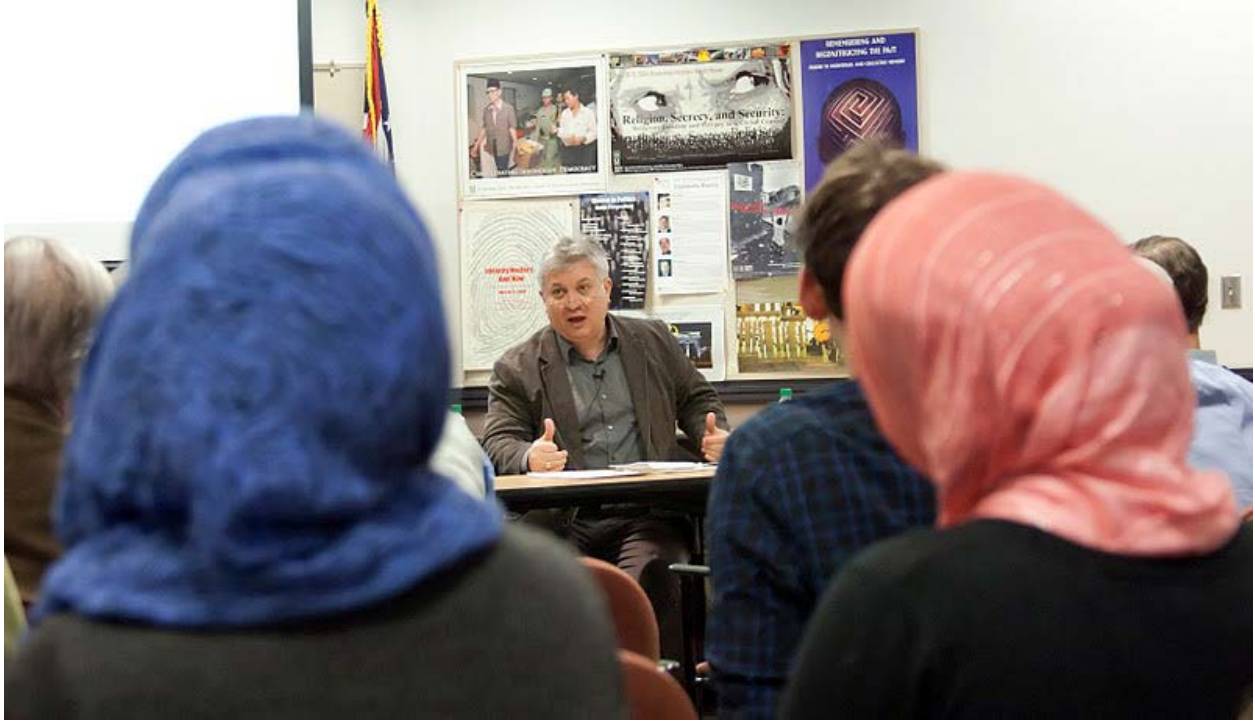**Amr Al-Azm, assistant professor of Middle East history and anthropology at Shawnee State University, speaks on a panel about "The Syrian Crisis and its Impact on the Middle East" on January 18, 2012, at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies, as Georges Tamer, M.S. Sofia Chair in Arabic Studies, looks on.**

Panelists included (left to right) J. Craig Jenkins, director of the Mershon Center for International Security Studies; Alam Payind, director of the Middle East Studies Center; Georges Tamer, M.S. Sofia Chair in Arabic Studies; Amr Al-Azm, assistant professor of Middle East history and anthropology at Shawnee State University; and Richard Herrmann, Social and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Professor of Political Science.

About 60 people attended the panel on "The Syrian Crisis and its Impact on the Middle East," featuring Amr Al-Azm, on January 18, 2012, at the Mershon Center.

Amr Al-Azm spoke about the Syrian regime's crackdown on protesters during his talk on "The Syrian Crisis and its Impact on the Middle East" held January 18, 2012, at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies.

Amr Al-Azm (far right) is an active member of the Syrian opposition. He was a first-hand observer and participant of the reform processes instigated by Bashar Al-Assad, and he serves on the executive committee of the Antalya Gathering (Conference for Change in Syria).

Alam Payind (center), director of the Middle East Studies Center, responds to remarks by Amr Al-Azm during the panel discussion on The Syrian Crisis and its Impact on the Middle East."

Richard Herrmann (right), Social and Behavioral Sciences Distinguished Professor Political Science, responds to Amr Al-Azm's remarks on "The Syrian Crisis and its Impact on the Middle East" as Al-Azm takes notes.

Amr Al-Azm talks with students after the panel discussion on "The Syrian Crisis and its Impact on the Middle East," held January 18, 2012, at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies.