Conferences highlight spring quarter

From computer warfare to migration and religion, from the gendered aspects of crisis to secret agents, disguise and deception, spring conferences sponsored by the Mershon Center cover a range of issues within international security.

Cybersecurity: Shared Risks, Shared Responsibility kicks off April 1 at Saxbe Auditorium, Moritz College of Law. The conference looks at how cybersecurity – from computer warfare to identity theft – has become a daily headline.

Organized by Peter Shane, Jacob E. Davis and Jacob E. Davis II Chair in Law, and Jeffrey Hunker, Principal at Jeffrey Hunker Associates, the event explores the roles and responsibilities of public and private sectors for the United States to share global leadership in cybersecurity.

Migration, Religion, and Germany, organized by Research Professor Barbara Becker-Cantarino and Georges Tamer, M.S. Sofia Chair in Arabic Studies, takes place April 8-9 at the Mershon Center. The keynote will be given by Rebekka Habermas from University of Göttingen.

The first day of the conference will consider early German migrations to North America, especially Pennsylvania and Ohio, from a post-colonial vantage point. The second day will examine current migrations from Turkey and Islamist countries into Germany, and the cultural, political and religious clashes that ensue.

Gender and States of Emergency, sponsored by the Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, explores how gender is vital to understanding the impact of war, natural disasters and political upheavals.

The conference takes place April 21-22 at Saxbe Auditorium, Moritz College of Law, and

Military history symposium May 12-13

Crossing physical and disciplinary borders is the theme of this year’s Military Frontiers graduate symposium, organized by History Department doctoral candidates Sarah Douglas and Will Waddell.

The symposium features a keynote address by Victor Davis Hanson, Martin and Illie Anderson Senior Fellow in Residence in Classics and Military History at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and a nationally syndicated columnist for Tribune Media Services.

The keynote takes place 5 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Saxbe Auditorium, Moritz College of Law.

The symposium itself follows on Friday, May 13, at the Mershon Center. Themes include “law of war” and other ethical and legal issues arising from armed conflict; how war affects and is affected by race and gender; and links between war, science and technology.

Besides faculty and graduate students in military history, participants include Paul Kennedy of Yale, Geoff Magargee of the U.S. Holocaust Museum, and Douglas Porch of the Naval Postgraduate School.
## Fall 2010 Calendar of Events

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Wednesday, March 30, 2011
Charles Kupchan
Professor of International Affairs
Georgetown University
“Enemies Into Friends: How Peace Breaks Out”
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120

Tuesday, May 3, 2011
Lisa Blaydes
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Stanford University
“The Feudal Revolution and Europe’s Rise: Muslim and Christian Worlds before 1500 CE”
Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

Friday, April 1, 2011
Christine Korsgaard
Arthur Kingsley Porter Professor of Philosophy
Harvard University
“The Origin of the Good and Our Animal Nature”
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120

Thursday, May 5, 2011
Bassam Haddad
Director of Middle East Studies
George Mason University
“The Unmaking of an Arab Regional Order”
Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

Monday, April 11, 2011
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Associate Professor of Political Science
Columbia University
“Do Terrorists Win? Rebels’ Use of Terrorism and Civil War Outcomes”
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Martha Brill Olcott
Senior Associate for Russia and Eurasia
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
“State and Society in Central Asia: Revolutions on the Horizon?”
Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Jim Glassman
Assistant Professor of Geography
University of British Columbia
“The East Asian Developmental State is Dead”
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120

Tuesday, April 13, 2011
John Mearsheimer
R. Wendell Harrison Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science
University of Chicago
“Grand Strategic Folly”
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120

Thursday, May 12, 2011
Abdullahi an-Na’im
Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law
Emory University
“The Constitutional Incoherence of Islam as the Official Religion of the State”
Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

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Bassam Haddad
Director of Middle East Studies
George Mason University
“The Unmaking of an Arab Regional Order”
Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

Thursday, May 28, 2011
Xinyuan Dai
Associate Professor of Political Science
University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign
“The Compliance Gap and the Efficacy of International Human Rights Institutions”
3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120

Wednesday, May 25, 2011
Sean Kay
Director of International Studies
Ohio Wesleyan University
“Ontological Security and Locating Danger in Peace-Building: The Case of Northern Ireland”
Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

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the Blackwell Inn, Fisher College of Business. Keynote speakers include Kimberlé Crenshaw, professor at UCLA School of Law and Columbia Law School specializing in race and gender issues, and Cynthia Enloe, director of Women's Studies at Clark University who researches women's place in national and international politics.

Finally, The Camouflage Project, sponsored by Lesley Ferris and Mary Tarantino in the Department of Theatre, is a three-part interdisciplinary endeavor linked to the theme of secret agents, camouflage, deception and disguise in World War II.

The event includes a multimedia performance created by University Theatre and the Advanced Computing Center for the Arts and Design; an exhibition on the science and art of camouflage in both world wars, featuring special agents and espionage circuits in France; and an international symposium on the multiple artistic and instrumental meanings of camouflage. The symposium takes place May 19-21 at the Drake Center and Mershon Center.

For more information about these conferences and other spring quarter events sponsored by the Mershon Center, visit our web site at mershoncenter.osu.edu.

Spring 2011 Conference Lineup

- **Cybersecurity: Shared Risks, Shared Responsibility**
  Organized by Peter Shane, Jacob E. Davis and Jacob E. Davis II Chair in Law, and Jeffrey Hunker, principal at Jeffrey Hunker Associates LLC
  April 1, 2011, Saxbe Auditorium, Moritz College of Law, 55 W. 12th Ave.
  To register, visit http://cybersecuritycommunity.org

- **Migration, Religion and Germany**
  Organized by Barbara Becker-Cantarino, Germanic Studies, and Georges Tamer, M.S. Sofia Chair in Arabic Studies
  Co-sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung/Foundation
  April 8-9, 2011, Mershon Center, 1501 Neil Ave.
  To register, contact powers.108@osu.edu

- **Gender and States of Emergency**
  Organized by the Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies
  April 21, 2011, Saxbe Auditorium, Moritz College of Law, 55 W. 12th Ave.
  April 22, 2011, Blackwell Inn, Fisher College of Business, 2110 Tuttle Park
  For more information, see http://womens-studies.osu.edu

- **Military Frontiers: A Graduate Symposium**
  Organized by Sarah Douglas and Will Waddell, PhD students in History
  May 12-13, 2011, Mershon Center, 1501 Neil Ave.
  To register, send your name, university affiliation, status (student, faculty, staff), and department to militaryfrontiers@gmail.com

- **The Camouflage Project**
  Organized by Lesley Ferris and Mary Tarantino, Department of Theatre
  Performance, May 12-27, 2011, Thurber Theatre, 1849 Cannon Drive,
  Tickets available at http://theatre.osu.edu/boxoffice
  Symposium, May 19-21, 2011, Thurber Theatre and Mershon Center
  For more information, see http://camouflage.osu.edu