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# Merston Memo

A newsletter of the Merston Center for International Security Studies

## Lüthi wins 2008 Furniss Book Award

Lorenz Lüthi, assistant professor of history at McGill University in Montreal, is winner of the Merston Center's 2008 Edgar S. Furniss Book Award.

The award recognizes authors whose first books make an exceptional contribution to the study of



Lüthi

national and international security.

Lüthi won for *The Sino-Soviet Split, 1956-1966:*

*Cold War in the Communist World* (Princeton, 2008).

In *The Sino-Soviet Split*, Lüthi tells the story of the rupture between the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China a decade after they established their formidable alliance in 1950.

Escalating public disagreements between them broke the international communist movement apart, a split that became one of the defining events of the Cold War.

Lüthi is now working on a book project about the rise of the post-Cold War world in the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s.

He will speak at Merston at noon on April 5, 2010.

## 'It's the Region'



Jonathan Landay, Senior National Security and Intelligence Correspondent for McClatchy Newspapers, speaks on "It's the Region, Stupid: Real Dangers of U.S. Failure in Afghanistan-Pakistan" on February 25, 2010. Landay was nominated three times for a Pulitzer Prize for his investigative work on the Bush administration's use of exaggerated and bogus pre-war intelligence on Iraq and the lack of post-invasion stability operations planning.

## Conferences, panel highlight spring

Three conferences and a faculty panel highlight the Merston Center's calendar for Spring 2010.

### Making Sense in Afghanistan,

organized by Dorothy Noyes and Margaret Mills, examines how field officers, combatants, NGO workers, diplomats, NATO officials, and Afghans themselves make sense of events in an evolving and uncertain situation. The conference, which includes a progress report on the Ohio State Veterans Learning Community, takes place April 9-10.



Noyes

**Pacts and Alliances**, organized by Charles Carter, Anthony Crain, and Carole

Fink, brings together scholars and advanced graduate students to explore pacts and alliances, which have shaped

history in fundamental ways. It takes place April 16-17.

Fred Andrle of the Institute for Collaborative Research and Public Humanities hosts a faculty panel on **America's Wars: The Way Forward in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Iraq**. Panelists



Andrle

include Richard Herrmann, Sean Kay, Peter Mansoor, Margaret Mills, John Mueller, and Alam Payind.

The panel takes place on May 10 at 5 p.m. in the Wexner Center Film/Video Theater.

Finally, Peter Mansoor has organized **Hybrid Warfare**, to take place May 14-15. The conference examines the use of both conventional and irregular forces in fighting a common foe from the ancient world to the present. Analysts predict that hybrid wars are the most likely conflicts in the 21st century.

# Mershon Center for International Security Studies

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MARCH</b> 28	29 <i>Spring quarter begins</i>	30	31	<b>APRIL</b> 1	2	3
4	5 <i>Furniss Award</i> Noon, Mershon 120 Lorenz Lüthi	6	7 Noon, Mershon 120 Luis Astorga	8	9 Conference Making Sense in Afghanistan	10 Conference Making Sense in Afghanistan
11	12 Noon, Mershon 120 Klaus Larres	13	14 Noon, Mershon 120 James Fishkin	15 Noon, Mershon 120 Charles Butterworth	16 Conference Pacts and Alliances	17 Conference Pacts and Alliances
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# Spring 2010 Calendar of Events



Lüthi

*Edgar S. Furniss Book Award Winner*

*Monday, April 5, 2010*

**Lorenz Lüthi**

**Assistant Professor of History  
McGill University**

*"The Rise of the Post-Cold War World"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Brennan

*Thursday, April 22, 2010*

**Geoffrey Brennan**

**Distinguished Professor of Economics  
Australian National University  
Research Professor, UNC and Duke**

*"Hard vs. Soft Paternalism"*

3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120



Astorga

*Wednesday, April 7, 2010*

**Luis Astorga**

**Researcher, Institute of Social Research  
National Autonomous University of Mexico**

*"Mexico: Drug Trafficking Organizations and  
Political Change"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Weinbaum

*Thursday, April 29, 2010*

**Marvin Weinbaum**

**Professor Emeritus of Political Science  
University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign**

*"The Islamic Dimension of the Insurgencies  
in Afghanistan and Pakistan"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Larres

*Monday, April 12, 2010*

**Klaus Larres**

**Professor of Contemporary History and  
International Affairs, University of Ulster**

*"The U.S. and the 'United States of Europe':  
Comparing the Cold War and Post-Cold War Years"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Bustamante

*Tuesday, May 4, 2010*

**Jorge Bustamante**

**Eugene Conley Professor of Sociology  
University of Notre Dame**

*"Extreme Vulnerability of Migrants: The Cases  
of the United States and Mexico"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Fishkin

*Wednesday, April 14, 2010*

**James Fishkin**

**Janet M. Peck Chair in International  
Communication, Stanford University**

*"Deliberative Democracy and Public Consultation"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Katznelson

*Wednesday, May 5, 2010*

**Ira Katznelson**

**Ruggles Professor of Political Science  
and History, Columbia University**

*"Shaded by Fear: The New Deal and its Legacies"*

3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120



Butterworth

*Thursday, April 15, 2010*

**Charles Butterworth**

**Emeritus Professor of Government and Politics  
University of Maryland - College Park**

*"Political Aspects of Prophecy in Islamic Philosophy"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Brown

*Thursday, May 6, 2010*

**Nathan Brown**

**Director, Institute for Middle East Studies  
George Washington University**

*"Running to Lose: The Muslim Brotherhood  
and Parliamentary Elections"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Cha

*Tuesday, April 20, 2010*

**Victor Cha**

**Senior Adviser and Korea Chair  
Center for Strategic and International Studies**

*"Powerplay: Origins of the U.S. Alliance System in Asia"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Hitchcock

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

**William Hitchcock**

**Professor and Chair, Department of History  
Temple University**

*"Liberation: The Human Cost of Allied Victory  
in World War II Europe"*

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

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Wednesday, May 12, 2010

**Isa Blumi**

**Assistant Professor of Middle East and East European History, Georgia State University**

*"Why Yemen Now? Reassessing South Arabia's Recent Past"*

Blumi

3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120



Thursday, May 20, 2010

**Bernard Haykel**

**Professor of Near Eastern Studies  
Princeton University**

*"The Salafis, the Wahhabis and the Nature and Doctrines of Global Islamic Movements"*

Haykel

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Thursday, May 13, 2010

**Andy Rotter**

**Charles A. Dana Professor of History  
Colgate College**

*"Narratives of Bombing: Tokyo and Hiroshima, 1945"*

Rotter

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Tuesday, May 25, 2010

**Francisco González**

**Riordan Roett Associate Professor of Latin American Studies, Johns Hopkins University**

*"The War on Drugs in Mexico: Chronicle of a Failure Foretold"*

González

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Monday, May 17, 2010

**David Messenger**

**Assistant Professor of History  
University of Wyoming**

*"Beyond War Crimes: Denazification, National Security and American Deportation and Internment of SS Agents after the Second World War"*

Messenger

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Wednesday, May 26, 2010

**Chris Bobonich**

**Professor of Philosophy and Classics  
Stanford University**

*"Plato on Action and Knowledge"*

3:30 p.m., Mershon Center Room 120

Bobonich



Tuesday, May 18, 2010

**Eva Bellin**

**Associate Professor of Political Science  
Hunter College, City University of New York**

*"Arbitrating Identity: Courts and the Politics of Religious-Liberal Reconciliation in the Middle East"*

Bellin

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120



Thursday, May 27, 2010

**Jessica Chen Weiss**

**Assistant Professor of Political Science  
Yale University**

*"Powerful Patriots: Nationalist Protest in Chinese Foreign Relations"*

Weiss

Noon, Mershon Center Room 120

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