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Roman Popadiuk is a United States diplomat and academic.

Popadiuk was born in Austria in 1950. Popadiuk received a B.A. from Hunter College in New York. After receiving a Ph.D. in political science from CUNY Graduate Studies Center in 1981, Popadiuk joined the United State Foreign Service. He began his diplomatic career in Mexico in 1982.

Popadiuk returned to the United States for posts at the Department of State and the National Security Council from 1984-1986. In 1986 Popadiuk began working in the Office of the Press Secretary in the Reagan White House as an Assistant Press Secretary.

He was promoted in 1987 to Deputy Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs and continued in this post through the end of the Reagan administration. He stayed in the George H.W. Bush Administration in the same position. In May 1992, President Bush appointed Popadiuk as the first U.S. Ambassador to the newly created country, Ukraine. Popadiuk remained in this post until President Clinton named a replacement in July 1993.

Popadiuk has since served as the Director of the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library Foundation in College Station, TX. Popadiuk has continued to teach at the Foreign Service Institute and as an advisor to the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. Popadiuk continues to serve on numerous boards focusing on international relations and U.S. foreign service goals.

Popadiuk also serves on many boards focused on the promotion and integration of Ukraine.

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