Coming up at the Mershon Center

Thursday, February 3, 2011

Andrew Exum
The War in Afghanistan: What to Expect in 2011
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Andrew Exum is a fellow with the Center for a New American Security. He is a native of East Tennessee and served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 2000 until 2004. He led a platoon of light infantry in Afghanistan in 2002 and a platoon of Army Rangers in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2003 and 2004, respectively. Most recently, Exum served as an advisor on the CENTCOM Assessment Team and as a civilian advisor to Gen. Stanley McChrystal in Afghanistan. He is the author of This Man's Army: A Soldier's Story from the Frontlines of the War on Terror (Gotham, 2004). Exum is a doctoral candidate at King's College London and founder of the counterinsurgency blog Abu Muqawama. Read more and register

Friday, February 18, 2011

Geoffrey Brennan
Causal Responsibility and Voting
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Geoffrey Brennan is distinguished research professor of philosophy at the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill as well as professor of economics at Australian National University and research professor in political science at Duke. Brennan works on issues at the intersection of economics, rationality, and political philosophy. He is editor of the journal Economics and Philosophy and recently co-edited the Collected Works of James Buchanan (Liberty Press, 1999-2000) in 20 volumes. Brennan is author of nine books including Democracy and Decision: The Pure Theory of Electoral Preference (Cambridge, 1993; Oxford, 2002), with Loren Lomasky; Democratic Devices and Desires (Cambridge, 2000), with Alan Hamlin; and The Economy of Esteem (Oxford, 2004), with Philip Pettit. Read more and register

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Joseph J. Kruzel Memorial Lecture
Edward L. Warner III
New START Treaty and Beyond
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Edward L. Warner III is secretary of defense representative to New START and senior advisor for arms control and strategic stability. He served as deputy head of the U.S. delegation to the START
negotiations, which successfully concluded with the signing of the New START Treaty in Prague on April 8, 2010. Prior to this, Warner was a principal at Booz Allen Hamilton, an international management and technology-consulting firm. At Booz Allen, he worked with teams of strategic planners, defense analysts and experts in concept development and experimentation, wargaming, modeling and simulation, and capabilities-based analysis to assist the secretary of defense, the services, the Joint Staff, and the Unified Combatant Commands as they developed new joint and Service concepts and capabilities to carry out the full range of military operations. Registration coming soon.

Friday, February 25, 2011

Mary Sarotte
*The International Politics of the European Ordering Moment, 1989–91, and Their Legacy Twenty Years Later*
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.

Mary Sarotte is professor of history and international relations at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. Her most recent book, *1989* (Princeton, 2009), appeared on the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. In addition to receiving the DAAD Prize for Distinguished Scholarship in German and European Studies, *1989* is also the first book to become the winner of both SHAFR's Ferrell Prize, awarded to the best book on U.S. foreign policy, and AAASS' Shulman Prize, awarded to the best book on Communist foreign policy (co-winner). Sarotte has been a White House Fellow as well as postdoctoral fellow at the Mershon Center. She is now a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Read more and register.

Other events

Thursday, February 3, 2011

A.K. Nandakumar
*Global Health Spending: Learning to do More with Less*
Noon, Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St.
Council supporters: $25 (free lecture only); General public: $30 ($5 lecture only); students: $15
Sponsored by the Columbus Council on World Affairs

Join us for a discussion on global health efficiencies and spending with A.K. Nandakumar, Professor of the Practice at Brandeis University and director of the Institute for Global Health and Development at the Schneider Institutes for Health Policy. Nandakumar has over 20 years of experience in health care financing in the United States and developing countries with a focus on long-term care financing, aging and its impact on health systems, national health accounts, and other health care financing issues. His recent research has focused on fungibility of donor assistance, understanding the linkages between health expenditures and maternal and infant mortality, and studying the relationship between growth in a country's income and spending on health. Nandakumar is interested in developing methods to track resource flows to understand the efficiency of health spending. Register [HERE](#) or by calling Rhonda Nicholas at 614-229-4599, x401.

Thursday, February 10, 2011

Leyla Almazova
*Islamic Intellectual Responses to Modernity: Liberal Islamic Thinkers on the Ideological Map of Contemporary Islam in the Volga-Ural Area of Russia*
Leyla Almazova is a scholar of Islamic thought among the Turkic Tatars in Russia, and she is currently a Fulbright scholar at the University of Michigan. Almazova will speak about current trends in reformist thinking among Muslims in Russia, a tradition that traces back to the Jadid movement in the late 19th and early 20th century. This tradition linked Istanbul and Central Asia with Kazan, a Turkic Muslim center located in the heart of European Russia. Tatar intellectuals make the case that their flexible, pluralistic interpretations of Islam have a valuable contribution to make to the Muslim world today.

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Robert Skinner
Planes, Trains & Automobiles: Sustainable Global Transportation in the 21st Century
Noon, Columbus Foundation, 1234 E. Broad St.
Council supporters: $25 (free lecture only); General public: $30 ($5 lecture only); students: $15
Sponsored by the Columbus Council on World Affairs

Join us as Robert Skinner, executive director of the Transportation Research Board (TRB), shares the latest research outlining global transportation options to enhance energy security and mitigate greenhouse gases. TRB, a part of the National Academies, is a non-profit organization that promotes transportation innovation by sponsoring professional meetings and publications, administering applied research programs, and conducting policy studies. It serves as an independent adviser to the federal government and others on scientific and technical questions of national importance. Skinner has been TRB’s executive director since 1994. Register HERE or by calling Rhonda Nicholas at 614-229-4599, x401.

Thursday, February 17, 2011

Paul Beck and David Stebenne
Can Our American Government Meet 21st Century Challenges?
7:30 p.m., Bexley Public Library Auditorium, 2411 E. Main St.
Sponsored by the Humanities Institute

Can Democrats and Republicans in Congress, together with the Obama administration, successfully negotiate to craft public policy approaches to some of the critical issues of our time? These pressing problems include the economy and joblessness, the national debt, war and national security, climate change, health care, entitlement reform, and more. Join a public discussion about our polarized and fractious national government, with Ohio State experts in the American political process: Paul Beck, professor of political science, and David Stebenne, associate professor of history. Moderated by Institute Associate Fred Andrle.

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Juan Williams
2011 Stanley Muroff Civil Liberties Forum
Wexner Center Film/Video Theater, 1871 N. High St.
Book Signing: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Lecture: 4-5 p.m.
Sponsored by the John Glenn School of Public Affairs

Juan Williams is a journalist and political commentator for Fox News Channel. Author of several books, including Eyes on the Prize: America’s Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965, Williams worked for The Washington Post as an editorial writer, op-ed columnist, White House correspondent and national correspondent. He also has worked for The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and National Public Radio. This event is co-sponsored by the Multicultural Center and Office of Diversity and Inclusion. This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and RSVP required. To register, visit the event web page or call 614.688.3206, ext. 1 by Friday, February 25.
Previous events available for viewing

Nancy Fraser, Henry A. and Louise Loeb Professor of Political and Social Science, lectures on "Marketization, Social Protection, Emancipation: Toward a Neo-Polanyian Conception of Capitalist Crisis."

Fraser on multi-dimensional conceptions of capitalist crisis

Watch a streaming video of Nancy Fraser, Henry A. and Louise Loeb Professor of Political and Social Science, speaking about "Marketization, Social Protection, Emancipation: Toward a Neo-Polanyian Conception of Capitalist Crisis" on November 18, 2010. Fraser's areas of concentration include social and political theory, feminist theory, contemporary French and German thought. From 2008 to 2010 she was the Blaise Pascal International Research Chair at l'Ecole des hautes etudes en science sociales in Paris.

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

Human rights exchange offers fellowship

The International Human Rights Exchange (IHRE) is the world's only full-semester, multidisciplinary program in human rights. The program is housed at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, and is a joint venture with Bard College.

Each year -- starting in July and ending in November -- students and faculty from Africa and North America come together to participate in a deep and multifaceted intellectual engagement in human rights. In addition to a required core course, students choose from 12 or more electives exploring human rights from the perspective of a variety of academic disciplines.
IHRE also opens up possibilities for substantive participation in human rights work. Students enrolled in the Engagement with Human Rights course intern with an NGO working on contemporary rights in post-apartheid South Africa. Students also explore human rights challenges in rural South Africa through a Community Human Rights Workshop, visit the Apartheid Museum and other relevant sites, and attend guest lectures from human rights experts from South Africa and around the world.

Application deadline is March 1, 2011. For more information on the International Human Rights Exchange: http://www.ihre.org

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