

DENMARK

AMBASSADOR BIRGER RIIS-JØRGENSEN
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Born 13 January 1949 in Odense, Denmark

Married, 2 children

- 1968 Studies (history) at University of Copenhagen
- 1973 Scholarships for studies (history) in Stockholm
- 1974 Cand. phil. (MA) history, Univ. of Copenhagen
- 1974 Graduate Fellow, Center for Latin American Studies, Univ. of New Mexico
- 1975 Research Librarian, Royal Library in Copenhagen and ass. professor (international politics), University of Copenhagen
- 1976 Secretary (Trade Department, Middle East section), Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1977 Head of Section, Arms Control and Disarmament Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1979 2nd Secretary at the Danish Delegation to NATO in Brussels, Danish representative on NATO's Political Committee
- 1981 1st Secretary at the Danish Delegation to NATO in Brussels, Danish representative on NATO's Defense Review Committee and Executive Working Group
- 1983 Head of Western Hemisphere and Nordic countries section, Political Department, and Secretary to the Foreign Affairs Committee of Parliament
- 1987 Counsellor, detached to the Secretariat for European Political Cooperation, Brussels
- 1989 Head of DAC and Nordic Cooperation Section, Policy Division, Danida, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1990 Deputy Head of Northern Africa and Latin America Division in Danida, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1991 Head of East and West Africa Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1994 Head of Middle East and Latin America Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 1996 Under-Secretary for Bilateral Affairs, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2000 State Secretary, Ambassador, The Danish Trade Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs