Talbott lecture full

Response to Tuesday’s lecture by Strobe Talbott, president of the Brookings Institution, has been overwhelming, and the lecture is now full with a waiting list. If you would like to attend, you can see the lecture on a television in the Mershon Center lobby. You can also view the lecture live online. A streaming video of the lecture will also be posted shortly after the talk on the Talbott event page on the Mershon Center website at mershoncenter.osu.edu. If you are signed up for the talk and cannot come after all, please contact Beth Russell at russell.16 so that we can notify someone else who would like to attend. Thank you.

Coming up at the Mershon Center

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Andrew A.G. Ross

“Economies of Affect: Memory, Emotion and International Politics”
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Andrew A.G. Ross is a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. Ross is working on a book, Economies of Affect: Memory, Emotion, and International Politics, which puts forward a new perspective on passion in international politics. He sees political passion as emotion-laden environments, or “circulations of affect,” and explores these circulations of affect in three areas: ethnic conflict and nationalism in Rwanda and Yugoslavia in the 1990s; institutions concerned with justice after a conflict, such as war-crimes trials and truth commissions; and public responses to terrorism after 9/11. Read more and RSVP

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Warren Hoge

“The United Nations at a Time of Change”
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.
Warren Hoge is the United Nations Bureau Chief for The New York Times. He came to The Times in 1976 as a metropolitan reporter and a year later became the deputy metropolitan editor. He covered South and Central America as the paper’s Rio de Janeiro bureau chief from 1978 until 1983 when he returned to New York as the foreign editor. In 1987, Hoge became the assistant managing editor for administration and personnel and in 1991 the editor of The New York Times Magazine. From 1993 until 1996 he was assistant managing editor for culture, the Sunday book review, style, sports and travel. Most recently he had been The Times’s London bureau chief since 1996. Hoge graduated from Yale University with a bachelor’s degree in English, and he did graduate work in political science at George Washington University. Read more and RSVP

Friday, October 26, 2007

Seana Shiffrin

“Promising, Intimate Relationships, and Conventionalism”
3:30 p.m., 347 University Hall, 230 North Oval Mall

Seana Shiffrin holds a joint appointment with the Department of Philosophy and the School of Law at the University of California-Los Angeles. She has taught courses on moral, political and legal philosophy in the UCLA Department of Philosophy since 1992. At the Law School, she has taught courses on Contracts, Free Speech Theory, Constitutional Rights and Individual Autonomy, and seminars on legal theory, contracts, distributive justice, remedies, and feminism. She is an associate editor of Philosophy and Public Affairs and on the advisory board of Legal Theory. Shiffrin’s talk is drawn from her paper of the same name. In it she argues that conventional accounts of the moral foundation for promise and obligation miss the mark. She gives an alternate account of promising behavior and argues that binding promises between agents are integral to individual autonomy and relations of intimacy and complexity. Without what she calls “the power to promise,” we cannot live freely on an equal basis with others. Read more

Friday-Saturday, October 26-27, 2007

International Conference on Women and War

Organized by Yana Hashamova, The Ohio State University, and Helena Goscilo, University of Pittsburgh Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

The International Conference on Women in War explores the role of women in war from World War II to the present. The conference focuses geographically on Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and the Soviet Union, and the Balkans; and historically on World War II, the wars in Afghanistan (1979-1989) and secessionist Chechnya (1994-96, 1999-present), and the Bosnia/Croatia/Serbia war (1992-95). It engages political ideology, history, sociology, psychology, cultural studies, cinema, and literature, asking questions such as: What is the role of women in war or military conflicts beyond the well-studied victimization? Can the often contradictory expectations of women and their traditional roles be (re)thought and (re)constructed? What is the significance that two of the most conflict-wracked parts of the world in recent years -- the Balkans and Central Asia -- share the legacies of the Soviet system, and what is the consequence of these legacies for women in times of war? For more, see the conference website.

Other events
Paul M. Sniderman

“Muslims in Western Europe”
6 p.m., 10 Page Hall, 1810 College Road
Sponsored by the Department of Political Science

Paul M. Sniderman, Fairleigh S. Dickinson Jr., Professor of Public Policy at Stanford University, offers a provocative look at the attitudes toward multiculturalism, immigrants and immigration, conflicts of values, and conflicts of identities. For more information, contact Liz Alcalde at alcalde.1@osu.edu.

Daniel Hellinger

“Chavez: Venezuela, the United States and Oil”
11:30 a.m., Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St.
Sponsored by Columbus Council on World Affairs

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has garnered much international attention in recent years. Join us as we explore hemispheric politics, the clash between Chavez’s views and U.S. administration policies, and the influence of oil interests with Daniel Hellinger, one of the world’s leading scholars on Venezuela and Latin America. Hellinger has taught at Webster University for nearly 30 years, serving as professor of political science and chair of the Department of History, Politics and Law. He has held two Fulbright positions in Chile, has been a visiting senior associate at St. Anthony’s College Oxford and a visiting professor at the Central University of Venezuela. Hellinger is author of Venezuela: Tarnished Democracy, co-author of Venezuelan Politics in the Chavez Era: Class, Polarization and Conflict and an editor at Latin American Perspectives. Hellinger holds a Ph.D. in political science from Rutgers University.

Calestous Juma

“Higher Education in Africa’s Development: New Policy Directions”
Noon, Frank W. Hale Black Cultural Center, 153 W. 12th Ave.
“Biotechnology and Africa’s Economic Renewal: Opportunities & Challenges”
2:30 p.m., 244 Kottman Hall, 2021 Coffey Road
Sponsored by the Center for African Studies

Calestous Juma is Professor of the Practice of International Development and Director of the Science, Technology, and Globalization Project at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He is a former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and Founding Director of the African Centre for Technology Studies in Nairobi. He also served as Chancellor of the University of Guyana. He is a Foreign Associate of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences where he has served on committees on science advice, geographical information sciences, and biotechnology. He is also a Fellow of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World and the World Academy of Art and Science. He has won several international awards for his work on sustainable development. He holds a Ph.D. in science and technology policy studies and has written widely on science, technology, and the environment.
IREX symposium on frozen conflicts

IREX (The International Research & Exchanges Board), in collaboration with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars’ Kennan Institute (WWC), is pleased to announce its 2008 Regional Policy Symposium – Frozen Conflicts and Unrecognized States in Southeast Europe and Eurasia.

The research symposium, supported by the United States Department of State (Title VIII Program), will bring together junior and senior scholars and members of the policy community to examine and discuss timely topics related to the frozen conflicts and unrecognized states in Southeast Europe and Eurasia from multi-disciplinary approaches.

Topics include security and military cooperation; economic trends; environment and safety; human rights; cross-border ethnic issues; trade development; legal reform; and foreign relations. Research focus areas may include Abkhazia; Kosovo; Nagorno-Karabakh; Republika Srpska; South Ossetia; and Transnistria.

Junior scholars will be chosen based on a national competition to present their current research on the region. Grants will be awarded to about 10 junior scholars. Applicants must either be currently enrolled in an MA, MS, MBA, JD, or PhD program or have held a graduate degree for 10 years or less. Applicants who hold an academic post must be pre-tenure. Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents.

The Regional Symposium is scheduled to take place in mid-April 2008 in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and will involve two full days of reviews of current research projects, roundtable discussions, and the development of policy recommendations.

Grants include round-trip airfare (provided by IREX through its travel office) and/or surface transportation from anywhere in the United States to the symposium site, as well as meals and accommodations.

Application deadline is December 3, 2007. For more information, please e-mail Symposium@irex.org. Application materials are available on the IREX website at http://www.irex.org/programs/symp/index.asp

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