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Seminar to address land mine control

Dr. David Lenarcic, Faculty Associate at the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies, will present a seminar titled "Land mines: The Challenge of Containment and Control," on **Wednesday October 9, 1996 at 4:00 p.m. in the fourth floor lounge of the Dr. Alvin Woods building.**

The seminar follows the international conference held in Ottawa recently where more than 300 representatives from 70 countries and international agencies met to secure a global agreement to ban the weapons. Canada has announced that two-thirds of the Armed Forces arsenal of 90,000 land mines will be destroyed immediately.

Dr. Lenarcic, a part-time professor of history, compiled the annotated bibliography used at the international conference in Ottawa. The seminar will focus on options for controlling and eventually eliminating the use of these weapons.

More than 100 million anti-personnel mines are believed to be buried in the soil of 64 countries around the world. Each year, the devices injure and kill thousands of soldiers and civilians. There is no admission charge and the seminar is open to the public.