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Coming up at the Mershon Center

Monday, April 13, 2009

Francine Hirsch

"The Soviets at Nuremberg"

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

Co-sponsored by the Departments of [History](#) and [Slavic Studies](#)



Francine Hirsch is Associate Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her interests include Russian and Soviet history, modern European history, and comparative empires. Hirsch is author of *Empire of Nations: Ethnographic Knowledge and the Making of the Soviet Union* (Cornell University Press, 2005), which won the Herbert Baxter Adams Book Prize of the American Historical Association (2007), the Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies (2006), and was co-winner of the Council for European Studies Book Award (2006). She has a bachelor's degree from Cornell University, and master's and Ph.D. from Princeton. [Read more and register](#)

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Jason Brownlee

"Authoritarianism in the 21st Century: More than Rents, Religion, or Repression"

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



Jason Brownlee is Assistant Professor of Government and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas. He teaches undergraduate courses on U.S. foreign policy and Mideast politics, and graduate seminars on democratization and modern Islamic movements. Brownlee is author of *Authoritarianism in an Age of Democratization* (Cambridge University Press, 2007), which examines the historical sources of electoral contestation and regime change during the last 30 years. He is currently dividing his time between two large projects. The first addresses major cases of U.S. occupation abroad, while the second looks comparatively at local challenges to the Egyptian government. [Read more and register](#)

Friday, April 17, 2009

Frank Costigliola

"The Perils of Intimacy: Harry Hopkins as Franklin D. Roosevelt's National Security Adviser"
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



Frank Costigliola is Professor of History at the University of Connecticut specializing in 20th century U.S. history and U.S. foreign relations. His recent publications include "Broken Circle: The Isolation of Franklin D. Roosevelt in World War II" (*Diplomatic History*, November 2008); "Reading for Meaning: Theory, Language, and Metaphor" in *Explaining American Foreign Relations History*, 2nd ed., ed. by Michael Hogan and Thomas G. Paterson (Cambridge University Press, 2003); and "'I Had Come as a Friend': Emotion, Culture, and Ambiguity in the Formation of the Cold War" (*Cold War History*, August 2000). Costigliola is currently writing a book called *Lost Alliances: How Personal Politics Helped Win World War II and Form the Cold War*, about the impact of emotions and perceived cultural differences in the shaping of U.S., British, and Soviet foreign policy during and immediately after World War II. [Read more and register](#)

Saturday-Sunday, April 18-19, 2009

Great Lakes Ottoman Workshop

Organized by Jane Hathaway, Department of History
168 Dulles Hall, 230 W. 17th Ave.



The **Great Lakes Ottoman Workshop** was launched in 2005 as a more intimate and intensive supplement to the Middle East Studies Association meeting. It encourages exchange among scholars of the history, art, architecture, and folklore of the Ottoman Empire from the Great Lakes region and beyond. Emphasis is on intensive discussion of pre-circulated papers. Since its inaugural meeting at Northwestern University in March 2005, GLOW has met every spring (after initially meeting twice in 2005) at a major Midwestern institution. Past hosts have been (in order) Northwestern University, DePaul University, University of Toronto, University of Michigan, and University of Notre Dame. Given Ohio State's strength in Ottoman studies, we expect a rich and rewarding program in 2009. [Read more](#)

Monday, April 20, 2009

Man-houng Lin

"The Neglected Taipei Treaty: A New Perspective of Taiwan's Legal Status"

4 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Co-sponsored by the [East Asian Studies Center](#)



Man-houng Lin has been a Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Modern History, Academia Sinica since 1990 and Professor of History at National Taiwan Normal University since 1991. In 2008, she was named president of Taiwan's Academia Historica, or State History Academy. Lin's main area of research focuses on treaty ports and modern China, native opium of late Qing China, currency crisis and early 19th century China, various empires and Taiwanese merchants' Great East Asian overseas economic networks, 1860-1961.

She has published five books and about 70 papers in Chinese, English, Japanese and Korean in these areas. Her book, *China Upside Down: Currency, Society and Ideologies, 1808-1856* (Harvard East Asian Series, 2006) links China's topsy-turvy change from the center of the East Asian order to its modern tragedy with the Latin American Independence Movement. [Read more and register](#)

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Saskia Sassen

"Neither Global nor National: Novel Assemblages of Territory, Authority and Rights"

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

Co-sponsored by the [Center for Latin American Studies](#)



Saskia Sassen is Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology and a member of the Committee on Global Thought at Columbia University. Her new books are *Territory, Authority, Rights: From Medieval to Global Assemblages* (Princeton University Press, 2008,) and *A Sociology of Globalization* (W.W.Norton, 2007). Other recent books are the 3rd. fully updated edition of *Cities in a World Economy* (Sage, 2006), the edited *Deciphering the Global* (Routledge, 2007), and the co-edited *Digital Formations: New Architectures for Global Order* (Princeton

University Press, 2005). Working for UNESCO, she has just completed a five-year project on sustainable human settlement with a network of researchers and activists in more than 30 countries; it is published as one of the volumes of the *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems* (EOLSS Publishers). [Read more and register](#)

Friday, April 24, 2009

Women in Politics: Global Perspectives

Organized by Pam Paxton, Department of Sociology

Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



Women in Politics: Global Perspectives is a one-day workshop featuring three panels of speakers with planned discussion and extended opportunity for informal communication. Three panels will be convened: (1) Women and Democracy, National Security, and Conflict, (2) Women's Global Organizing, and (3) Women in Politics - Gaining Access, Changing Institutions. The goal of the panels is to demonstrate multiple approaches to the same topics, spark conversations about fruitful ways to explain women's representation in regions and countries where traditional explanations are less helpful, and provide the backdrop for facilitated discussions of practical concerns in researching women in politics globally. [Read more](#) or register at the [conference web site](#).

Other events

Monday, April 6, 2009

Mark E. Byington

"A New View on the Origins of the Koguryo State"

4 p.m., 180 Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Road

Sponsored by the [Korean Studies Initiative](#) at the [East Asian Studies Center](#)

Although archaeological discoveries in northeastern China have made available a great deal of data related to the development of the Koguryo state, scholars have tended to retain a view of Koguryo origins based on literary survivals, which emphasizes migration rather than local development. This presentation will offer a new view of Koguryo state origins that places emphasis on the relationship between the pre-state Koguryo society and the Han Chinese outposts on Koguryo's periphery to argue that the development of the Koguryo state was largely motivated by internal social reorganization stimulated by this relationship. **Mark E. Byington** is founder and director of the Early Korea Project at the Korea Institute, Harvard University. His research interests include the early history and archaeology of Korea and northeastern China, particularly the Koguryo and Puyo states. He conducted field research at Jilin University in northeastern China, focused on the region's early history and archaeology.

Mershon Center seeks study abroad applicants

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies offers the Ralph D. Mershon Study Abroad Scholarship to support undergraduates who wish to enhance their educational experience by studying in a foreign country. Students are encouraged to take foreign language courses, especially those deemed critical for national security, such as Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Hindi, Persian, and others. Priority will be given to students who are preparing for a career related to international security studies. Scholarships of up to \$2,000 each will be awarded. For more information, including application forms and instructions, please see the [scholarship web page](#). The deadline to apply is **Friday, April 10, 2009**.

Wendt, Schweller recognized for scholarly excellence



A survey of international relations faculty in 10 countries has selected **Alexander Wendt**, Ralph D. Mershon Professor of International Security, as one of the top five scholars whose work has had the greatest influence on the field of international relations in the past 20 years. The survey by the Institute for the Theory and Practice of International Relations also cited Wendt and Professor of Political Science **Randall Schweller**, another faculty affiliate of the Mershon Center, among the scholars who have produced the most interesting scholarship in international relations during the past five years. For more information, see the institute's report "[One Discipline or Many? TRIP Survey of International Relations Faculty in Ten Countries](#)" (pdf).

Mansoor named finalist for Ohioana Book Awards



Peter Mansoor, Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History, has been named a finalist for the 2009 Ohioana Book Awards for *Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander's War in Iraq* (Yale University Press, 2008). Mansoor is former executive officer for Gen. David Petraeus in Iraq, and the book recalls his 2003-04 command of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, in Baghdad. The award is given annually by the Ohioana Library Association, which chose finalists from about 800 books in five categories. Mansoor was honored in the nonfiction category. He will be a featured author at the Ohioana Book Festival on Saturday, May 9, and be honored at the annual Ohioana Day awards Ceremony on Saturday, October 17. For more information, see the [Ohioana Library Association web site](#).

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