



Joe and Jacob sit down with Dr. Kori Schake, the Director of Defense and Foreign Policy Studies at American Enterprise Institute, a D.C.-based think tank. She shares her story about climbing the ladder in the National Security field and some of the more prominent lessons of her career. Kori discusses what she means when she challenges leaders to “read promiscuously” and how leaders can improve their ability to think differently.

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About Dr. Kori Schake (@KoriSchake)

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