018

“Postcards from Budapest” (essay and photographs), published in *Neon Revolution: Eastern Bloc Electro-Graphic Design*, by Ilona Karwinska, Neon Muzeum, Warsaw, Poland, 2017.

Education

Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy, the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts (May 1983).

Bachelor of Science, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana (1981). Majors in art and history.

Personal

A native of Ohio, married to Mary Draper, a retired member of the U.S. Foreign Service.