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AMBASSADOR JEAN-ARTHUR RÉGIBEAU represents His Majesty The King of the Belgians and Belgium's federal government in the United States of America and in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. He is responsible for the direction and work of the Embassy and its Consulates, including bilateral political and economic relations, visa, and consular services. After a few years of working for private business and later as a legal advisor, Jean-Arthur Régibeau joined the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1998. He was the diplomatic advisor to the Minister of Defense from 1999 to 2002 and he went on to be First Secretary at the Belgian Embassy in Berlin. From 2003-2007, Mr. Régibeau returned to Brussels as Head of the Private Office of the Minister of Defense. In 2007, he was appointed Director-General in charge of Multilateral Organizations at the Foreign Ministry. In this capacity, he managed some aspects of the Belgian presidency of the European Union in 2010. From 2012-2016, he also was Deputy Commissioner for the commemoration of World War I. In 2016, he took up his role as Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Armenia, Belarus & Uzbekistan. As a trainee, Mr. Régibeau worked for a Belgian bank in New York in 1987-1988. Working for a tour operator, he escorted groups of Belgian tourists visiting the United States in 1991 and 1992. Mr. Régibeau studied at the State University of Liège where he obtained his Master's degree in Law in 1984. From there, he went on to obtain a Certificate in International Law from the State University of Leiden in the Netherlands in 1985. One year later, he joined the Johns Hopkins University SAIS program in Bologna, Italy, where he obtained a diploma in International Relations. Ambassador Régibeau has been a guest professor on European institutions and Europe and Globalization at the University of Liège. He also gave lectures on Globalization and Security issues at the Defense Ministry in Brussels (2007-2015).
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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*.

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FEATURED SPEAKER



CONGRESSMAN RO KHANNA

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REPRESENTATIVE RO KHANNA represents California's 17th Congressional District, located in the heart of Silicon Valley, and is serving his third term. Rep. Khanna sits on the House Committees on Agriculture, Armed Services, and Oversight and Reform, where he chairs the Environmental Subcommittee. Additionally, Rep. Khanna is the Deputy Whip of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, serves as an Assistant Whip for the Democratic Caucus, and is the Democratic Vice-Chair of the House Caucus on India and Indian Americans. Before serving in Congress, Rep. Khanna taught economics at Stanford University, law at Santa Clara University, and American Jurisprudence at San Francisco State University. He wrote the book *Entrepreneurial Nation: Why Manufacturing is Still Key to America's Future* and worked as a lawyer specializing in intellectual property law. Rep. Khanna served in President Barack Obama's administration as Deputy Assistant Secretary at the U.S. Department of Commerce. In 2012, California Governor Jerry Brown appointed him to the California Workforce Investment Board. He has also provided pro bono legal counsel to Hurricane Katrina victims with the Mississippi Center for Justice and co-authored an amicus brief on the fair housing U.S. Supreme Court case, *Mount Holly v. Mt. Holly Gardens Citizens in Action, Inc.* Rep. Khanna graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Economics from the University of Chicago and received a law degree from Yale University. As a student at the University of Chicago, he walked precincts during Barack Obama's first campaign for the Illinois Senate in 1996. Rep. Khanna enjoys cheering for the Golden State Warriors, watching movies, and traveling in his free time. He and his wife Ritu call Fremont, CA, home.

MODERATOR



NINA EASTON, co-CEO of SellersEaston Media, is an award-winning author, columnist, and TV commentator. She won numerous national awards during a decade with the Los Angeles Times and later as Washington editor and national columnist at Fortune—where she covered politics, the economy, and foreign affairs; built *Fortune* Most Powerful Women International; and served as co-chair of the Fortune Global Forum. She has regularly appeared on prominent primetime news shows such as Meet the Press, Special Report, and Fox News Sunday, analyzing U.S. politics, the global economy, and foreign affairs. She was a 2012 fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School and is author of *Gang of Five* (Simon & Schuster, 2002), a history of the conservative movement that ranks on the Vox list of "books to read to understand the world." At CSIS, Nina hosts the global affairs series Smart Women, Smart Power, interviewing world leaders and diplomats. She is on the board of the global nonprofit Vital Voices. @NinaEaston