The Mershon Center for International Security Studies is pleased to welcome two visiting scholars for 2012-13. Yousef Ali, professor of sociology at Kuwait University, is working with Mershon Center director Craig Jenkins and affiliate Katherine Meyer on the Kuwaiti portion of their research project about cycles of dissent and repression in the Middle East. Ali’s research focuses on the causes of recent political violence among Kuwaiti citizens. He is studying variables such as sect, degree of religiosity, Arabism, and tribalism find the most important variables in encouraging violence.

Ali has published works on the distribution of power, transition toward more democratization of the society, social and political rights of women, stateless people and their rights in a democratic society, and minorities and citizenship.

Maria Eugenia S.A.C. Fernandes is on a Fulbright Scholarship working with Abril Trigo at the Center for Latin American Studies on research into the World Cafe, an innovative way to host meaningful conversations in several fields.

In Brazil, Fernandes teaches a course for environmental educators working with participatory methodologies. She is also pursuing a doctorate in education at the University of Sao Paulo, with a dissertation on “Building a territory of meaning through dialogue: an educational praxis analysis at the APA Embu Verde,” a protected area in Embu, a suburb of Sao Paulo.

Previously Fernandes worked on an international project funded by CIRAD, France, to develop a participatory process for water resources management. In this research she analyzed and developed role-playing games for watershed management.

Military history conferences highlight spring

While spring semester has a full line-up of speakers scheduled to visit the Mershon Center, also of note are two upcoming conferences in military history.

On April 12-13, the Mershon Center will host Grand Strategies and Alliances, organized by Mason Chair in Military History Peter Mansoor. This working conference will focus on problems inherent in alliance politics and relationships from the 100 Years’ War to the 1991 Gulf War. Participants will examine myriad factors that have made alliances work in the past through the context of grand strategy.

The keynote speaker is Gen. James N. Mattis, commander of U.S. Central Command.

During Maymester, the biannual graduate symposium Military Frontiers will take place on Friday, May 10. Organized by history doctoral students Will Waddell, Ian Johnson, and Daniel Curzon, this year’s theme is “Beyond Battle.” Presentation topics include logistics, civil defense, and propaganda.

The keynote speaker is Adam Tooze of Yale University, author of Wages of Destruction: The Making and Breaking of the Nazi Economy.
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Spring 2013 Featured Events

Friday, January 25, 2013
David Andrew Singer
Associate Professor of Political Science
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
“The Family Channel: Migrant Remittances and Government Finance”
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Monday, January 28, 2013
Jack Goldsmith
Henry L. Shattuck Professor of Law
Harvard University
“National Security Checks and Balances”
12:10 p.m., Barrister Club

Monday, February 4, 2013
Sibel Bozdogan
Affiliate Professor
Istanbul Bilgi University
“Everyday Modernity, Urban Space and Citizenship: Public Beaches in Early Republican Istanbul”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Thursday, February 7, 2013
Eric Schmitt and Thomas Shanker
Terrorism and Pentagon Correspondents
The New York Times
“Counterstrike: The Untold Story of America’s Secret Campaign Against Al Qaeda”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Monday, February 11, 2013
Gleb Tsipursky
Assistant Professor of History
The Ohio State University
“Domestic Cultural Diplomacy and Soviet State-Sponsored Popular Culture in the Cold War”
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Friday, February 15, 2013
Andrew Preston
Senior Lecturer in American History
Cambridge University
“Sword of the Spirit, Shield of Faith”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Monday, February 18, 2013
Mona Hassan
Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies and History, Duke University
“Entangled Bodies of Learning: Gender, Islam, and Secularism in the Modern Turkish Republic”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Thursday, February 21, 2013
Christopher Fettweis
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Tulane University
“The Power of Nightmares: Pathological Fear in U.S. Foreign Policy”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Monday, February 25, 2013
Rae Langton
Professor of Philosophy
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
“Can We Fight Speech with Speech? Generic Speech as a Case Study”
3:30 p.m., 347 University Hall

Wednesday, February 27, 2013
Emilie Hafner-Burton
Associate Professor of International Relations
University of California-San Diego
“Behavioral Traits and Preferences for International Legal Cooperation”
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Thursday, February 28, 2013
Jessica Stern
Fellow, François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights
Harvard University
“Perpetrators of Atrocity: A Work in Progress”
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Friday, March 1, 2013
David Cortright
Director of Policy Studies
Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Monday, March 4, 2013
Idean Salehyan and Cullen Hendrix
Political Science, University of North Texas
International Relations, William and Mary
“A House Divided: Threat Perception, Regime Factionalism and Repression in Africa”
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

Friday, March 8, 2013
Jeremi Suri
Mack Brown Distinguished Chair for Leadership in Global Affairs, University of Texas
“Constrained by History: Why Presidents Cannot Escape the Failed Policies of their Predecessors”
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

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**William Wohlforth**  
Daniel Webster Professor of Government  
Dartmouth College  
"War, Social Identity and the State"  
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

**Tuesday, March 26, 2013**  
**Timothy Bartley**  
Associate Professor of Sociology  
The Ohio State University  
"Beneath Compliance: The Limits of Transnational Private Regulation"  
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

**Thursday, March 28, 2013**  
**Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar**  
Stanley Morrison Professor of Law  
Stanford University  
"Governing Security"  
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

**Friday, March 29, 2013**  
**Elizabeth Anderson**  
John Rawls Collegiate Professor of Philosophy and Women’s Studies  
University of Michigan  
"The Social Epistemology of Morality: Learning from the History of Slave Emancipation"  
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

**Tuesday, April 2, 2013**  
**Dennis Thompson**  
Alfred North Whitehead Professor of Political Philosophy, Harvard  
"The Challenge of Political Compromise"  
4 p.m., Barrister Club

**Thursday, April 4, 2013**  
**Sevket Pamuk**  
Professor of Economics and Economic History  
Bosphorus University in Istanbul  
Professor and Chair in Contemporary Turkish Studies, London School of Economics.  
"Turkey's Economy and Globalization since 1980"  
4 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

**Tuesday, April 2, 2013**  
**Yesim Arat**  
Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Bosphorus University in Istanbul  
"Women’s Rights and Feminism in Turkey since 1980"  
5:45 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

**Monday, April 8, 2013**  
**Alan Mikhail**  
Assistant Professor of History, Yale University  
"Unleashing the Beast: Animals, Energy, and the Economy of Labor in Ottoman Egypt"  
12:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center

**Thursday, April 11, 2013**  
**Kristen Stilt**  
Professor of Law, Northwestern University  
"Constitutional Islam: Genealogies, Transmissions, and Meanings"  
12:10 p.m., 314 Drinko Hall (Faculty Lounge)

**Thursday, April 18, 2013**  
**Charli Carpenter**  
Associate Professor of Political Science  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
"Setting the Advocacy Agenda: Insights from the Human Security Network"  
3 p.m., 120 Mershon Center