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Mershon Memo is a weekly e-mail newsletter distributed by the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, a unit of the [Office of International Affairs](#) at The Ohio State University.

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Mershon Events

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 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 Schmitz

"After Solipsism"

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



David Schmitz 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 Brighouse for Oxford University Press. In this presentation, Schmitz will consider how plausible

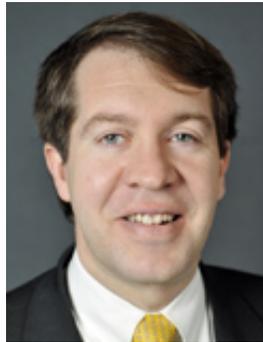
it would be, if utility were all that mattered, to think consequentialist morality is about maximizing utility. He will focus on how much less plausible that reduction becomes if, as a matter of empirical fact, affecting people's payoffs is only one of several ways of affecting people. Read more and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

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Ali Çarkoğlu

"Continuity or Prelude to Electoral Turmoil?"

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



Ali Çarkoğlu is professor of international relations at Koç University in Istanbul, Turkey. His research focuses on voting behavior, party systems and political parties, religiosity, social capital, public opinion, and Turkish politics. Since September 2013, he serves as the dean at the College of Administrative Sciences and Economics. In this presentation, Çarkoğlu uses election panel survey data to account for vote choice in Turkey, aiming to contextualize the election storm for the larger shape of Turkish politics. How do the bases of electoral support change from one party to

another? Are short-term economics more relevant than long-term ideology in shaping party preferences? Read more and register at

go.osu.edu/carkoglu

Mershon News

Cardinal Peter Turkson to speak at Ohio State

Cardinal Peter Turkson, president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the first cardinal from Ghana, will visit Ohio State's Columbus campus for a community discussion on global sustainability. Turkson's talk is set for Monday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m. at Mershon Auditorium, 1871 N. High St., and will be followed by a fireside chat with President Michael Drake.



This event is open to the public but tickets are required to attend. Tickets can be reserved online at

<https://wexarts.org/tickets/1528>.

Respected around the world as a scripture scholar, an advocate for the poor and disenfranchised in the developing world, and as a spokesperson for protecting the environment as a matter of social justice, Turkson has long made news with his comments that link ecology and human life.

Turkson has become the face of climate change at the Vatican, having led the drafting process of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, presented at the Vatican conference on climate

change on April 28, and introduced the encyclical during a June 18 news conference.

The purpose of Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si*, as the document is entitled, is to elevate the debate on the moral dimensions of protecting the environment and to highlight the intrinsic connection between respect for the environment and respect for people. The encyclical calls for renewed and urgent action and honest dialogue about our environment, both social and ecological.

Turkson's visit to Ohio State is part of a four-day stay in Columbus. In addition to speaking to students, faculty and the central Ohio community on Nov. 2, the Cardinal will also address the faith community during a conference organized by the Diocese of Columbus on Oct. 31, and hold Mass at a local parish on Nov. 1.

Turkson's visit to Ohio State is sponsored by the College of Food,

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, School of Environment and Natural Resources, Office of Energy and Environment, Humanities Institute, St. Thomas More Newman Center, Glenn College of Public Affairs, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, and additional partners and student organizations. [Read more](#)

Other Events

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.

Monday, October 5, 2015

Gro Harlem Brundtland

Our Common Future: Global Sustainability in the 21st Century

3:30 p.m., Mershon Auditorium, 1871 N. High St.

Sponsored by the Provost's Discovery Themes Lecturer Program



Gro Harlem Brundtland earned her medical degree from Oslo University and a master's degree in public health from Harvard University. She later worked with the Ministry of Health in Oslo and focused on children's health. She also served three terms as prime minister of Norway, from 1981 to 1996. In addition, she served as Norway's Minister of the Environment, where she focused on issues of public health and the environment. Later, she served as the director-general of the World Health Organization from 1998-2003. In 2007, she was appointed as a UN Special Envoy for Climate Change. She is a founding member of the Elders, a group of 11 global leaders called together by Nelson

Mandela, and chaired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu, to contribute their wisdom and integrity with the goal of conflict resolution of the world's problems. [Read more and register](#)

Monday, October 5, 2015

CHINA Town Hall: Local Connections, National Reflections
Chinese Investment in the United States
6 p.m., 120 Mershon Center, 1501 Neil Ave.
Sponsored by Institute for Chinese Studies and National Committee on U.S.-China Relations



CHINA Town Hall is a national day of programming on China involving 70 cities throughout the United States. The 2015 program will feature a live webcast panel discussion with **Robert Rubin** (left), secretary of the treasury under President Bill Clinton; **Sheldon Day**, mayor of Thomasville, Ala.; **Daniel Rosen**, founding partner of the Rhodium Group; and **Stephen Orlins**, president of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations. The panel will discuss Chinese foreign direct investment in the United States. The webcast will be paired with local presentations at

venues across the country. At Ohio State, the presenter will be **Rian Thum**, assistant professor of history at Loyola University, and author of *The Sacred Routes of Uyghur History* (Harvard, 2014). Read more at go.osu.edu/chinatowntall15.

Other News

Conference commemorates the Pacific War 70 years later

Join scholars and veterans for an intriguing analysis of World War II in the Pacific. The public conference on **The Pacific War at 70** begins on Thursday, September 24, at 5 p.m. with a keynote address by Professor Emeritus of History **Williamson (Wick) Murray**. On Friday, September 25, scholars will present sessions on diplomacy of the Pacific War, the end of the war in East and Southeast Asia and the destruction of the Japanese Empire. This event is free and open to the public. Read more and register at <http://history.osu.edu/events/pacific-war-70>

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."

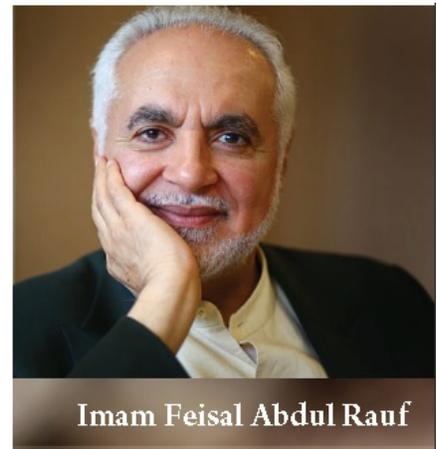
Each film is one hour in length, and a discussion session will follow hosted by a member of the Ohio State faculty. The film series is being offered as an independent credit course for students (ENR 4193 Section 35418) as well as open to anyone who would like to attend.

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

