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Education

- National Security Studies Management Course, Syracuse University
- M.S., National Resource Strategy, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, National Defense University
- M.A., Foreign Affairs, University of Virginia
- B.S. Political Science and B.A. History, Southern Methodist University

Research Interests

- National Security Strategy
- Diplomatic History
- Strategic Leadership
- Foreign Economic Policy

TODD KUSHNER is a career diplomat, commissioned as a State Department Foreign Service Officer in 1985, and having served in U.S. Embassies in Nigeria, Yugoslavia, Malaysia, The Netherlands as well as State Department headquarters in Washington, D.C. In Iraq, Mr. Kushner was Foreign Policy Advisor to the Joint Forces Special Operations Component Command (Iraq) and Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Arabian Peninsula. He was Director of Counterterrorism Finance at the State Department from 2004-2006.

Before coming to CISA, Mr. Kushner was the Deputy Director of the State Department's Office of Development Finance where he engaged in policy formation with regard to the Millennium Challenge Corporation, World Bank, Exim Bank, multilateral development banks, and Third United Nations Conference on Financing for Development. Immediately prior to this position, Mr. Kushner was Deputy Director of the State Department's Office of Investment Affairs and oversaw the bilateral investment treaty program, U.S. policy positions in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Investment Committee, and State Department participation in the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. In previous assignments with the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs and through his service abroad, Mr. Kushner developed extensive expertise in U.S. trade policy having served on U.S. delegations to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum and U.S. negotiating teams that developed and advanced the North American Free Trade Agreement and concluded the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations (which created the World Trade Organization).

Mr. Kushner has extensive experience working with Congress having served in the State Department's Bureau of Legislative Affairs and on detail to the Senate Judiciary Committee staff. While working for the Committee, he participated in developing and advancing legislation on matters involving immigration and refugees including comprehensive immigration reform and the Refugee Crisis in Iraq Act.'

He is the recipient of the Department of the Army's Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, and has been awarded the Department of State's Superior Honor Award nine times, and Meritorious Honor Award three times.