Coming up at the Mershon Center

Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Jim Glassman
The East Asian Developmental State is Dead
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Jim Glassman is associate professor of geography at University of British Columbia. His research focuses on industrial transformation, transformation of labor, urbanization, and social struggle around these processes, in countries of the Global South, particularly East and Southeast Asia. Glassman is author of Thailand at the Margins: Internationalization of the State and the Transformation of Labour (Oxford, 2004) and Bounding the Mekong: the Asian Development Bank, China, and Thailand (Hawai'i Press, 2010). In this lecture, he will discuss South Korea, arguing it is not a developmental state but a Cold War military contractor whose performance is not replicable or desirable. Read more and register

Thursday, May 12, 2011
Abdullahi An-Na'im
The Constitutional Incoherence of Islam as the Official Religion of the State
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Abdullahi An-Na'im is Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law at Emory University. He is author of Muslims and Global Justice (2011), Islam and Human Rights (2010), Islam and the Secular State: Negotiating the Future of Shari'a (2008), and Toward an Islamic Reformation: Civil Liberties, Human Rights and International Law (1990). As a Carnegie Scholar, An-Na'im is working on a project entitled "Enhancing Citizenship: American Muslims and American Secularism." He is also former executive director of Human Rights Watch/Africa. Read more and register

Thursday, May 12, 2011
Victor Davis Hanson
Western Military Dynamism and Its Antidotes
5 p.m., Saxbe Auditorium, Moritz College of Law, 55 W. 12th Ave.

Victor Davis Hanson is the keynote speaker for Military Frontiers: A Graduate Symposium. He is Martin and Ilie Anderson Senior Fellow in Classics and Military History at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Hanson is the author of hundreds of articles, book reviews, scholarly papers, and newspaper editorials on matters ranging from ancient Greek, agrarian and military history to foreign affairs, domestic politics, and contemporary culture. Since 2001, he has written a weekly column for National Review Online, and in 2004, began his weekly syndicated column for Tribune Media Services. In 2006, he also began thrice-weekly blog for Pajamas Media called Works and Days. Read more and register

Friday, May 13, 2011
Military Frontiers: A Graduate Symposium
Organized by Sarah Douglas and Will Waddell
Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Military Frontiers: A Graduate Symposium brings together leading graduate students engaged in national academic debate within military history. The conference seeks to revive discussions of the successful "Theatrum Militarum" graduate conference held at Ohio State in the 1990s. This year, panels will highlight graduate students performing research that crosses both physical and disciplinary borders. The topics of discussion will address themes including "law of war" and other ethical and legal issues arising from armed conflict; how war affects and is affected by race and gender; and links between war, science and technology. Students of military and diplomatic history, and specialists in military studies, are encouraged to attend. Read more and register
Monday, May 16, 2011
Max Abrahms
The Credibility Paradox: Violence as a Double-Edged Sword in International Politics?
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Max Abrahms is a fellow at the Dickey Center for International Understanding at Dartmouth College. His research focuses on the consequences of terrorism, its motives, and the implications for counterterrorism strategy. Abrahms also worked with Col. Joseph Felter on the related issue of counterinsurgency, as a postdoctoral fellow on the Empirical Studies of Conflict project at the Hoover Institution. He has appeared as a terrorism analyst on ABC News, Al-Arabiyya, Al-Hurra, Al-Jazeera, BBC, CBS, CNN, CNN Financial, Fox News, National Public Radio, and PBS. Read more and register

Wednesday, May 18, 2011
John O’Loughlin
The Wikileaks Afghanistan War Logs: A Boon or Bane for Academic Research?
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

John O’Loughlin is professor of distinction in geography at the University of Colorado. His research focuses on the spatial analysis of conflict, including the relationship between climate/environmental change and conflict as well as in the political geography of the post-Soviet Union, including Russian and Ukrainian geopolitics, Eurasian quasi-states, and ethno-territorial nationalisms. At this event, he will review the findings of a spatial analysis of the 77,000 secret war logs released by Wikileaks in summer 2010 in the context of a broader review of the dynamics of conflict in Afghanistan-Pakistan. Read more and register

Thursday-Saturday, May 19-21, 2011
The Camouflage Project
Organized by Lesley Ferris and Mary Tarantino
Drake Events Center, 1849 Cannon Drive
Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

The Camouflage Project is a three-part interdisciplinary endeavor on secret agents, camouflage, deception and disguise in World War II. Produced by the Department of Theatre, Advanced Computing Center for the Arts and Design, and Mershon Center for International Security Studies, the project includes a performance, exhibition, and symposium focusing on the work of female agents in France. Dates include:

- **Saturday (5/14) ~ Friday (5/27):** Performances at the Drake Center. Buy tickets at [http://theatre.osu.edu/theatretix.html](http://theatre.osu.edu/theatretix.html)
- **Thursday (5/19):** Exhibition and symposium at the Drake Center, keynote address by Juliette Pattinson. Register at [http://thecamouflageprojectsymposiumdrake.eventbrite.com](http://thecamouflageprojectsymposiumdrake.eventbrite.com)
- **Friday (5/20) ~ Saturday (5/21):** Symposium at the Mershon Center. Register at [http://thecamouflageprojectconference.eventbrite.com](http://thecamouflageprojectconference.eventbrite.com).

For more information, visit [http://camouflage.osu.edu](http://camouflage.osu.edu).

Other events

Friday, May 13, 2011
Donald Sutton
Ethnicity and Party Control on the Tibetan Borderlands: The Creation of Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture in the PRC
1:30 p.m., 062 Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Road
Sponsored by the East Asian Studies Center

Donald Sutton is professor of history and anthropology at Carnegie Mellon University. His articles focus on ritual, religion, marginality and ethnicity from the Ming period to the People's Republic. He is author of * Provincial Militarism in Republican China* (about warlordism's origins) and *Steps of Perfection* (about folk religion in modern Taiwan), and co-editor of *Empire at the Margins* (2006) and *Faiths on Display* (2010). Using a variety of local and party materials along with fieldwork, he will examine the borders from the 1940s through the Cultural Revolution up to the current age of tourism, and consider the nature of the local people’s integration and advancement as citizens of China. For more information, see the [event flyer](http://camouflage.osu.edu).

Monday, May 16, 2011
North Africa and Middle East Popular Revolutions: Is Now the Time for People’s Power?
5 p.m., in Saxbe Auditorium, Moritz College of Law 55 W. 12th Ave.
Sponsored by the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

Victories recently won by the Tunisian and Egyptian people brought an end to the brutal authoritarian regimes of Zine El Abidine Ben Ali and Hosni Mubarak, to reshape societies in Tunisia and Egypt. These victories also have opened the path for more radical transformation in the wider region of North Africa and the Middle East. Popular uprisings have since taken place in Algeria, Bahrain, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Syria, Yemen, and other countries in the region, rocking the ruling elites throughout the region and beyond. These peaceful mobilizations and protests may have implications of global significance for those interested in shifting power dynamics and geopolitics. North Africa and Middle East Popular Revolutions: Is Now the Time for People’s Power? will explore the broader context and significance of these revolutions and uprisings and their potential ramifications on global geopolitics beyond the region. Please e-mail your reservation to kirwaninstitute@osu.edu. For more information, see the event flier.

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Ruby Maloni
Colonial Legacy and Post Colonial Reality: Race, Ethnicity and Caste in India
Noon, Frank W. Hale Black Cultural Center, 153 W. 12th Ave.
Sponsored by the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

India is a 64-year-old country. On the eve of the departure of the British, on August 14, 1947, Jawaharlal Nehru declared, “Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and the time comes when we shall redeem our pledge.” The task ahead included the end of poverty, and equality of opportunity, putting aside differences of race, ethnicity and caste. It is not hard to notice that these aims remain largely unaccomplished. To counter this resilient stratification, Ruby Maloni, professor of history at University of Mumbai, argues that what is needed is more activism in the political organization of the disadvantaged sections of Indian society. Many lessons can be learned from the United States, which shares a common history of colonialism and inequality. Please e-mail your reservation to kirwaninstitute@osu.edu. For more information, see the event flier.

Previous events available for viewing

Nicole Shelton is currently an associate professor at Princeton University. The focus of her research is on understanding prejudice and discrimination from the target’s perspective.

Shelton speaks on divergent goals in group interactions

Watch a streaming video of Nicole Shelton, associate professor of psychology at Princeton University, speaking about “Being Face-to-Face But Not Seeing Eye-to-Eye: Divergent Goals During Intergroup Interactions” on January 14, 2011, at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. Her research explores how issues of prejudice influence the dynamics of intergroup contact, and how targets detect and respond to prejudice and discrimination.

Full Archive

Visit the Event Recordings page for the full list of streaming videos from previous events sponsored by the Mershon Center. Note: Streaming videos recorded before Fall 2010 require RealPlayer. If you do not have RealPlayer, you can download it free.
Mershon News

Fulbright Week coming up at Ohio State

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Fulbright provides participants the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

The Graduate School, the Honors Collegium and the Office of International Affairs have combined their efforts to plan a week full of events acknowledging past recipients, hosting workshops, information sessions and open houses, designed to inform potential faculty, undergraduate and graduate student applicants about the opportunities available through the Fulbright and Fulbright-Hays programs.

All faculty, staff and students are welcome to participate in any of the session during the week of May 16 - 20, 2011. For more information, including a complete schedule of events, please see http://oia.osu.edu/fulbright.html.

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