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### MIRKO STEFANOVIĆ Biography



Mirko Stefanović was born on 18 April 1952 in Novi Sad, Serbia. He holds a law degree from the University of Novi Sad (1974).

Mr. Stefanović worked at a legal practice in Novi Sad for two years prior to taking a position as the Secretary of the “Matica Srpska” Gallery in 1976. In 1979, he joined the Executive Council of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina as an Advisor and Assistant Secretary of the Council followed by a position and Council Under-Secretary and Advisor to the President of the Executive Council.

In 1986, Mr. Stefanović joined the Secretariat for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in Belgrade. During the same year, he took up a position at the Embassy of Yugoslavia in Baghdad, Iraq. Mr. Stefanović completed his tenure in Baghdad as a First Secretary and Consul at the Embassy in 1991.

Upon his return to Belgrade, he worked in the Directorate for Middle East and Africa in the Federal Secretariat for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Stefanović served as the Chargé d’Affaires and Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in Tel Aviv, Israel, respectively, from 1992 to 1997 and 1997 to 2001. During this time, he also represented Yugoslavia in its relations with the Palestinian Autonomous Authority in the Gaza Strip and West Bank. Upon the completion of his mandate in Israel, Mr. Stefanović returned to Serbia and worked in the private business sector. From 2003 to 2007, he worked as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of “Carnex,” the largest meat processing company in the region.

In 2007, Mr. Stefanović returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia and was appointed as its Secretary-General. In 2009, he was appointed as the State Secretary of the Ministry. From 2011 to 2015, Mr. Stefanović served as Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to the Republic of Portugal and the Republic of Cape Verde.

During his diplomatic career, Mr. Stefanović conducted numerous lectures and discussions on international relations and foreign policy issues, including at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Belgrade, to foreign dignitaries and students both in Serbia and during official visits around the world.

From 2015 to 2017 he was a guest professor at the NOVA University Law School in Lisbon, Portugal, teaching a course in international politics with an emphasis on how regional crises, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa, have developed into global challenges for the international community. He has also lectured at the ISCTE Lisbon University Institute (Business School and Department of History) on the topic of globalisation. Mr. Stefanović is also researcher at the Center for International Studies at Lisbon University Institute (ISCTE) and has published numerous articles on the topics of Middle East, North Africa and Western Balkans.

Mr. Stefanović speaks English and German.