Dr. Jeffrey P. Koplan is an internationally renowned public health leader with more than 30 years of experience. Dr. Koplan is Vice President for Global Health at Emory University and Co-founder of the International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI). He founded the Emory Global Health Institute (EGHI) in 2006, served as its Director until March, 2013, and continues to be actively involved in its daily operations in his role as Vice President for Global Health. Prior to founding EGHI, Dr. Koplan was Vice President for Academic Health Affairs at Emory University.

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Dr. Koplan will discuss his personal journey with languages with focus on the importance of languages in his work as a public health expert and in his non-professional life.