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Leading foreign policy intellect to speak at Mershon Center

COLUMBUS -- One of America's foremost scholars and advisers on international politics, Joseph Nye Jr., will discuss "The Powers to Lead" at noon on Feb. 11 at The Ohio State University.

Nye will give the Joseph J. Kruzel Memorial Lecture at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, 1501 Neil Ave. The event is free and open to Ohio State faculty and students, as well as the public.

Nearly 20 years ago, Nye coined the term "soft power" to describe a nation's ability to inspire and persuade through its culture, ideals, and policies, rather than to dictate. He argues that nations must use both soft power and hard power, achieved through military or economic might, in world diplomacy.

Nye is a university distinguished service professor and former dean at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He also is its Sultan of Oman Professor of International Relations.

He has served in several federal posts, including assistant secretary of defense for International Security Affairs, chair of the National Intelligence Council, and deputy undersecretary of state for Security Assistance, Science, and Technology.

Nye is author of numerous books. His most recent is *The Powers to Lead* (Oxford University Press, 2008), which discusses the nature of leadership and how it has been transformed by the information revolution.

Other books include *The Power Game: A Washington Novel* (Public Affairs, 2004), *Soft Power: The Means to Success in World Politics* (Public Affairs, 2004), and an anthology, *Power in the Global Information Age* (Routledge, 2004).



Joseph Nye
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The Joseph J. Kruzel Lecture is given at the Mershon Center each year in honor of Joseph J. Kruzel, an Ohio State faculty member in Political Science who served in the U.S. Air Force as well as other posts in the federal government. Kruzel was killed in Sarajevo, Bosnia, while serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Affairs.

About the Mershon Center for International Security Studies

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies advances the understanding of national security in a global context by fostering interdisciplinary faculty and student research in three areas of focus: the use of force and diplomacy; the ideas, identities, and decisional processes that affect security; and the institutions that manage violent conflict. The Mershon Center is a unit of the [Office of International Affairs](#) at [The Ohio State University](#).

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