Mershon Center Debate

The International Court of Justice on Israel's Separation Barrier: Pro and Con

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Richard Herrmann (Mershon Center)

Lt. Col. Amos Guiora is currently Visiting Professor of Law at Case Western, where he teaches courses on National Security Law and Counter-Terrorism, and will be involved in the development of National Security Law programs. Lt. Col. Guiora served for 19 years in the Israel Defence Forces Judge Advocate General Corps, where he held a number of senior command positions, including Commander of the IDF School of Military Law, Judge Advocate for the Navy and Home Front Command, and Legal Advisor to the Gaza Strip. He had command responsibility for the development of an interactive software program that teaches soldiers and commanders a code of conduct based on International Law, Israeli Law, and the IDF code. An international expert, Lt. Col. Guiora has been interviewed extensively by the media, including CNN, BBC, The Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, and The Christian Science Monitor on policy and legal questions arising from military occupation.

John Quiqley has been on the faculty of the law school at Ohio State since 1969. Prior to that, he was a research scholar at Moscow State University, and a research associate in comparative law at Harvard Law School. Professor Quiqley teaches Criminal Law, Comparative Law, and International Law. Professor Quiqley holds an adjunct appointment in the Political Science Department. In 1982-83 he was a visiting professor at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

Professor Quiqley is active in international human rights work. His numerous publications include books and articles on human rights, the United Nations, war and peace, east European law, African law, and the Arab-Israeli conflict. In 1995 he was recipient of The Ohio State University Distinguished Scholar Award.

Richard Herrmann is professor of political science and Director of the Mershon Center at The Ohio State University. He has written widely on politics in the Middle East, international security, and American foreign policy. From 1989 to 1991, Herrmann served on Secretary of State James Baker's Policy Planning Staff at the U.S. Department of State and from 1991-1996, he served as coeditor of International Studies Quarterly, the flagship journal of the International Studies Association. Herrmann has been a frequent visitor to the Middle East, lecturing and conducting research in Israel and the West Bank, as well as in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and the United Arab Emirates. In 1996-97 he was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations of New York task force that produced the book Differentiated Containment: Rethinking U.S. Policy in the Gulf.

Herrmann has served on the governing council of the International Society of Political Psychology and in his academic career has advanced the study of images and stereotypes as they affect decision-making in international relations. His research has appeared in leading academic journals such as the American Political Science Review, International Organization, World Politics, International Security, and the Journal of Conflict Resolution. Applying the insights of the academic world to the policy realm has been a special interest of Herrmann's and after serving at the State Department he served as the director of USIA's sponsored project entitled "Conflict Resolution, Arms Control, and Regional Security in the Middle East and South Asia." More recently has drawn on the practical lessons from that project to lead a new endeavor for the U.S. Institute for peace entitled "Forecasting the Future on the Korean Peninsula: Avenues to Reconciliation."

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