



# Merishon Memo

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## Coming up at the Merishon Center

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

### Anthony Cordesman

*"The Changing Nature of the Afghan-Pakistan War"*

Noon, Merishon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



**Anthony Cordesman** holds the Arleigh A. Burke Chair in Strategy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). He is also a national security analyst for ABC News. His analysis has been featured prominently during the Gulf War, Desert Fox, the conflict in Kosovo, the fighting in Afghanistan, and the Iraq War. During his time at CSIS, Cordesman has been director of the Gulf Net Assessment Project and the Gulf in Transition Study, and principal investigator of the Homeland Defense Project. He also directed the Middle East Net Assessment Project and was co-director of the Strategic Energy Initiative. Cordesman formerly served as national security assistant to Sen. John McCain, as director of intelligence assessment in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and as civilian assistant to the deputy secretary of defense. Cordesman is author of more than 50 books, including a four-volume series on the lessons of modern war. [Read more and RSVP](#)

Thursday, May 15, 2008

### Amaney Jamal

*"Barriers to Democracy: The Other Side of Social Capital in Palestine and the Arab World"*

Noon, Merishon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



**Amaney Jamal** is Assistant Professor of Politics at Princeton University. Her current research focuses on democratization and the politics of civic engagement in the Arab World, as well as the study of Muslim and Arab Americans in the United States. Jamal has two books: *Barriers to Democracy: The Other Side of Social Capital in Palestine and the Arab World* (Princeton, 2007), which explores the role of civic associations in promoting democratic effects in the Arab World; and *Race and Arab Americans after 9-11: From Invisible Citizens to Visible Subjects* (Syracuse, 2007), which looks at the patterns and influences of Arab American racialization processes. Jamal is currently writing a third book on patterns of citizenship in the Arab world. [Read more and RSVP](#)

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Thursday, May 22, 2008

### Soraya Sarhaddi Nelson

*"Why Afghans Are Losing Faith in the Post-Taliban Government"*

Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



Soraya Sarhaddi Nelson is the chief for NPR's bureau in Afghanistan. She covers stories that give listeners a better sense of life inside Afghanistan, from the increase in suicides among women in a tribal society that sees them as second class citizens, to the growing interference of Iran and Pakistan in Afghan affairs, and the impact of Western policies in the region. Her reports can be heard on NPR's award-winning programs including *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, and *Weekend Edition*. [Read more and RSVP](#)

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Friday, May 23, 2008

### Nita Rudra

*"Have Governments Gone Too Far?"*

3:30 p.m., Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



Nita Rudra is Assistant Professor of International Affairs at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at University of Pittsburgh. Her teaching and research interests include international political economy, politics of welfare in developing countries, globalization studies, comparative politics, and labor in developing countries. Rudra is author of several articles in such publications as *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *International Studies Quarterly*, and *International Organization*. She also has a book forthcoming from Cambridge University Press called *Who Really Gets Hurt? Globalization and the Race to the Bottom in Developing Countries*. This talk is part of the Mershon Center's Globalization, Institutions and Economic Security (GIES) Workshop. [Read more and RSVP](#)

## Other events

Thursday, May 15, 2008

### International Studies: Springing into its 65th Year

3 p.m., Reception, West Lawn of University Hall, 17th and Neil Ave.

3:30 p.m., Keynote Address, 100 Independence Hall, 1923 Neil Ave.



John Mueller, Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies, and author of [\*Overblown: How Politicians and the Terrorism Industry Inflate National Security Threats, and Why We Believe Them\*](#) (Free Press, 2006), will speak on "Trends in International Relations." Mueller will recount and evaluate changes in international politics and foreign policy since 1943, including the aftermath of World War II, the demise of colonialism and the idea of conquest, the Cold War's rise and eventual evaporation, the decline in international and civil war, the rise of democracy and capitalism, and the growth in wealth and life expectancy. Welcoming remarks by Richard Sisson, former provost and interim president of Ohio State.

## Mershon study abroad scholarship competition open

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies has established the **Ralph D. Mershon Study Abroad Scholarship** to support undergraduates who wish to enhance their education by studying in a foreign country.

Students are encouraged to take foreign language courses, especially those deemed critical for national security, such as Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Hindi, Farsi, and others. Priority will be given to students who are preparing for a career related to international security studies.

Applications will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary review committee that will make recommendations to the director of the Mershon Center. As many as 10 scholarships of up to \$2,000 each will be awarded. The deadline for receiving applications is **June 1, 2008**.

For more information and application instructions, visit the Mershon Center website at <http://mershoncenter.osu.edu>.

Students with questions about the scholarship may contact Melanie Mann, Grants and Fellowships Coordinator, at [mann.281@osu.edu](mailto:mann.281@osu.edu) or 688-5944.

## Ohio State holds International Careers Week

Ohio State students who are interested in working overseas are invited to **International Careers Week, May 12-16, in Hagerty and Postle Halls**. Discussion groups on international careers, recruiters from the CIA, and a roundtable of professionals who will share stories about using their foreign language skills every day.

Students should get their resumes and CVs ready for the following events:

### Introduction to International Careers

*Monday, May 12, 4-6 p.m. in Postle Hall 1184*

A discussion on how to prepare for an international career, locate internships and job opportunities, and secure these positions. Topics will include foreign language skills, study abroad and overseas experience, internships, networking, resumes, interview skills, recruiter visits, and more.

### Careers in Intelligence

*Tuesday, May 13, 4-6 p.m. in Hagerty Hall 180*

Recruiters from the Central Intelligence Agency's Open Source Center and Directorate of Intelligence will speak to students interested in working in Intel. Selected students may be asked to return Wednesday for interviews. Professional attire is highly recommended.

### International Nonprofit Careers

*Wednesday, May 14, 4-6 p.m. in Postle Hall 1184*

A panel discussion on how to prepare for careers in the nonprofit sector.

### Foreign Language Center's Third Annual Career Night

*Thursday, May 15, 5-7:30 p.m. in Hagerty Hall (main floor) and Room 186*

Students are invited to explore exciting careers in which they can use their foreign languages. Recruiters from the government, military, and globally oriented businesses will be on hand with information, and resumes will be accepted from interested students. A roundtable of invited professionals will highlight the program from 6-7 p.m. in 186 Hagerty Hall. Refreshments will be served in the Crane Café where international satellite television broadcasts will be featured throughout the evening. Contact Rebecca Bias at the Foreign Language Center, 292-4361, for more information. Professional attire is highly recommended.

### Careers in Academia

*Friday, May 16, 3-5 p.m. in Postle Hall 1184*

A panel discussion on how to prepare for careers in academia, including how to build your CV, conduct international research, and more.

For more information, see the [Office of International Affairs](#) web site or contact [CSEES@osu.edu](mailto:CSEES@osu.edu).

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