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ABOUT THE SPEAKER:



Ambassador Barbara Bodine's over 30 years in the US Foreign Service were spent primarily on Arabian Peninsula and greater Persian Gulf issues. Her tour as Ambassador to the Republic of Yemen (1997-2001) saw enhanced support for democratization and increased security and counterterrorism cooperation. Bodine also served in Baghdad as deputy principal officer during the Iran-Iraq War; Kuwait as deputy chief of mission during the Iraqi invasion and occupation of 1990-1991; and again, seconded to the Department of Defense, in Iraq in 2003 as the senior State Department official and the first coalition coordinator for reconstruction in Baghdad and the central governorates. Her first assignment in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs was as country officer for the Two Yemens and security assistance coordinator for the peninsula. She later returned to that office as deputy director. Currently, she is a lecturer in public policy at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and as director of the school's Scholars in Nation's Service Initiative.