Ted Hopf (center), professor of political science, introduced Jeff Checkel, professor of international studies and Simons Chair in International Law and Human Security at Simon Fraser University. Checkel gave a lecture titled "Causal Mechanisms and the (Transnational) Dynamics of Civil War" at the Mershon Center on January 20, 2010.

During his visit to the Mershon Center, Checkel spoke about "Causal Mechanisms and the (Transnational) Dynamics of Civil War." In addition to serving as professor of international studies and Simons Chair in International Law and Human Security at Simon Fraser University, he is Research Professor at the Centre for the Study of Civil War at the International Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). At PRIO he leads a working group on 'Transnational and International Facets of Civil War.'
After his lecture on transnational dynamics of civil war, Checkel fielded a number of questions from faculty and graduate students. Pictured are Mershon affiliated faculty Kate Ivanova (left), assistant professor of political science at OSU-Newark, Alex Thompson (center), professor of political science, and John Mueller (right), Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies.