Almost 100 people came to see John Mearsheimer speak at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 3:30 PM.

(Left to Right) Richard Herrmann, director of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Randall Schweller, professor of political science at The Ohio State University, and John Mearsheimer, R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service professor of political science and the co-director of the Program on International Security Policy at the University of Chicago talk prior to Mearsheimer's event.
Randall Schweller, professor of political science at The Ohio State University introduces John Mearsheimer, the second speaker in the National Security Speaker Series held at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies.
John Mearsheimer, the R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service professor of political science and the co-director of the Program on International Security Policy at the University of Chicago, discussed how when the Cold War ended in 1989, there was much optimism about the future of international politics, and especially America’s ability to lead the world toward the millennium. Two decades later, pessimism has replaced optimism, as the United States finds itself in losing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and unable to get Israel, Iran and North Korea to change their behavior on matters of critical importance to Washington.
John Mearsheimer has written extensively about security issues and international politics more generally. He has published five books including Conventional Deterrence (Cornell University Press, 1983), which won the Edgar S. Furniss, Jr., Book Award given out every year by the Mershon Center.
An audience member asks John Mearsheimer a question during his talk at the Mershon Center on April 13, 2011. Mearsheimer spoke about the problems we are currently facing with our foreign policy strategy. He highlighted the conflicts we are engaged in within Iraq and Afghanistan, the nuclear problems in Iran and North Korea, and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.