Ron Rosenbaum, the highly regarded author of books on topics as diverse as Hitler, Shakespeare and the modern-day risk of nuclear war, will present a public lecture at Indiana University Bloomington.

Rosenbaum, who writes The Spectator column for the online magazine Slate, will speak Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dogwood Room of the Indiana Memorial Union. His topic is "The Ethics of Armageddon: Moral Issues in the Threat and Use of Nuclear Weapons." The lecture takes place under the auspices of the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and is co-sponsored by the Hutton Honors College. It is part of the College of Arts and Sciences Themester 2011: "Making War, Making Peace."

This lecture follows from his most recent book, How the End Begins: The Road to a Nuclear World War III, published this year. Rosenbaum explores decades of history, including near failures of Cold War deterrence policies, and focuses on the risk of uncontrolled nuclear war in the Middle East, where nuclear-armed Israel is surrounded by hostile nations and threatened by Iran’s nuclear ambitions and Pakistan’s development of the bomb.

"Ron Rosenbaum might qualify for the title of America’s greatest living journalist. He is certainly a hero to an entire generation of writers. No matter the subject, Rosenbaum asks the hardest questions, draws out the most fascinating and unexpected answers, and never, ever gives up....When Rosenbaum gets fixed on a subject as urgent as the specter of nuclear capacity, he produces work that is unparalleled.” — Jeffrey Goldberg


This lecture is free and open to the public. If you have a disability and need assistance, arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs.
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