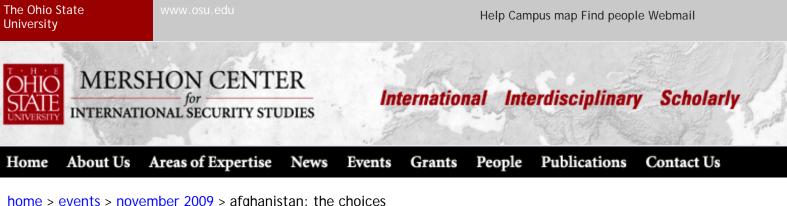
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March	55 W. 12th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210	
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	Fred Andrle, Institute for Collaborative Research and Public	Richard Herrmann
	Humanities; former WOSU Open Line radio talk show host_	Director of the Mershon Center
	Richard Herrmann, Social and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished	Social and Behavioral
	Professor of Political Science_	Sciences Distinguished Professor
	Peter Mansoor, Gen. Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History	
	John Mueller, Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies	A CONTRACTOR
	Alam Payind, Director, Middle East Studies Center	
	Should we alter our strategy, stay the course, bring our troops home,	10-CM
	increase their number? Afghanistan: The Choices is an	
	interdisciplinary discussion of the way forward for the United States in	
	Afghanistan, with a panel of leading Ohio State experts (Richard	Peter Mansoor Raymond E. Mason Jr.
	Herrmann, Peter Mansoor, John Mueller, and Alam Payind), moderated	Chair in Military History
	by Fred Andrle.	
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	In August 2009, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, submitted a report to be reviewed by President	la a la
	Barack Obama and his top national security advisers. In his report,	
	Gen. McChrystal gave a grim assessment of the conflict in Afghanistan	
	and later requested 40,000 more troops be sent to fight the Taliban-	John Mueller
	led insurgency, bringing the total number of U.S. and NATO forces in	Woody Hayes Chair of
	Afghanistan to 108,000.	National Security Studies

The possibility that more troops will be needed to ensure success in Afghanistan has presented the Obama administration with a number of challenges and new considerations in dealing with a conflict that Obama has called the central front in the war on terror. Besides facing pressure from both conservatives and members of his own party, Obama is also facing new questions over the credibility of the Afghan government compounded with mounting American and NATO casualties.



Alam Payind Director of the Middle East Studies Center

Afghanistan: The Choices will explore the future of the United States involvement in Afghanistan through an interdisciplinary discussion of strategies for success in Afghanistan. The panelists will discuss and answer questions relating to the application of a more comprehensive counterinsurgency strategy, implications of the U.S. presence on the Taliban insurgency, the level of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, and the national security interest of the United States in Afghanistan.

This event is co-sponsored by the <u>Institute for Collaborative Research</u> <u>and Public Humanities</u> and the <u>Mershon Center for International</u> <u>Security Studies</u>

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