



CONGRESSMAN RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI

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MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

Reception: 5:30 p.m. • Formal Lounge

Lecture: 6 p.m. • Simmons Law School Room 102



CONGRESSMAN RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHI was elected to Congress in 2016 and is now in his fifth term representing Illinois' 8th District, which includes Chicago's west and northwest suburbs as well as the 41st ward of the city. He serves as Ranking Member of the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, making him the first South Asian American in history to lead a Congressional Committee. He also serves on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability as a member of the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs. The Congressman is a Vice-Chair of the Equality Caucus and Co-Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC) Immigration Task Force. In addition, he is the founder and Chairman of the bipartisan Congressional Caucus to End the Youth Vaping Epidemic and the bipartisan Solar Caucus.

Representative Krishnamoorthi is the child of immigrants and was raised in Peoria, Illinois. Scholarships and student loans allowed him to graduate *summa cum laude* from Princeton University with a degree in mechanical engineering and a certificate from the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs. He then graduated with honors from Harvard Law School and clerked for a federal judge before practicing law in Chicago.

The Congressman resides with his wife Priya, a physician, and 3 children in Schaumburg, Illinois.

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