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Coming up at the Mershon Center

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

Jorge Bustamante

"Extreme Vulnerability of Migrants: The Cases of the United States and Mexico"

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



Jorge Bustamante is Eugene Conley Professor of Sociology at University of Notre Dame and professor and researcher at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, the Mexican institute for the study of border issues that he founded. Bustamante also serves as UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights of Migrants. His research and teaching interests focus on U.S.-Mexico border studies, international migrations and human rights, and U.S. population of Mexican origin in the United States. Bustamante has been quoted as a leading expert by most major newspapers in the United States, and his commentary has been featured on programs such as *Nightline*, *60 Minutes*, and the *McNeil-Lehrer News Hour*. He has published over 200 articles on Mexican immigration to the United States, U.S.-Mexico border issues and U.S.-Mexico relations in scholarly journals from the United States, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Venezuela, Spain and Mexico. [Read more and register](#).

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Ira Katznelson

"Shaded by Fear: The New Deal and its Legacies"

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



Ira Katznelson is Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History at Columbia University. He is an Americanist whose work has straddled comparative politics and political theory, as well a political and social history. Katznelson's most recent books are *Liberal Beginnings: Making a Republic for the Moderns* (with Andreas Kalyvas, 2008), and *When Affirmative Action Was White: An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America* (2005). He is currently completing *Fear Itself*, a book dealing with American democracy from the New Deal to the Cold War, and *Liberal Reason*, a collection of his essays on the character of modern social knowledge. Katznelson was president of the American Political Science Association in 2005-06. [Read more and register](#)

Thursday, May 6, 2010

Nathan Brown

"Running to Lose: The Muslim Brotherhood and Parliamentary Elections"

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



Nathan Brown is professor of political science and international affairs and director of the Institute for Middle East Studies at George Washington University. His area of expertise includes comparative politics of the Middle East, democratization and constitutionalism, rule of law in the Arab world, and Islam and politics. Brown is author of *Peasant Politics in Modern Egypt* (Yale, 1990), *The Rule of Law in the Arab World* (Cambridge, 1997), *Constitutions in a Nonconstitutional World: Arab Basic Laws and the Prospects for Accountable Government* (SUNY, 2002), and *Palestinian Politics After the Oslo Accords: Resuming Arab Palestine* (California, 2003). He is currently completing a book on Islamist political movements in the Arab world. Brown serves as a nonresident senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; he was named a Carnegie Scholar for 2009-2011. [Read more and register](#)

Friday, May 7, 2010

Susan Wolf

"Blame, Italian Style"

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



Susan Wolf is Edna J. Koury Professor of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She works chiefly in ethics and its close relations to philosophy of mind, philosophy of action, political philosophy, and aesthetics. Wolf is the author of *Freedom Within Reason* (Oxford, 1990), and most recently *Meaning in Life and Why It Matters* (Princeton, 2010). In this lecture, Wolf will offer the beginnings of a contrasting conception of blame, according to which blame is crucially connected to a disposition to respond to objectionable actions with anger or other negative emotions. She defends the claim that "angry blame" can have a positive role in our lives and relationships, while granting that the conditions necessary for deserving such blame are controversial and may be difficult to meet. This event is part of the Mershon Center's Citizenship Lecture Series. [Read more and register](#)

Monday, May 10, 2010

America's Wars: The Way Forward in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq

A Mershon Center and Humanities Institute Faculty Panel

5 p.m., Wexner Center For the Arts, Film/Video Theatre, 1871 N. High St.



America's Wars: The Way Forward in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq will provide an in depth look at the issues surrounding America's increased military commitment in Afghanistan, military activity in Pakistan, and the planned withdrawal of United States combat troops from Iraq. Panelists include [Richard Herrmann](#), Social and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Professor and director of the Mershon Center; [Sean Kay](#), chair of International Studies, Ohio Wesleyan University, and Mershon associate; [Peter Mansoor](#), Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History; [John Mueller](#), Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies; and [Alam Payind](#), director of the Middle East Studies Center. The event will be moderated by [Fred Andrie](#), Institute for Collaborative Research and Public Humanities and former WOSU *Open Line* radio talk show host. [Read more and register](#)

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

William Hitchcock

"Liberation: The Human Cost of Allied Victory in World War II Europe"

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



William Hitchcock is professor and chair of History at Temple University. He is also director of the International History Workshop. His research focuses primarily on the international history of Europe since 1939. He has written on French diplomacy of the post-WWII era and published a survey of Europe's history from the end of World War II to the present.

Hitchcock's most recent book, *The Bitter Road to Freedom: A New History of the Liberation of Europe* (Free Press, 2009), explores the civilian experience of liberation in Europe at the close of World War II. It was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, and won the 2009 George Louis

Beer Prize from the American Historical Association. He is presently working on a collection of essays, with Petra Goedde, on the international history of human rights. [Read more and register](#)

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Isa Blumi

"Why Yemen Now? Reassessing South Arabia's Recent Past"

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



Isa Blumi is assistant professor of Middle East and East European history and Middle East studies at Georgia State University. His primary fields of research are modern Balkan history including Kosova, Albania and identity politics; Islam in Europe and Southeast Asia; modern imperialism in the Ottoman, Italian, French and Austro-Hungarian Empires; the Middle East from 1800; and migration, comparative state systems and the dynamics of state/society interactions. Blumi is author of *Political Islam Among the Albanians: Are the Taliban*

Coming to the Balkans? (Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development, 2005), and *Rethinking the Late Ottoman Empire: A Comparative Social and Political History of Albania and Yemen, 1878-1918* (ISIS Press, 2003). He is currently working on *Chaos in Yemen: Societal Collapse and the New Authoritarianism* (forthcoming from Routledge). [Read more and register](#)

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Andy Rotter

"Narratives of Bombing: Tokyo and Hiroshima, 1945"

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



Andy Rotter is Charles A. Dana Professor of History at Colgate College. He is a specialist in U.S. diplomatic history, recent U.S. history, and the Vietnam War. His research interests focus on U.S.-Asia relations, the Cold War, and history of the senses. Rotter is author of *Hiroshima: The World's Bomb* (Oxford, 2008), *Comrades at Odds: Culture and Indo-U.S. Relations, 1947-1964* (Cornell, 2000), and *The Path to Vietnam* (Cornell, 1987). He is editor of *Light at the End of the Tunnel: A Vietnam War Anthology* (Rowman and Littlefield, 2010). His numerous distinctions include president of the Society for Historians of American

Foreign Relations, Gandhi Peace Foundation Fellowship, Harry S Truman Library Institute grant, and American Council of Learned Societies Senior Fellowship. [Read more and register](#)

Friday-Saturday, May 14-15, 2010

Hybrid Warfare: The Struggle of Military Forces to Adapt to Complex Opponents

Conference organized by Peter Mansoor

Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



Hybrid warfare, a combination of conventional and irregular forces fighting against a



common foe, has been an integral part of the historical landscape since the ancient world, but these conflicts have only recently been categorized as a unique type of conflict. Informed defense analysts believe that hybrid wars are the most likely conflicts in the 21st century. An historical examination of hybrid wars will help to illuminate the various aspects of these conflicts, how great powers have dealt with them, and potential prospects for the future of these types of wars. The United States is currently engaged in extended counterinsurgency conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and has significant military and other national assets assisting other states and regions against insurgencies. We must study and understand the strategic, operational, tactical, and doctrinal parameters of hybrid conflicts and prepare to apply lessons from them. [Read more and register](#)

Monday, May 17, 2010

David Messenger

"Beyond War Crimes: Denazification, National Security and American Deportation and Internment of SS Agents after World War II"

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



David Messenger is assistant professor of history and graduate director for international studies at the University of Wyoming. He is currently a visiting scholar at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies. Messenger's research focuses on the transition from war to peace in Europe following World War II. He is particularly interested in how the international system, domestic politics, and societies at large dealt with issues of justice and democratization following the experience of Nazi atrocities and the collaboration of many non-Germans in these crimes over the course of the war. During his time at Mershon, he will be preparing a study of Nazi party agents repatriated from Spain and Portugal to Germany in 1946 and 1947 following American and British investigations into their wartime and postwar activities. [Read more and register](#)

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Eva Bellin

"Arbitrating Identity: Courts and the Politics of Religious-Liberal Reconciliation in the Middle East"

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



Eva Bellin is associate professor of political science at City University of New York, Hunter College. She is a comparativist with specialization in the Middle East and North Africa. Her research interests center on issues of democratization and authoritarian persistence, political and economic reform, civil society, religion and politics, and the politics of cultural change. Bellin is author of *Stalled Democracy: Capital, Labor, and the Paradox of State Sponsored Development* (Cornell, 2002). She is currently working on a second book, *Arbitrating Identity: High Courts and the Politics of Cultural Reconciliation in Egypt, Israel, and Pakistan*, of which her presentation at the Mershon Center is based. Bellin has been named a Carnegie Scholar (2006-2008) by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, supporting her research on high courts in the Middle East and Islamic World. [Read more and register](#)

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Bernard Haykel

"The Salafis, the Wahhabis and the Nature and Doctrines of Global Islamic Movements"

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



Bernard Haykel is professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University. He also directs the Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa and



Central Asia and leads a project on Oil and Energy in the Middle East. Haykel's primary research interests center on Islamic political movements and legal thought as well as the politics and history of Saudi Arabia and Yemen. He has published extensively on the Salafi movement in both its premodern and modern manifestations, explored in his book *Revival and Reform in Islam* (Cambridge, 2003). He is presently completing a second book on the Global Salafi movement and, once completed, hopes to turn his attention to a monograph on the modern history of Saudi Arabia. Haykel is considered one of America's leading experts on the Arabian Peninsula and his commentary appears frequently in print and broadcast media, including *CNN*, *ABC*, *National Public Radio*, *Guardian*, and *The National*. [Read more and register](#)

Other events

Thursday-Friday, May 6-7, 2010

Asian American Studies Annual Distinguished Lectures

Multicultural Center Meeting Room, Ohio Union, 1739 N. High St.

Sponsored by the [John Glenn School of Public Affairs](#)

On May 6, a light lunch reception will be held at 12:30 p.m. followed by a lecture at 1:15 p.m. by Scott Kurashige on "The New American Majority: Los Angeles and the Rise of Multiethnic Community." Kurashige is an associate professor of American culture, history, and Asian/Pacific Islander American studies at the University of Michigan and author of *The Shifting Grounds of Race: Black and Japanese Americans in the Making of Multiethnic Los Angeles* (Princeton, 2008), which received the American Historical Association's 2008 Albert J. Beveridge Award for the best book in English on the history of the United States, Latin America, or Canada from 1492 to the present. On Friday, May 7, Emily P. Laws will present "History, HERstory, OURstories," a spoken word performance at 12:15 p.m. with a light lunch reception at 11:30 a.m. For more information, visit <http://asianamericanstudies.osu.edu> or contact Prof. Judy Wu at wu.287@osu.edu.

Monday, May 10, 2010

Maria Todorova

"What is Weak Nationalism and Are Weak Nationalisms Tolerant?"

5 p.m., Location TBA

Sponsored by the [Center for Slavic and East European Studies](#)

The Slavic Center invites students, faculty and the general public to the Spring Discussion Group, which will consist of the lecture "What is Weak Nationalism and Are Weak Nationalisms Tolerant?" by Maria Todorova, professor of history at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. A discussion of her latest book, *Bones of Contention: The Living Archive of Vasil Levski and the Making of Bulgaria's National Hero*, will follow. A historical study, taking as its narrative focus the life, death and posthumous fate of Vasil Levski (1837-73), arguably the major and only uncontested hero of the Bulgarian national pantheon, the book gives a specific understanding of the relationship between nationalism and religion in the post-communist period, by analyzing the recent canonization of Levski. At another level, the work engages in a variety of general theoretical questions. It offers insights into the problems of history and memory: the question of public, social or collective memory; the nature of national memory in comparison to other types of memory; the variability of memory over time and social space; alternative memories; and memory's techniques like commemorations, the mechanism of creating and transmitting memory. Selected readings from the book will be available prior to the discussion. For more information or to RSVP, please contact CSEES@osu.edu.

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Mississippi Chicken

7 p.m., Gateway Film Center, 150 N. High St.

Hosted by [Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity](#)

Mississippi Chicken, a film about Latin American immigrants living in rural Mississippi and working in the poultry industry, will make its Ohio debut. The film screening will be followed by a panel discussion exploring issues of race, workers' rights, and exploitation and featuring the filmmakers and organizers from the Ohio-based Immigrant Worker Project. The event is hosted by the Kirwan Institute and sponsored by the Migration Transnationalism, and Border Politics Working Group; Center for Latin American Studies; Department of Sociology; Reform Immigration for America-Ohio. It is free and open to the public.

Tickets still available for 'America's Wars' faculty panel

Tickets are now available for the upcoming faculty panel on **America's Wars: The Way Forward in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq**. The event, moderated by former WOSU Open Line radio host [Fred Andrie](#), will take place at 5 p.m. on Monday, May 10, 2010, at the Wexner Center For the Arts Film/Video Theatre, 1871 N. High St. Panelists include:

[Richard Herrmann](#), Social and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Professor of Political Science; Director, Mershon Center for International Security Studies

[Sean Kay](#), Professor of Politics and Government; Chair of International Studies, Ohio Wesleyan University

[Peter Mansoor](#), Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History

[John Mueller](#), Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies

[Alam Payind](#), Director, Middle East Studies Center

The multidisciplinary panel will provide an in-depth look at the issues surrounding America's increased military commitment in Afghanistan, military activity in Pakistan, and the planned withdrawal of United States combat troops from Iraq. These leading experts will explore possible military, economic, cultural, and diplomatic strategies as the Obama administration seeks to wind down the U.S. commitment in Iraq, achieve success in Afghanistan, and ensure the security of Pakistan.

The event is sponsored by Mershon Center, Institute for Collaborative Research and Public Humanities and Wexner Center for the Arts. To register, please visit <http://americaswars.eventbrite.com>.

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