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Thomas Goltz

**"Chechnya Diary: A War Correspondent's
Story of Surviving the War in Chechnya"**

Wednesday, October 29, 2003
3:30 p.m.
Mershon Center
Room 120

A self-styled "Post-Sovietologist," Goltz has been writing and speaking about the former Soviet Union since its collapse in 1991. His articles have appeared in publications as diverse as *the Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Business Week*, *The Nation*, and *Soldier of Fortune*. He has also produced short films that have aired on the BBC, PBS and Turkish and Russian NTV stations, while his book on Azerbaijan (M.E. Sharpe, 1998) is regarded as obligatory reading for students of the region. His most recent publication, *Chechnya Diary* (St. Martin's Press, 2003) will be a central part of his presentation.

Of the book, the author John le Carre (David Cornwell) has written: "Russia's murderous and unrelenting persecution of the Chechens, now shamefully condoned by the United States and Britain as part of the war on terror, is here vividly portrayed in all its surreal horror. We must forgive Goltz his egotism and thank him with all guns for his message."

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