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Don Sylvan

"American Jews, Israelis, Palestinians, and the U.S. Presidential Election"

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

3 p.m.

Mershon Center for International Security Studies

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From 1974 - 2005, Sylvan was a faculty member in the Department of Political Science at The Ohio State University and an affiliate of the Mershon Center. His research concentrated on the political psychology of foreign policy decision-making, especially with regards to the Israel-Palestinian relationship.

Abstract

This interactive session will begin with some empirically based observations about internal Israeli politics, as well as a few about internal Palestinian politics. The majority of the talk will concentrate on preference patterns of American Jews in the upcoming U.S. presidential election, and the sometimes intense dialogue that has emerged as the campaign proceeds.



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