



Alam Payind, Director of the Middle East Studies Center at Ohio State, gives opening remarks at the "Middle Eastern American Identities" symposium at the Mershon Center on September 19, 2012.



This symposium explored how the Middle Eastern umbrella category conceals a host of complex and multi-dimensional communities that challenge current notions about pan-ethnic identity.



Mehdi Bozorgmehr, Professor of Sociology at the City University of New York, was a featured speaker at the event.