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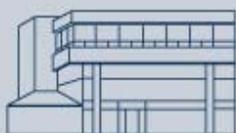
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## Coming up at the Mershon Center

### Tuesday, October 18, 2011

#### Richard Ned Lebow

*In Search of Ourselves: The Politics and Ethics of Identity*

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



**Richard Ned Lebow** is James O. Freedman Presidential Professor of Government at Dartmouth College. His research interests include international relations theory, conflict management, psychological models of learning, philosophy of social science, conflict prevention, regional conflict, bargaining and negotiation, and methodologies including case studies, psychological experiments, and scenario generation. His most recent books are *Why Nations Fight: Past and Future Motives for War* (Cambridge, 2010), *Forbidden Fruit: Counterfactuals and International Relations* (Princeton, 2010). Lebow is former

Mershon Center director. [Read more and register](#)

### Wednesday, October 19, 2011

#### Douglas Streusand

*Victory, Conquest, and Governance: Imperial Consolidation in the Gunpowder Empires*

3:30 p.m., 306 Hagerty Hall, 1775 College Road



**Douglas E. Streusand** has studied Islamic civilization for 30 years. He is professor of international relations at the U.S. Marine Corps Command and Staff College and adjunct professor at the Institute of World Politics. Streusand's latest book, *Islamic Gunpowder Empires* (Westview Press, 2010), provides readers with a history of Islamic civilization in the early modern world through a comparative examination of Islam's three greatest empires - the Ottomans (centered in what is now Turkey), the Safavids (in modern Iran), and the Mughals (ruling the Indian subcontinent). [Read more and register](#)

### Thursday-Friday, October 20-21, 2011

#### Immigration: What's At Stake?

*Conversations on Morality, Politics, and Society*

11th Floor, Thompson Library, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall

**Immigration: What's at Stake?** is the first major interdisciplinary conference of this year's [Conversation on Morality, Politics and Society](#) that will focus on core ethical, political, social, and economic issues related to immigration. The conference will bring together a truly distinguished set of researchers addressing the main challenges and opportunities immigration poses in the modern world. The conference aims to interest

not only researchers and students, but the broader community. Keynote Address: "Immigration Today: Mañana Forever" by **Jorge Castañeda**, former foreign minister of Mexico and Global Distinguished Professor of Politics and Latin American and Caribbean Studies, New York University. [Read more and register](#)

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## Monday, October 24, 2011

**Henrik Urdal**

*Differential Population Dynamics, Inequality and Political Violence in India*  
Noon, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave.



**Henrik Urdal** is a political scientist and senior researcher at the Centre for the Study of Civil War at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and Research Fellow, International Security Program, Harvard Kennedy School (2011). His research interests include population pressure and conflict; security implications of climate change; "youth bulges," youth exclusion, and conflict; demographic consequences of conflict. Urdal has held consultancies for the Human Security Report Project, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNESCO, and World Bank. He is the editor of *Journal of Peace Research*. [Read more and register](#)

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## Thursday, October 27, 2011

**Jesse Shapiro**

*Ideological Segregation Online and Offline*  
3:30 p.m., 437 Arps Hall, 1945 N High St.



**Jesse Shapiro** is professor of economics at University of Chicago Booth School of Business. His research focus is in the areas of industrial organization and political economy. Shapiro is also faculty research fellow in labor studies at the National Bureau of Economic Research and associate editor of the *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*. In this research project, he finds that ideological segregation of online news consumption is higher than offline news consumption but significantly lower than segregation in face-to-face interactions. [Read more and register](#)

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## Other events

### Thursday, October 20, 2011

**Mark Serreze**

*Director, National Snow and Ice Data Center, University of Colorado, Boulder*  
*The Arctic's Shrinking Sea Ice Cover: Why Should I Care?*

3:30 p.m., Ohio Union, Cartoon Room 2

Sponsored by the [Department of Geography](#)

Arctic sea ice extent at the end of the summer melt season has declined sharply over the past 30 years and is projected to largely disappear well within this century. While the factors responsible for this trend have and will be widely studied, less attention has been paid to the environmental and societal consequences of current and future sea ice loss. Ice loss is already contributing to increased wave action and coastal erosion and is resulting in strong rises in Arctic air temperature. This strong warming, termed Arctic amplification, is starting to extend beyond areas of ice loss to influence Arctic land areas. As the ice cap retreats, the Arctic is becoming more accessible for marine shipping and oil and gas exploration, increasing the economic and strategic importance of the region. [Read more](#)

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### Thursday, October 20, 2011

Rt. Hon. Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo

### ***The Horn of Africa***

**5:30 p.m., Franklin University, Ross Auditorium, 301 E. Rich St.**

**Sponsored by the [Columbus Council on World Affairs](#)**

Having just resigned from his post as prime minister of Somalia in June, the **Rt. Hon. Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo** has returned to the United States. We are honored to present his accounts of governance and his opinions about U.S. policy objectives in his native homeland. Somalia is a country where approximately one million people have died from war, disease, and famine since 1991. Repeatedly referred to as a "failed state," it is one of five countries comprising the Horn of Africa. Given the difficulties of intervening in Somalia, should the international community just throw up its hands and walk away? The lecture will address this and other questions outlined in the Great Decisions briefing book. Following Mr. Mohamed's remarks, attendees are invited to visit tables in the lobby to hear about local famine relief efforts or development projects designed to aid Somalia. [Read more and register](#)

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## **Tuesday, October 25, 2011**

**John R. Dudeney**

***From "Scotia" to "Operation Tabarin": Developing British Policy for Antarctica 1903 to 1946***

**3:30 p.m., 136 Scott Hall (West Campus), 1090 Carmack Road**

**Sponsored by the [Byrd Polar Research Center](#)**

The roots of a British Antarctic policy can be traced, paradoxically, back to the establishment of a meteorological station by the Scottish Antarctic Expedition in the South Orkneys in 1903 and its almost immediate transfer to the Argentine government. It was from that modest presence on Laurie Island that Argentina came increasingly to challenge British claims to the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands Dependencies. Britain's eventual response, at the height of World War II, was to establish permanent occupation of Antarctica, given the military codename Operation Tabarin. It was never a military operation as such, although monitoring the activities of enemy surface raiders and submarines provided a convenient cover story, as did scientific research once the operation became public. Successive parties, rich in professional scientists, considerably expanded survey and research, but their occupancy of the Antarctic islands and Peninsula was essentially a political statement to protect British territorial rights. Tabarin also provided the basis from which Britain's subsequent post-war leadership in Antarctic affairs developed.

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## **Monday, November 14, 2011**

**Sheryl WuDunn**

***Half the Sky: A National Perspective***

**4 p.m., Ohio Union, Archie Griffin Ballroom, 1739 N. High St.**

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

**Sheryl WuDunn**, the first Asian American reporter to win a Pulitzer Prize, is the best-selling author of *Half the Sky*, a business executive, and a lecturer. Currently, she is a senior managing director at Mid-Market Securities, an investment banking boutique serving growth companies in the middle market, including companies founded and run by women. She is also president of TripleEdge, a social investing consultancy, and – as of Fall 2011 – will be a Senior Fellow at Yale University, co-teaching a course on global affairs with a specific focus on China's economic development and its global role. WuDunn is co-author of *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, a *New York Times* best-selling book about the challenges facing women around the globe. [Read more and register](#)

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A panel on "Day-to-Day Cybersecurity" examined the appropriate roles and relationships for private actors and public authorities in securing everyday operation of critical systems and protection of information. Panelists included (l to r) Mischel Kwon, Mark MacCarthy, Jeffrey Hunker, Cristin Goodwin, and J. Paul Nicholas.

## Cybersecurity conference

Watch archived webcasts from [Cybersecurity: Shared Risks, Shared Responsibility](#), held April 1, 2011. The conference looked at how cybersecurity - whether in contexts as gripping as "cyberwar" or as mundane as identity theft - is now the stuff of daily headlines. Organized by *I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society*, this conference moved beyond generalities in specifying the roles and responsibilities that both the public and private sectors will have to shoulder in order for the United States to share global leadership in cybersecurity.

## Full Archive

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## Mershon News

### Clinton Global Initiative University taking applications

The application to attend the 2012 meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U), hosted by President Clinton is now available. President Clinton will host the meeting at the George Washington University from Friday, March 30, to Sunday, April 1, 2012.

[Click here](#) to submit a Commitment to Action and apply for the meeting. Applying and attending are free.

CGI U is President Clinton's initiative designed to engage the next generation of leaders on college campuses around the world. Each CGI U student member makes a Commitment to Action: a specific plan of action that addresses a pressing challenge on their campus, in their community, or in a different part of the world.

The deadline for applying to attend the meeting is **Monday, January 16, 2012**. Students are admitted on a rolling basis. Space at CGI U 2012 is limited so [apply today!](#)

Limited travel and/or lodging assistance is available to those who qualify. Apply for travel assistance when you apply to attend the meeting.

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