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Mershon Events

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Viacheslav Morozov

*"Russia's Subaltern Empire: Toward a Radical Materialist
Perspective on Peripheral Identity Politics"*

3:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center, 1501 Neil Ave.



Viacheslav Morozov is professor of E.U.-Russia studies at the University of Tartu. Before moving to Tartu in 2010, he taught for 13 years at St. Petersburg State University, where he defended his Ph.D. in world history in 1997. His recent research focuses on how Russia's political and social development has been conditioned by the country's position in the international system. This approach is laid out in his most recent book, *Russia's Postcolonial Identity: A Subaltern Empire in a Eurocentric World* (Palgrave, 2015), which highlights the fact that Russia, in spite of its great power identity and imperial ambition, has been

unable to overcome economic and normative dependency on the West.

Read more and register at go.osu.edu/morozovv

Monday, September 21, 2015

Ingrid Hehmeyer

*"Hydraulic Engineering and Water Management Under Harsh
Conditions: Ancient and Modern Lessons From Yemen"*

11:30 a.m., 120 Mershon Center, 1501 Neil Ave.



Ingrid Hehmeyer is an agricultural engineer, pharmacist, and archaeologist who serves as associate professor in the history of science and technology at Ryerson University in Ontario. She specializes in human-environmental relationships in the arid regions of ancient and medieval Arabia. Her current field research focuses on the history of water technology in medieval Yemen, where she investigates technical innovations in hydraulic engineering and strategies for water management that allowed people to live under harsh environmental conditions. A lunch conversation will be held after the talk for graduate students in

which Hehmeyer will talk informally about her fieldwork in Yemen and how

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the traditional knowledge of contemporary farmers sheds light on the archaeological evidence. Read more and register at go.osu.edu/hehmeyeri

Friday, September 25, 2015

David Schmidtz
"After Solipsism"

3:30 p.m., 120 Mershon Center, 1501 Neil Ave.



David Schmidtz Kendric Professor and founding director of the Center for Philosophy of Freedom at the University of Arizona. David is editor-in-chief of *Social Philosophy and Policy* and author of *Rational Choice and Moral Agency* (Princeton), *Elements of Justice* (Cambridge), *Person, Polis, Planet* (Oxford), and co-author of *Social Welfare and Individual Responsibility* (Cambridge, with Bob Goodin) plus *Brief History of Liberty* (Blackwell, with Jason Brennan). He currently is working on *Markets in Education* with Harry Brighthouse for Oxford University Press. In this presentation, Schmidtz will consider how plausible

it would be, if utility were all that mattered, to think consequentialist morality is about maximizing utility. He will focus on how much less plausible that reduction becomes if, as a matter of empirical fact, affecting people's payoffs is only one of several ways of affecting people. Read more and register at go.osu.edu/schmidtzd

Tuesday, September 29, 2015

Scott Snyder
"The Japan-South Korea Identity Clash: East Asian Security and the United States"

Noon, 120 Mershon Center, 1501 Neil Ave.



Scott Snyder is senior fellow for Korea studies and director of the program on U.S.-Korea policy at the Council on Foreign Relations. The program examines South Korea's efforts to contribute on the international stage; its potential influence and contributions as a middle power in East Asia; and the peninsular, regional, and global implications of North Korean instability. Snyder is co-author of *The Japan-South Korea Identity Clash: East Asian Security and the United States* (Columbia, 2015). In this talk, Snyder will isolate competing notions of national identity as the main obstacle to a productive Japan-South Korea partnership.

Through public opinion data, interviews, and years of observation, he argues that incompatible, rapidly changing conceptions of national identity in Japan and South Korea have complicated territorial claims and international policy. Read more and register at go.osu.edu/snyderscott

Thursday, October 1 - Friday, October 2, 2015

Fall COMPAS Conference
"Sustainability: Visions & Values"
11th Floor, Thompson Library, 1858 Neil Ave. Mall



The **Conversations on Morality, Politics, and Society (COMPAS)** program for 2015-16 will focus on Sustainability. Perhaps the greatest cultural, economic, and technological challenge facing modern democracies and global development groups is how to respond to the depletion of natural resources and the effects of climate change. The health of the planet as well as the future shape of human society is at stake.

Responding to these challenges will require a combination of scientific and technological expertise, social scientific analysis, and humanistic reflection. The Sustainability COMPAS aims to unify Ohio State's many environmental research, policy, and educational programs within a single year-long "conversation" dedicated to finding feasible and socially responsible solutions to these challenges. COMPAS is a program of the Ohio State Center for Ethics and Human Values. [See conference schedule](#)

Mershon News



J. Craig Jenkins (center), past director of the Mershon Center, stands with graduate student Andrew Lin (right) and local residents on a temporary embankment repair along the Meghna River in Atharogasia, Bangladesh.

Mershon project in Bangladesh chosen for grant challenge

What do you get when you combine the efforts of the Rockefeller Foundation, U.S. Agency for International Development, and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency?

You get the Global Resilience Partnership, a campaign to foster alliances and drive innovation by creating opportunities for scale, impact, and sustainability in the Sahel, Horn of Africa, and South and Southeast Asia - areas where new ideas and approaches can help countries and communities prepare for, adapt to, and recover in the face of chronic shocks and stresses.

This year, the partnership selected "Climate Change Challenges and Community Adaption in Coastal Bangladesh," organized by [J. Craig Jenkins](#), past director of the Mershon Center, and [C.K. Shum](#), professor in the School of Earth Sciences, as one of 17 projects in its Global Resilience Challenge. The project was chosen out of a field of more than 500 applicants.

Jenkins and Shum are studying the effects of flooding in coastal

Bangladesh, home to 60 million people, a third of whom live in poverty. The area is highly vulnerable to monsoonal flooding, salt water intrusion, drought, severe river erosion, sea level rise, and land subsidence. Each year more than 10 percent of crops are lost and more than 30,000 people are displaced.

The team is working with the Belmont Forum's Band-AID project to measure flooding and land subsidence using MODIS satellite data. They found that flooding and erosion in the Meghna River region has led to a 6 percent change in population over a decade. Six parishads have disappeared entirely due to river erosion, and land is sinking at the rate of an inch per year.

Ultimately Jenkins and Shum hope to establish a local Water Resources Center with three facilities: a school to provide training in community development for partnering NGOs and government agencies; a research facility to provide training in evaluation surveys and methods; and a data center to provide a range of information on water quality and quantity.

They have submitted their solution statement for the final stage of the Global Resilience Challenge. An announcement of the winners, who will each receive up to \$1 million to implement and scale their solutions, will be made during U.N. General Assembly activities in late September. [Read more](#)

Other Events

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

William Brustein and Louisa Roberts
The Socialism of Fools? The Leftist Origins of Modern Anti-Semitism
4 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 1598 N. High St.
Sponsored by Alexander Hamilton Society



William Brustein (left) and **Louisa Roberts** will give readers a glimpse of their new book, *The Socialism of Fools? The Leftist Origins of Modern Anti-Semitism* (Cambridge, 2015), which examines the role that the historic European left played in developing and espousing anti-Semitic views. Anti-Semitism, as it has existed historically in Europe, is generally thought of as having been a phenomenon of the political right. Brustein, vice provost for global strategies and international affairs, and Roberts, a graduate student in sociology at Ohio State, collaborated to research a wide range of primary and secondary sources,

including the analysis of left- and right-wing newspaper stories, to trace the relationship between the political left and anti-Semitism in France, Germany and Great Britain from the French Revolution to World War II, ultimately concluding that the relationship between the left and anti-Semitism has been much more profound than previously believed. [Read more and register](#)

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Ohio State Global Gateways
Fostering International Programs: Study, Research and Internships
1-4 p.m., 156 Thompson Library, 1858 Neil Ave. Mall

The [Ohio State Global Gateways](#) invite you to attend a workshop: **Fostering International Programs: Study, Research and Internships** on Wednesday, September 30 from 1- 4 p.m. in 156 Thompson Library.

This workshop will consist of four sessions. Capacity is limited at the sessions and it is not necessary for you to attend all, but rather those most relevant to you. We ask that you please register for each session separately using the links below:

1:05 - 1:35 p.m. - [Initiating International Partnerships](#)
1:40 - 2:25 p.m. - [Research Partnerships](#)
2:30 - 3:15 p.m. - [How to Develop a Study Abroad Program](#)
3:20 - 3:50 p.m. - [International Internship Panel](#)

Following the completion of the workshop, you are invited to join us on the 11th floor of the Thompson Library from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. for a Global Gateways reception.

The reception will be a great opportunity to learn more about the Global Gateways and the programs and services they offer. A selection of appetizers from each of the Global Gateway regions (Brazil, India, China) will be available for you to enjoy.

Phoebe You (China), Ratnesh Bhattacharya (India) and Luke Barbara (Brazil) will be on hand to share recent developments from the Global Gateways.

Other News

State Department to hold information session

Please join representatives from the **U.S. Department of State** for an information session regarding internships and career opportunities available through the department on Monday, September 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Room 020 Page Hall, 1810 College Road. Learn the skills and qualifications the agency is seeking, best practices for preparing for a career at the State Department, and tips on how to go through the application process. An informational presentation will be followed by a question and answer period, so come prepared with questions! The State Department will also be attending the university Career and Internship Fair on Tuesday, September 15, at the Ohio Union from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. [Read more information](#)

2015 Study Abroad Expo takes place September 18

The **2015 Study Abroad Expo** will be held on Friday, September 18, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Buckeye Reading Room in the Thompson Library. The Expo gives students the opportunity to talk one-on-one with study abroad experts and learn more about the myriad of ways to study abroad at Ohio State. Students will be able to explore programs for all majors and learn more about how to fund their prospective study abroad experience. Visit the [Office of International Affairs](#) website to learn more.

Environmental film series: October 20 - November 24

The Office of Energy and Environment and the Environmental Professionals Network are hosting a film series designed to raise student awareness of climate change and the economic, health, political and environmental impacts resulting from climate change, on six Tuesday evenings this semester. Three evenings will screen episodes from the PBS series "Earth,

A New Wild," and three evenings will screen episodes of the Showtime series "Years of Living Dangerously."

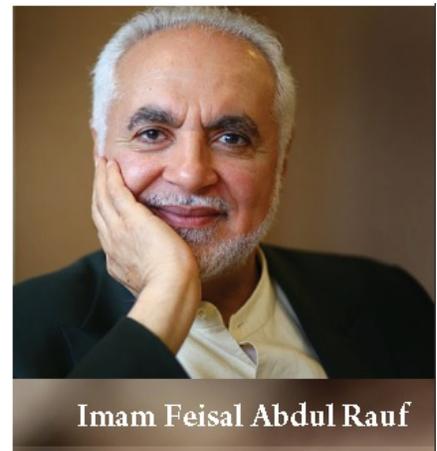
Each film is one hour in length, and a discussion session will follow hosted by a member of the Ohio State faculty. The film series is being offered as an independent credit course for students (ENR 4193 Section 35418) as well as open to anyone who would like to attend.

The film series takes place every Tuesday at 7 p.m. from October 20 through November 24 at U.S. Bank Theater in the Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St. [See the schedule here](#)

Imam to hold weekend of events at Columbus church

First Community Church presents "Exploring the Myths, Realities & Spiritual Practices of Islam" with **Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf** in a series of lectures, discussion, and spiritual practice to take place October 2-4 at the church's North Campus, 3777 Dublin Road in Columbus.

A leading voice for Islamic moderation and a renowned teacher of Sufi spirituality, **Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf** is founder of The Cordoba Initiative, a multi-national, multifaith organization dedicated to improving Muslim-West relations. For over two decades he served as Imam at the al-Farah Mosque in New York City, and is the author of *Moving the Mountain: Beyond Ground Zero to a New Vision of Islam in America* (Free Press, 2012) and *What's Right with Islam Is What's Right with America* (HarperCollins, 2005). He appears regularly at the Council on Foreign Relations and the World Economic Forum (Davos).



Friday, October 2, 7 p.m.

"Getting Islam Right: An Interview and Discussion with Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf"

Former television news reporter and anchor, Minister of Spiritual Care Rev. Dr. Deborah Countiss Lindsay will be asking Imam Feisal a host of tough and engaging questions about Islam in America and globally, and will solicit further question-and-answer time from those in attendance.

Saturday, October 3, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

"Exploring the Spiritual Dimension of Islam: Sufi Teachings and Practice"
Imam Feisal leads a morning of teaching and practices to deepen our experience of the Holy through the wisdom of the Sufi spiritual tradition.

Sunday, October 4

Imam Feisal will be the guest preacher at First Community Church's 9:45 a.m. worship service at 3777 Dublin Road, and at the 11 a.m. worship service at the Tri-Village campus, 1320 Cambridge Blvd.

Read more and register for all events at fcchurch.com/imam



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