**Exemplarity: Performance, Influence, and Friction in Political Innovation**

February 27-29, 2020

The Mershon Center for International Security Studies

1501 Neil Ave.

**Schedule**

**THURSDAY**, February 27th

**4:30-6:00** **Keynote**

NOTE SEPARATE LOCATION AND [REGISTRATION](https://mershoncenter.osu.edu/events/ramachandra-guha-gandhi-political-moralist-arguments-about-non-violence-inter-faith-harmony): Round Meeting Room, Ohio Union

Gandhi as political moralist: arguments about non-violence, inter-faith harmony, and social equality. *Ramachandra Guha, Bengaloru*

**FRIDAY**, February 28th

8:00-8:30 Coffee, registration

8:30-9:00 Welcome and introduction. *Chris Gelpi, Director, Mershon Center; Dorothy Noyes and Tobias Wille, conference organizers*

**9:00-10:30 Exemplarity and hierarchy**

*Chair: Morgan Liu, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Ohio State*

*Discussant: Sebastian Schindler, Political Science, Munich*

The paradigm and structure of Confucian exemplarity. *Ying Zhang, History, Ohio State*

Exemplarity within hierarchy. *Ayşe Zarakol, International Relations, Cambridge*

**11:00-12:30 Contesting exemplars**

*Chair: Guillaume Wadia, Mershon Center, Ohio State*

*Discussant: Srdjan Vucetic, International Affairs, Ottawa*

The Napoleonic monopoly and its challengers: liberal and anticolonial appropriations. *Dorothy Noyes, Folklore, Ohio State*

Ethiopianism and black worldmaking. *Robbie Shilliam, International Relations, Johns Hopkins*

LUNCH

**1:30-3:00 Exemplary rhetorics**

*Chair: Ayşe Zarakol, International Relations, Cambridge*

*Discussant: Christopher Daase, Political Science, Frankfurt*

Emperors, orators and tyrannicides: The use of examples in Greek and Roman politics. *Fritz Graf, Classics, Ohio State*

Greta Thunberg, “the child” and the polyphonic Vorbild. *Kyrre**Kverndokk, Cultural Studies, Bergen*

**3:30-5:00 Mobile models for disaster**

*Chair: Rick Herrmann, Mershon Center*

*Discussant: Neta Crawford, Political Science, Boston U*

Violent exceptions: humanitarian recognition and the child as liminal subject. *Wendy Hesford, Rhetoric, Ohio State*

Modelling an event: how child-oriented methods of disaster preparedness education travel. *Chika Watanabe, Social Anthropology, Manchester*

**SATURDAY,** February 29th

8:30-9:00 Coffee

**9:00-10:30 The European exemplary order after Nazism**

*Chair: Theodora Dragostinova, History, Ohio State*

*Discussant: Robin de Bruin, European Studies, Amsterdam*

Exemplary revisionism: Holocaust remembrance and political identity in postcommunist Eastern Europe. *Jelena Subotic, International Relations, Georgia State University.*

The value of a fighting spirit: exemplarity and the populist challenge. *Sebastian Schindler, Political Science, Munich.*

**10:45-12:15 Exemplarity and global governance**

*Chair: Chika Watanabe, Manchester*

*Discussant: Dorothy Noyes, Mershon Center, Ohio State*

The Congress of Vienna: Returning to an Exemplary Event. *Jennifer Mitzen, International Relations, Ohio State.*

Human rights shaming. *Jack Snyder, International Relations, Columbia.*

LUNCH

**1:15-2:45** **Precedents and residues in norm evolution**

*Chair: Alexander Wendt, Mershon Center, Ohio State*

*Discussant: Hye Yun Kang, Mershon Center, Ohio State*

Precedents in world politics. *Christopher Daase, Political Science, Frankfurt, and Tobias Wille, Political Science, Frankfurt.*

How fighting ‘Indians’ shaped U.S. warfare from the colonial era to the present. *Neta Crawford, Political Science, Boston.*

**3:00-4:30 Claiming Western exceptionalism**

*Chair: Jelena Subotic, Georgia State*

*Discussant: Robbie Shilliam, Johns Hopkins*

Greatness amidst decline: Britain’s exemplarity. *Srdjan Vucetic, International Affairs, Ottawa.*

The soft power of a small country. Self-perceptions of the Netherlands as a model for Europe, 1914-1957. *Robin de Bruin, European Studies, Amsterdam.*

**4:30-5:30 Concluding discussion**