



**AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY
LUIS MARÍA KRECKLER**

Luis Maria Kreckler, born on August 16th, 1954, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Married, four children

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- Since December 2017: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Argentine Republic to the Swiss Confederation.
- March 2016 – December 2017: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Argentine Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany.
- January 2012 - March 2016: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Argentine Republic to the Federative Republic of Brazil.
- August 2010 - December 2011: Secretary of Trade and International Economic Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship. Argentine Republic.

Chief Negotiator for the Argentine Republic on the Mercosur – European Union’s negotiations.

Chief Negotiator for the Argentine Republic at the World Trade Organization (WTO).

National Coordinator for the Mercosur’s Common Market Group.
- June 2005 - July 2010: Undersecretary of International Trade and International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship. Argentine Republic.

During his term of office, the Argentine Republic promoted the development of Binational Business Councils and fostered the growth of Economic and Commercial Joint Committees in order to work on proposals for international commerce and investment made by the Councils and with participation of the main public and private sectors.
- 2006: Promoted to the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary with the consent of the Honorable Senate of the Argentine Republic.

- 2001: Promoted to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary of First Class with the consent of the Honorable Senate of the Argentine Republic.
- 1998 - 2005: Posted as Consul General and Director of the Center for Commercial Promotion of the Argentine Republic in Los Angeles, United States of America, with jurisdiction over the State of California, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Utah, Idaho, Hawaii, Nevada, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming and Pacific Islands.
- 1996 -1998: Appointed Chief of Staff of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship. Argentine Republic.
- 1997: Promoted to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary of Second Class with the consent of the Honorable Senate of the Argentine Republic.
- 1992 -1996: Chief of Staff of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs; responsible for the coordination of business and trade delegations involving official visits overseas by the Argentine President. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship. Argentine Republic.
- 1994: Promoted to the rank of Embassy Counselor. Argentine Republic.
- 1990 -1992: Chief of the Consular Section of the Embassy of the Argentine Republic to the Republic of Panamá.
- 1991: Promoted to the rank of Embassy Secretary of First Class. Argentine Republic.
- 1986 -1990: Alternate Representative of the Argentine Republic to the Organization of American States (OAS), in Washington D.C.
- 1986: Promoted to the rank of Embassy Secretary of Second Class. Argentine Republic.
- 1983 -1986: Member of the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship. Argentine Republic.
- 1982: Graduated at the Argentine Institute of Foreign Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, and was appointed Embassy Secretary of Third Class. Argentine Republic.

UNIVERSITY DEGREES:

- 1989: Curso de Derecho Internacional – Comité Jurídico Interamericano.
- 1979: Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

LANGUAGES:

- Fluent in English, German, French and Portuguese.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:

- 1996: Globalization and a New Form of Foreign Policy: Business Diplomacy – Argentine Institute of Foreign Service.
- 1993: A Perspective of the Argentine Commercial Insertion in the Central American Istmo – Argentine Institute of Foreign Service.

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BOOKS AND ARTICLES PUBLISHED:

- April, 2012 “Malvinas: colonial enclave on the South Atlantic” Folha de São Paulo, Brazil.
- September, 2011 “Productive Integration in Mercosur: a strategic move”. Agencia española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AICID)
- January, 2011 “The Relationship with the Giant. Argentina diversifies its Commercial Bond with China”. Newsweek Argentina, Buenos Aires.
- December, 2010 “Argentina goes for the Russian Market”. El Federal. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- October, 2010 “If we meet the challenges, there will be an Agreement with the EU by mid-2011”. Tiempo Argentino. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- September, 2010 “A Step Ahead in the Development of Investments”. El Cronista. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 1997: “Business Diplomacy,” Abaco Publishing House. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 1997: “México-Mercosur: An Approach from the Point of View of the México-Argentina Relationship,” Aguila y Sol Publishing House, Buenos Aires.

DECORATIONS:

- The National Order of the Southern Cross, granted by President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Ms. Dilma Rousseff. March, 2016.
- Merit Order of the Grand Cross granted by the President of the Republic of Chile, Ms. Michelle Bachelet. September, 2010.
- Merit Order of the Grand Cross granted by the President of the Republic of Peru, Mr. Alan García; July, 2010.
- Merit Order of the Grand Cross granted by the King Juan Carlos I of Spain.
- Merit Order granted by the French Republic.
- Merit Cross Knight granted by the Republic of Germany.
- The Vasco Nuñez de Balboa Order granted by the Republic of Panama.