



Petersen, Niels Helveg (RV)

**Former Member of the Folketing,
The Social Liberal Party**

Former Minister for Foreign Affairs

Niels Lolk Helveg Petersen, Born January 17th 1939 in Odense, died June 3rd 2017, son of former minister Kristen Helveg Petersen and former mayor Lilly Helveg Petersen. Married to Kirsten Lee, MD, former director of Finsenscentret situated in the National Hospital of Denmark, now manager of Copenhagen Public Health Office.

Member period

Member of the Folketing for The Social Liberal Party in Funen greater constituency, 13. November 2007 – 15. September 2011.

Member of the Folketing for The Social Liberal Party in Funen County constituency, 21. September 1994 – 13. November 2007.

Member of the Folketing for The Social Liberal Party in Funen County constituency, 15. February 1977 – 1. February 1993.

Member of the Folketing for The Social Liberal Party in Frederiksborg County constituency, 22. November 1966 – 30. September 1974.

Candidate for The Social Liberal Party in Middelfart nomination district, 1976-2007.

Candidate for The Social Liberal Party in Fredensborg nomination district, 1966-1974.

Candidate for The Social Liberal Party in Nyborg nomination district, 1964-1966.

Parliamentary career

Member of the Presidium of the Folketing, 23. February 2005 – 27. November 2007.

Minister for Foreign Affairs, 25. January 1993 – 21. December 2000.

Minister for Economic Affairs, 3. June 1988 – 18. December 1990.

The party's political spokesman 1968-1974 and 1977-1978. Chairman of the Economic and Political Affairs Committee 1982-1984. Member of the Foreign Policy Committee 1968-1974 and 2001-2007.

Chairmann of the parliamentary group of Social Liberal Party 1978-1988. Chairman of the Greater Copenhagen Development Council 1990-1993.

Education

Master of Laws, University of Copenhagen, 1965.

Study sojourn, Stanford University, California, 1961-1962.

Matriculated, Stenhus Boarding School, Holbæk, 1957.

Intermediate school examination, Nykøbing S. Citizens' and Lower Secondary School, 1954.

Employment

Head of Cabinet with the Danish EU Commissioner Finn Gundelach, Brussels, 1974-1977.

Affiliations

While studying, member of the central board council of Young Social Liberals, editor of »Liberté« (Liberty, Social Liberals students' magazine) and of »Studenterbladet«, the organ of the Joint

Council of Danish Students. Member of the council of representatives of the Student Union.

The biography is no longer updated from September 15th 2011.