

**Current issues in US Foreign policy;  
trade, defense, economic sanctions**

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Presented by Mr Eric Hirschhorn  
Former US Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and  
Security under President Obama

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Law Building, Clayton  
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# Biography

Eric Hirschhorn served as a U.S. Under Secretary of Commerce under President Barack Obama. His portfolio as Under Secretary for Industry and Security put him in the middle of administration decision making about policy toward such countries as China, Russia, Iran and North Korea, as well as friends and allies such as the European Union, Australia, and India. From his current perspective—on the outside looking in at the Trump administration—Mr. Hirschhorn will compare the approaches of the two administrations on international trade, defense, economic sanctions, and export control issues.

Before taking up his responsibilities at the Department of Commerce, Mr. Hirschhorn spent nearly three decades in private law practice in Washington DC. His international trade clients came from the U.S. and other countries. He earlier served in the administration of President Jimmy Carter and on the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives. He received his law degree from Columbia University and his bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago. He is a member of The American Law Institute, a non-resident Senior Advisor to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and a Senior Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.