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## **E.J. Dionne and Ross Douthat to Discuss the Future of the “American Dream” At the Daniel K. Inouye Distinguished Lecture, July 19**

The fourth annual Daniel K. Inouye Distinguished Lecture at the Library of Congress will feature E.J. Dionne of the Washington Post and Ross Douthat of the New York Times. They will discuss the ideal of the “American Dream” in a conversation moderated by former White House correspondent Ann Compton.

The event, “Restoring the American Dream,” will take place **at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 19**, in the Coolidge Auditorium on the ground level of the Library’s Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First St. S.E., Washington, D.C. The event is free and open to the public. Tickets are not needed, but an RSVP is required to [specialevents@loc.gov](mailto:specialevents@loc.gov).

Since its first use by James Truslow Adams on the eve of the New Deal, the idea of the “American Dream” has become part and parcel of our political discourse. While it powerfully symbolizes the ideals of prosperity and opportunity, there is recognition across the political spectrum that the “American Dream” may be increasingly elusive, as many find it more difficult to make a living, to purchase real estate and sustain payments on a mortgage, or to receive a high quality education. In their conversation, Dionne and Douthat will reflect on the origins of the “American Dream” as well as explore the different ways conservatives and liberals imagine the future of the dream.

Hosted by the Library’s John W. Kluge Center, in conjunction with the Daniel K. Inouye Institute, this is the fourth in a five-year series designed to celebrate the legacy and principles of the late Honorable Daniel K. Inouye.

The conversation will be live-tweeted by both the Kluge Center and Inouye Institute: [@KlugeCtr](https://twitter.com/KlugeCtr) and [@DKIIInstitute](https://twitter.com/DKIIInstitute) ([#Inouye](https://twitter.com/Inouye)), and live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook to the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law and the University of Hawaii at Hilo’s Imiloa Astronomy Center. The livestream will also be available to the general public.

The lecture series is made possible through a generous donation from the Daniel K. Inouye Institute. The full lectures can be found on the Library of Congress website, and video segments in downloadable learning supplements are posted to [danielkinouyelectures.org](http://danielkinouyelectures.org).

The Daniel K. Inouye Institute was established in 2013 to preserve the legacy of Senator Daniel Inouye; promote STEM education, civics learning, and international educational-cultural exchanges; and establish a repository of the Asian American/Pacific experience. To learn more about the Inouye Institute and Senator Inouye, visit [danielkinouyeinstitute.org](http://danielkinouyeinstitute.org).

The Kluge Center’s mission, as established in 2000, is to “reinvigorate the interconnection between thought and action,” bridging the gap between scholarship and policymaking. To that

end, the Center brings some of the world's great thinkers to the Library to make use of the Library collections and engage in conversations addressing the challenges facing democracies in the 21st century.

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