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Heidi Crebo-Rediker served as the State Department's first chief economist. Appointed to this assistant secretary—level position by then secretary of state Hillary Clinton as a centerpiece of her "economic statecraft" initiative, Ms. Crebo-Rediker provided advice and analysis to the secretary on foreign policy issues with a significant economic or financial component.

Prior to this, Ms. Crebo-Rediker was the chief of international finance and economics for the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, following nearly two decades in Europe as a senior investment banker. In the Senate, she advised then chairman John Kerry on a range of international and domestic economic and financial issues.

Over her investment banking career, she managed businesses ranging from European and emerging-markets debt capital markets to sovereign, supranational, and public sector banking. In this capacity, she managed public and private financings for governments, corporations, and banks, and related advisory work.

On returning to Washington, DC, she was the founding co-director of the Global Strategic Finance Initiative at the New America Foundation. During her time in the Senate, she was the architect of the bipartisan National Infrastructure Bank legislation (BUILD Act) introduced in March 2011 and included in the President Barack Obama's JOBS Act.

Ms. Crebo-Rediker was named one of the Top 25 Women in Business by the *Wall Street Journal Europe*. She holds degrees from Dartmouth College and the London School of Economics.