

Strobe Talbott

Strobe Talbott assumed the presidency of the Brookings Institution in July 2002 after a career in journalism, government and academe.

His immediate previous post was founding director of the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization. Before that, he served in the State Department from 1993 to 2001, first as ambassador-at-large and special adviser to the secretary of state for the new independent states of the former Soviet Union, then as deputy secretary of state for seven years.

Mr. Talbott entered government service after 21 years with *Time* magazine. As a reporter, he covered Eastern Europe, the State Department and the White House, then was Washington bureau chief, editor-at-large and foreign affairs columnist. He was twice awarded the Edward Weintal Prize for distinguished diplomatic reporting.

His twelfth book, *Fast Forward, Ethics and Politics in the Age of Global Warming*, which he co-authored with William Antholis, Brookings managing director, was released in paperback in summer 2011. His past books include: *The Great Experiment: The Story of Ancient Empires, Modern States, and the Quest for a Global Nation*, *Engaging India: Diplomacy, Democracy and the Bomb*; *The Russia Hand*; *At the Highest Levels* (with Michael Beschloss); *The Master of the Game*; *Reagan and Gorbachev* (with Michael Mandelbaum); *Deadly Gambits*; *Reagan and the Russians*; and *Endgame*. He translated and edited two volumes of Nikita Khrushchev's memoirs in the early 1970s.

He has also written for *Foreign Affairs*, *The New Yorker*, *Foreign Policy*, *International Security*, *The Economist*, *Financial Times*, *The New York Times*, *The New York Review of Books*, *The Washington Post* and *Slate*.

In December 2011 Mr. Talbott was named by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as chair of the U.S. State Department's Foreign Affairs Policy Board. He is also currently a member of the Aspen Strategy Group, a fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the Academy of Diplomacy, and Chairman of the Board of the American Ditchley Foundation. In 2007-08, he served as a member of the National Commission on War Powers. Previously, Mr. Talbott has served as a fellow of the Yale Corporation, a trustee of the Hotchkiss School and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a director of the Council on Foreign Relations, the North American Executive Committee of the Trilateral Commission, and the American Association of Rhodes Scholars, and a member of the participating faculty of the World Economic Forum.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1946, he was educated at Hotchkiss, Yale (B.A., '68, M.A.Hon., '76) and Oxford (M.Litt., '71). He has honorary doctorates from the Monterey Institute, Trinity College, Georgetown University, Washington University in St. Louis, and Fairfield University, and he has been awarded state orders by the presidents of Estonia, Georgia, Finland, Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Latvia and the Kings of Sweden and Belgium.

