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Ms. Jennifer Zakriski is the Deputy Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA). She previously served as the Principal Director for both Programs and Strategy at DSCA. She has held positions covering a variety of responsibilities throughout the Department of Defense (DoD).

Prior to being assigned to DSCA, she was the Director for Afghanistan in Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (OUSD(Policy)). Ms. Zakriski has also served as the Principal Director for Force Development in OUSD(Policy), where she led the development of several DoD strategic guidance documents, served as chief of staff for the DoD Quadrennial Roles and Missions Review, and served as the Executive Secretary of the 2010 Quadrennial Defense Review. Also within OUSD(Policy), she worked in the Special Operations/Counter-Terrorism office, the Force Transformation and Resources office, and Resources and Planning office.

Before coming to OUSD(Policy), she worked in office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and in the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Operations (G-3/5/7).

Prior to joining DoD, Ms. Zakriski was a research associate at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, first on Russian democratization and economic transition, and later in the Political-Military department.

Ms. Zakriski graduated from the University of Chicago with a Bachelor's of Arts in Political Science. She has a Master's degree in Security Policy from the George Washington University.