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RESUME OF EDWARD ALLAN OLSEN

Edward A. Olsen was born in Brooklyn, New York. After service in the U.S. Army he graduated in 1968 from the University of California, Los Angeles with a B.A. in History. He completed advanced Japanese language studies at Stanford University's Inter-University Center in Tokyo and received an M.A. in Asian Studies in 1970 from the University of California, Berkeley, writing a thesis on Japan's post-war armed forces. He completed his Ph.D. in International Relations at American University's School of International Service, writing his dissertation on the applicability of H. & M. Sprout's "ecological perspective" to East Asian political cultures.



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