



AMERICA VS. THE WORLD: THE SENATE'S ROLE IN TRADE POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Who: Ambassador Ira Shapiro

What: A lecture that is open to public

Why: Informed by four decades of experience with Congress and international trade, Shapiro places the Senate at “ground zero for America’s political dysfunction”

Where: Garden Key, UCF Student Union

When: Thursday, October 11, 2018, at 3:00 pm

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AMBASSADOR IRA SHAPIRO

During a Washington career spanning more than 40 years, Ira Shapiro has had a powerful impact in both the fields of American politics, government, and international trade.

Shapiro's passion about government is reflected in his long Senate career serving some of the most distinguished senators of the era, including Gaylord Nelson, Abraham Ribicoff, Thomas Eagleton and Robert Byrd, before completing his Senate time as Jay Rockefeller's first chief of staff. A veteran of several presidential campaigns, Shapiro served as Deputy Issues Coordinator when Walter Mondale sought the presidency, and later helped Bill Clinton and Al Gore select their vice-presidential running mates.

His international trade credentials are equally compelling. During the Clinton administration, Shapiro served as General Counsel to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative. There, he helped complete the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Uruguay Round, the global trade agreement that created the World Trade Organization and established today's global trade rules. He was nominated by President Clinton for ambassadorial rank, and confirmed unanimously by the Senate. From 2012-2017, Shapiro was chairman of the National Association of Japan-America Societies.

Shapiro is currently best known for his new book, *Broken: Can the Senate Save Itself and the Country?*, a sequel to his first book, *The Last Great Senate: Courage and Statesmanship in Times of Crisis*. His articles have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Bloomberg Review*, and *The Hill*, to name a few. He has also appeared on "Hardball with Chris Matthews," and C-SPAN Book TV, in "After Words with Ira Shapiro," a one-hour interview by former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.