

DAVID MILIBAND



President International Rescue Committee Foreign Secretary UK (2007 - 2010)

David Miliband has played a leading role in British politics for 15 years. David was the United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary from 2007 to 2010. Aged 41, he became the youngest person in 30 years to hold the position. Today he is President and Chief Executive of International Rescue Committee.

As Foreign Secretary he was responsible for a global network of 16 000 diplomats in over 160 countries. He established a distinctive and respected voice for an internationalist Britain, from the war in Afghanistan to the Iranian nuclear programme to engagement with the world's emerging powers. David's advocacy of a global role for a strong European foreign policy led to him being widely supported for the new job of EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs – a position he declined to continue his work in Britain.

David was educated at Haverstock Comprehensive School in London. After graduating with first class honours in Philosophy, Politics and economics from Corpus Christi College, Oxford University, he completed a Master's Degree at MIT as a Kennedy Scholar. David believes in leadership through ideas. He first came to prominence as the Policy Director for Tony Blair from 1994 to 2001, authoring the manifestos on which Labour was elected to office. As Minister for Schools from 2002 to 2004 he was regarded as a leader of reform. As Secretary of State for the Environment, he pioneered the world's first legally binding emissions reductions Bill. As Minister for Communities and Local Government, he championed the renaissance of Britain's great cities. Until 2013 he was a Member of Parliament for South Shields in the North East of England. David set up "Movement for Change", which trained 10,000 community organisers in the UK to make changes in their own communities. He was also Vice Chairman of Sunderland Football Club until 2013. He regularly lectures at MIT, and co-participates in a series of seminars with Condoleezza Rice at Stanford University – debating the great geo-political issues. He is also Co-Chair of the Global Ocean Commission along with President Jose Maria Figueres of Costa Rica. The goal of the Commission is to identify the main threats to the high seas and to develop recommendations for addressing them.

David Miliband is President and Chief Executive of International Rescue Committee (IRC), the renowned US humanitarian organisation founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein. He leads a team of over 16,000 people. The IRC helps people all over the world whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover, and gain control of their future. It provides health care, infrastructure, learning and economic support to people in 40 countries, with many special programmes designed for women and children.

Topics (Selection):

- Global Trends
- Reform of Global Institutions
- US Foreign Policy
- Society, Education and Sustainability
- Future of Europe
- Refugee Crisis
- Brexit

Publications (Selection):

- Rescue: Refugees and the Political Crisis of Our Time, 2017