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## Featured Speaker



#### **MR. DEMETRI SEVASTOPULO**

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**Demetri Sevastopulo** covers the White House and Trump administration. He covered the 2016 and 2020 US presidential campaigns and has interviewed Donald Trump. He previously served as US political correspondent, Pentagon and intelligence correspondent, Washington business correspondent, South China correspondent and Asia news editor. An Irish national, Demetri speaks Chinese and Japanese.

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## Introduction by



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#### **MS. MARCI ROBINSON**

Robinson Communications Chair, IFE Board of Stewards

**Marci Robinson** works at the intersection of political, business and cultural affairs. She is the Chair of the Board of Stewards, and a former member of the Board of Trustees, of the Institute for Education. Robinson is the principal of Robinson Communications, a public affairs and media relations consulting firm whose clients have included Fortune 100 companies, political figures and other prominent individuals, and nonprofit organizations. She has advised start-ups in the areas of social media and technology.

She is also the Founder and President of the Swann Foundation for Music Education, a nonprofit organization committed to educating young musicians and the public about the relationship between music, art, history and literature by hosting events and music institutes at the Smithsonian, Kennedy Center, Phillips Collection, Library of Congress and embassies in our nation's capital. Robinson was the Chief Spokesman and Director of Communications for the United States Department of Commerce and Secretary Robert A. Mosbacher. She worked for U.S. Representative Jack Kemp, handling legislative issues and serving as his Press Secretary. She is currently a senior advisor to the Jack Kemp Foundation.

Robinson has also served as adjunct professor of congressional communications in the joint graduate program of the Legislative Studies Institute and Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs.

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Host



#### COACH KATHY KEMPER

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**Coach Kathy Kemper** is CEO and Founder of the Institute for Education (IFE), a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit committed to engaging the global community to harness the power of soft diplomacy, data, and innovation.

In 2019, Kemper was recognized, alongside Jeff Bezos, as one of *Washington Life Magazine's* "Tech 25", a prestigious honor reserved for top technology innovators and disruptors. Extolled as "D.C.'s Networker-in-Chief" by *U.S. News and World Report*, Kemper regularly convenes timely salons, forums, intimate discussions and invitation-only gatherings that draw senior White House and Congressional leaders, distinguished ambassadors and diplomats, business executives, journalists and technology innovators for debate and discussion. Past speakers have included Supreme Court Justices, a Vice President, Senators, Ambassadors, Nobel laureates, Cabinet secretaries, U.S. Chief Technology Officers, CEOs, and more.

A former professional tennis player, Coach Kemper served as head Women's Tennis Coach at Georgetown University from 1978 to 1990, and coached Georgetown's No. 1 player to the NCAA National Women's Division II title in 1983. Coach has spent more than 40 years coaching tennis for Washington's power brokers — hitting the courts with Supreme Court Justices, kings, queens, and U.S. Secretaries of State through six administrations at the White House court, Senate court and Embassy courts.

Kemper has received awards and recognition from the Swedish, Chinese, and Japanese governments for her commitment to cross-cultural dialogue. In 2017, Three U.S. CTOs awarded the Challenge Coin to Coach Kemper for her bipartisan leadership in technology. A frequent op-ed writer and columnist, her work has been featured in *The Hill, Roll Call, The Globalist, Huffington Post* and *USA Today*.