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H.E. MANASVI SRISODAPOL

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to the United States
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Mr. Manasvi Srisodapol assumed his position as Thailand's Ambassador to the United States on February 17, 2021. It is his second post in the United States. He has a longstanding diplomatic and professional career that spans almost four decades.

Ambassador Manasvi has had a rich diplomatic career in several countries, both on bilateral and multilateral assignments. This included positions at the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the UN Office in Geneva, the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the UN in New York. He was the Permanent Representative of Thailand to ASEAN in Jakarta and Ambassador to Poland and the Kingdom of Belgium.

Additionally, in 2016, he was the Special Representative of the Chair of the Group of 77 and China for Climate Change.

Ambassador Manasvi has received many decorations including the Chakrabarti Mala Medal and the Knight Grand Cordon (Special Class) of the Most Noble Order of the Crown of Thailand.

He holds an MA degree in International Affairs from Columbia University and a BA in Economics from, University of Ottawa, Canada. He also holds a certificate in South Asian Studies from Columbia University.



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MS. JULIET EILPERIN

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Juliet Eilperin oversees coverage of the struggle to manage a changing climate, with a special focus on efforts – in Washington and around the world – to transform our fossil fuel-dependent economy and rein in greenhouse gas emissions. She also will coordinate with desks across the newsroom to cover extreme weather and other destructive manifestations of global warming.

For the past four years, Eilperin has been a senior national correspondent covering climate and environment. In that capacity, she anchored coverage of the Biden and Trump administrations, helping to break stories that exposed ethical lapses by then-EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, prompting their resignations. For our Pulitzer Prize-winning 2019 series on global hotspots, “2C: Beyond the Limit,” Eilperin reported on rising seas threatening beach houses in Rhode Island and melting permafrost upending indigenous traditions in Alaska. Most recently, Eilperin helped develop an online tracker for environmental regulations that won first place in beat reporting from the Society of Environmental Journalists.

Eilperin joined The Post to cover Congress in 1998, when the big news was the impeachment of Bill Clinton and escalating battles over spending. She began covering the environment in 2004, joined the White House team in 2013 and served as White House bureau chief for the final year of the Obama administration. Along the way, she published two books, one about politicians (“Fight Club Politics: How Partisanship is Poisoning the House of Representatives”) and one about sharks (“Demon Fish: Travels Through the Hidden World of Sharks”) – which, she likes to say, is the more upbeat of the two.

Before coming to The Post, Eilperin covered the Hill for Roll Call and the now-defunct States News Service. She spent a year reporting in Seoul on a Luce Scholarship and a summer as an intern for The New York Times in Mexico. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Princeton University, majoring in politics with a certificate in Latin American Studies. A native of D.C., Eilperin lives in her hometown with her husband, son and daughter and two cats. She enjoys exploring Rock Creek Park, listening to indie bands and baking pizza and the occasional batch of bagels.

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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*.