



Mark Stewart, professor of civil engineering and director of the Centre for Infrastructure Performance and Reliability at University of Newcastle, Australia, spoke on "Critical Infrastructure Protection: Are We Spending Too Much on Counter-Terrorism?" at the Mershon Center on September 30, 2009.



Richard Herrmann, director of the Mershon Center, gave some closing remarks after the question and answer portion of Mark Stewart's lecture, "Critical Infrastructure Protection: Are We Spending Too Much on Counter-Terrorism?" Stewart, professor of civil engineering and director of the Centre for Infrastructure Performance and Reliability at University of Newcastle, Australia, is a visiting scholar at the Mershon Center during autumn quarter.



Fred Hitzhusen (left), professor emeritus of agricultural, environmental and development economics, discussed the key points raised by Mark Stewart (right) in his lecture on "Critical Infrastructure Protection: Are We Spending Too Much on Counter-Terrorism?" During his lecture, Stewart described a terrorism risk assessment that considered threat scenarios and probabilities and presented evidence to show that most counter-terrorism protective measures are not cost-effective unless the terrorist threat probability is very high.



Mershon visiting scholar Mark Stewart (left), professor of civil engineering and director of the Centre for Infrastructure Performance and Reliability at University of Newcastle, Australia, with John Mueller (right), Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies, after his lecture on September 30, 2009. Stewart and Mueller worked together on "A Risk and Cost-Benefit Assessment of U.S. Aviation Security Measures" (Journal of Transportation Security, 2008).