Coming up at the Mershon Center

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies is launching a strong lecture series for 2007-08. We start the fall with four of our best, including our annual Joseph J. Kruzel Memorial Lecture. Details below.

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Thomas Homer-Dixon

"A Theory of Societal Collapse: Convergent Shocks, Thermodynamic Disequilibrium, and Brittleness"

Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Thomas Homer-Dixon is Director of the Trudeau Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies and Professor of Political Science at the University of Toronto. His research focuses on threats to global security in the 21st century and on how societies adapt to complex economic, ecological, and technological change. His books include The Upside of Down: Catastrophe, Creativity, and the Renewal of Civilization (Knopf, Island Press, 2006); The Ingenuity Gap (Knopf, 2000), which won the 2001 Governor General’s Non-fiction Award; Environment, Scarcity, and Violence (Princeton, 1999), which received the 2000 Lynton Keith Caldwell Prize from the American Political Science Association; and, co-edited with Jessica Blitt, Ecoviolence: Links among Environment, Population, and Security (Rowman & Littlefield, 1998). Homer-Dixon’s work is highly interdisciplinary, drawing on political science, economics, environmental studies, geography, cognitive science, social psychology, and complex systems theory. Read more and RSVP

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Major General R. Mike Worden

"Strategy, Military Transformation, and the Role of Air Power"

Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Major General R. Mike Worden is Commander of the U.S. Air Force Warfare Center at Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. The U.S. Air Force Warfare Center is responsible for assuring combat air, space and information operations forces are trained and equipped to conduct integrated combat operations. It is organized into five wings and two battalions with more than 11,000 Airmen serving. The general has been Director of the Air Force Chief of Staff Operations Group, Director of Operations for U.S. Forces Japan, and executive assistant to the Commander of Pacific Command. He has also served as Deputy Commander for NATO’s Combined Air Operations Center Six, Allied Air Forces Southern Europe, Eskisehir, Turkey. Additionally, he
has commanded an operations group in the Pacific, a wing in Europe, and an expeditionary wing during hostilities in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Read more and RSVP

**Friday, October 5, 2007**

**Erez Manela**

"The Wilsonian Moment and the Origins of the Postcolonial World"

Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

**Erez Manela** is Dunwalke Associate Professor of American History at Harvard University. He specializes in 20th century international history, with particular interests in the role of the United States in the world, colonialism and nationalism in an international context, and the evolution of international society. Manela is the author of *The Wilsonian Moment: Self-Determination and the International Origins of Anticolonial Nationalism* (Oxford University Press, 2007). The book explains how perceptions of Woodrow Wilson and his rhetoric of self-determination shaped the goals and dynamics of the anti-colonial revolts that erupted in Egypt, India, China, and Korea during the spring of 1919. Manela is currently working on a history of the global campaign to eradicate smallpox in the twentieth century. Read more and RSVP

**Tuesday, October 9, 2007**

**Strobe Talbott**

Joseph J. Kruzel Memorial Lecture

"Election of the Century: The American Presidency and the World"

Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

**Strobe Talbott** assumed the presidency of the Brookings Institution in July 2002 after a career in journalism, government and academe. His immediate previous post was founding director of the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization. He also served in the State Department from 1993 to 2001, first as Ambassador-at-Large and Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the new independent states of the former Soviet Union, then as Deputy Secretary of State for seven years. Talbott entered government after 21 years with Time magazine. As a reporter, he covered Eastern Europe, the State Department and the White House, then was Washington bureau chief, editor-at-large and foreign affairs columnist. His books include *Engaging India: Diplomacy, Democracy and the Bomb*, *The Russia Hand*, *At the Highest Levels* (with Michael Beschloss), *The Master of the Game*, *Reagan and Gorbachev* (with Michael Mandelbaum), *Deadly Gambits*, *Reagan and the Russians*, *Endgame*, and *Khrushchev Remembers: The Last Testament*. Read more and RSVP

**Also this fall …**

Here is the rest of the Mershon Center lineup for Fall 2007. Just click on the links to find out more.

**Wednesday, October 17, 2007**

**Andrew A.G. Ross**

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
“Economies of Affect: Memory, Emotion and International Politics”
Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

**Warren Hoge**
“*The United Nations at a Time of Change*”
Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

Friday-Saturday, October 26-27, 2007

**International Conference on Women in War**
Organized by Yana Hashamova, The Ohio State University, and Helena Goscilo, University of Pittsburgh
Mershon Center Room 120

Thursday, November 1, 2007

**Anja Jetschke**
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
“*Explaining Variation and Persistence: Asia’s Cultural Approach to International Cooperation*”
Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

Monday, November 5, 2007

**Derek Penslar**
Samuel Zacks Professor of Jewish History, University of Toronto
“*When May We Kill our Brethren? Jews at War in Europe, 1848-1918*”
Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

Friday, November 9, 2007

**Dennis Thompson**
Alfred North Whitehead Professor of Political Philosophy
“*Deliberative Democracy*”
Citizenship Lecture co-sponsored by the [Department of Political Science](#)
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

**Birgit Brock-Utne**
Director of Comparative and International Education, University of Oslo
“*Women Protesting Against War, Writing and Acting for Peace*”
Co-sponsored by [Women in Development](#)
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120

**Other events**

Friday, September 28, 2007

**Joseph Wu**
Taiwan Representative to the United States, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office
“Taiwan and the United States: Allies of Interest in Security, Prosperity, and Democracy”
2 p.m., Wexner Center for the Arts Film/Video Theater, 1871 N. High St.

**Joseph Wu**, Taiwan representative to the United States and OSU political science alum, will discuss “Taiwan and the U.S.: Allies of Interest in Security, Prosperity, and Democracy” from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Friday (9/28) in the Wexner Center for the Arts Film/Video Theater. Reservations are not required, but seating is limited. The free event is open to the public and sponsored by the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Department of Political Science and Office of International Affairs, and the Institute for Chinese Studies. Parking available in the Ohio Union Garage. For more information contact Sandy Wood, 688-3803 or wood.16@osu.edu.

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