

San Antonio Council for International Visitors



Welcomes...

AMBASSADOR RICHARD LEBARON

For a discussion on...

- *How exchange programs contribute to foreign policy objectives and the critical role of citizen diplomats*
- *How public diplomacy and participating in exchanges can lead to positive change in the Middle East*
- *His career as a diplomat in the Middle East & North Africa and current foreign policy trends & issues affecting the region*



Ambassador Richard LeBaron is currently a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council in Washington. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of Global Ties, the umbrella organization that supports the work of local international visitor councils.

Ambassador LeBaron retired from the U.S. diplomatic service in April 2012 after a thirty-three year career. In his final position at the Department of State, Richard LeBaron was the founding Coordinator of the Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications. This interagency organization designs and implements campaigns to counter the appeal of terrorist groups to potential recruits. LeBaron's final foreign posting was Deputy Chief of Mission at the United States Embassy in London. He also served as Chargé d'Affaires in London in 2009 during the transition to the Obama Administration.

Previous to his assignment to London, Mr. LeBaron served as the U.S. Ambassador to Kuwait (2004-2007). From September 2001 to July 2004, he was Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel. LeBaron was Minister-Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs at the Embassy of the United States in Cairo, Egypt from 1998 to 2001.

While posted in Washington from 1991 to 1998, LeBaron served in three positions related to the Middle East: Director for Near East and South Asian Affairs at the National Security Council, Director of the Peace Process and Regional Affairs Office in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the Department of State, and Public Affairs Adviser for the Near Eastern Bureau. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. LeBaron was Political Officer in the State Department's Office of European Community Affairs.

Mr. LeBaron's earlier overseas diplomatic postings included: Lisbon, Tunis, New Delhi and Managua. Before he entered the Foreign Service, Mr. LeBaron held a two-year consultancy in Brazil working on science policy issues. Mr. LeBaron studied at St. Mary's University, University of Colorado, and George Washington University.

Event Details

DATE:
Friday-September 18th

TIME:
6.30pm
Lecture followed by reception

LOCATION:

UIW
Grossman International Conference Center Auditorium & Atrium
847 E. Hildebrand Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78212

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