

Eva Nowotny

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Ambassador Eva Nowotny was born in 1944 in Vienna, where she also spent her elementary and high school years and passed the high school leaving exam (Matura) “summa cum laude” in June 1962. She then enrolled at the University of Vienna with history as her major subject and German literature as a minor and received her Ph.D. on April 1st, 1968. After more than four years as assistant professor at the University of Vienna Dr. Eva Nowotny decided to take the entrance exam for the Austrian Foreign Service (examen préalable) and was accepted into the Austrian Foreign Service in March 1973. After a two years formation period in the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs she had her first foreign posting at the Austrian Embassy in Cairo, where she stayed from 1975 till 1978. She then was transferred as Counselor to the Austrian Mission at the United Nations in New York and worked in this capacity till summer 1983. Upon her return to headquarters in Vienna, Dr. Nowotny was appointed Foreign Policy Advisor to the Austrian Federal Chancellor, a position she maintained till November 1992. From November 1992 till January 1997 Dr. Nowotny served as the Austrian Ambassador to France, from January 1997 till December 1999 as the Austrian Ambassador to the Court of St. James. In December 1999 she was appointed as Director General for EU affairs in the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and stayed in this function till September 2003. From September 2003 till September 2008 Ambassador Nowotny was the Austrian Ambassador to the United States of America, with accreditation to the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and as Permanent Observer to the Organization of American States. Ambassador Nowotny retired from the Foreign Service in October 2008. Immediately after her retirement she was appointed President of the Austrian UNESCO Commission as well as President of the Board of the University of Vienna.

Ambassador Nowotny is married to Dr. Thomas Nowotny, retired member of the Austrian Foreign Service and Political Scientist. In addition to her career in the Foreign Service Ambassador Nowotny has always maintained her interest in and her connection to academia, and is involved with a number of think tanks and academic institutions.