Ambassador Robert (Todd) Becker

Ambassador Robert (Todd) Becker, a native of the Washington, D.C. area, grew up with government and politics. He studied in Munich, Germany, and Vienna, Austria, and did his undergraduate and graduate work in German studies in Minnesota. His Washington roots and European experience led to a career as a U.S. diplomat and international civil servant that stretched over some 45 years. The focus of his work was political analysis, practical negotiations and conflict management, prevention and settlement. In his teaching, Ambassador Becker draws extensively on his diplomatic experience and assignments in conflict areas in Europe and the Balkans.

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