This lecture is open to the public. Lunch will be served to faculty and students who RSVP to Viki Jones at jones.1959@osu.edu by noon Tuesday.

Judith Yaphe is a distinguished research professor at the Institute for National Strategic Studies at National Defense University in Washington, D.C. She specializes in Middle Eastern political analysis, with a focus on Iraq, Persian Gulf, Arab, Islamic and regional issues. She has also served with the Directorate of Intelligence, Office of Near Eastern and South Asian Analysis, at the Central Intelligence Agency.

Considered one of the most respected authorities on Iraq in the United States, Yaphe has published numerous articles on Iraq, Iran, human rights, and U.S. interests in the Persian Gulf. She is co-author of Strategic Implications of a Nuclear-Armed Iran, and wrote and edited The Middle East in 2015: The Impact of Regional Trends in U.S. Security Planning.

Yaphe is recipient of the Intelligence Medal of Commendation for her work on the 1990-1991 Iraq/Persian Gulf War, and a regular guest on news programs such as All Things Considered, The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, Nightline, and CNN.