RECONNECT,
OPPORTUNITIES &
IMPACT

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
4:00-5:00 P.M.
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Updates

• Access to Mershon Center building
  – Contact Kyle for access to materials. Please do not use for workspace
• Move to Derby Hall
  – Staff expected to move during fall semester
• Changes due to COVID-19
  – All events online, all funding grants extended due to travel ban
• First Fridays
  – Continuing in fall with focus on US election: October 4 and Nov 6
• Diversity Initiative
  – Mershon will implement a diversity pledge for programming and is forming a
diversity and inclusion task force to develop future initiatives
• Call for Grant Proposals
  – Separate calls for each research cluster. Check website for dates
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American Foreign & Military Policy – Fall Events

Discussion Groups

• **Sept. 17, 4-5 pm**: Origins of the Iraq War (Joe Stieb) – Postdoctoral scholar Joe Stieb will open this discussion with a brief talk about his forthcoming book on the formation of the regime-change consensus vis-à-vis Saddam Hussein’s Iraq.

• **Oct. 22, 4-5 pm**: Civil-Military Relations in the United States (Peter Mansoor and Dakota Rudesill)

• **Nov. 19, 4-5 pm**: The Future of Biological Security (Host TBD)

Speaker Series

• **Sept. 3, 3:30-5 pm**: Jennifer Siegel (Chair), Peter Mansoor, Mark Grimsley, Hasan Kwame Jeffries: Renaming U.S. Military Bases – This panel will examine the history and politics surrounding the renaming of U.S. military bases currently named for Confederate officers.

• **Oct. 6, 3:30-5 pm**: Scott Sagan: Nuclear Security

• **Nov. 10, 3:30-5pm**: Simon Miles, *Engaging the Evil Empire: Washington, Moscow, and the Beginning of the End of the Cold War* – Simon will discuss his new book about Reagan and Gorbachev’s Diplomacy in the 1980s.
Program for the Study of Realist Foreign Policy

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• **Cluster overview**
  – New security threats related to technology, information, and human security
  – New challenges to good governance and institutions from the domestic to global levels
  – Interdisciplinarity; policy, data and theory

• **Current activities**
  – Comparative National Elections Project (CNEP)
  – Events on national security law, politics, and elections
    • Spring and summer conferences with Election Law @Moritz
  – Research on media and disinformation campaigns
    • Tom Wood, Yunkang Yang, Dorry Noyes
    • Follow-up to January 2020 Mershon conference on Informational Power
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- **Coming up this year**
  - October conference “The Ballot and the Sword: The 2020 Election and the U.S. Military”
  - November conference on the presidential transition
  - ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security conference (early 2021)
  - *Just Security* blog posts and edited volume on good government
  - Speakers in the spring

- **Faculty grants**
  - Call for Proposals this fall, due in January
  - Likely themes: global governance, international order, and human security

- **How others can be involved**
  - Submit a grant proposal, attend our events, and feel free to contact us!
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