



ARCTIC SECURITY POLICY & LAW IN AN AGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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BACKGROUND

The International Law Department (ILD) of the Naval War College is the primary international law research, publishing, teaching and international law engagement arm of the U.S. Naval War College. Further information about the Naval War College is available at <http://www.usnwc.edu>

The Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI) is the world's largest, private, nonprofit ocean research, engineering and education organization. Additional information about WHOI can be found at <http://www.whoi.edu>

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The Arctic maritime domain is experiencing significant environmental change, most notably, rapidly diminishing ice thickness and coverage. The physical transformation in the melting Arctic and the anticipated increase in human activity raise profound security, policy and legal implications for Arctic and near Arctic Nations.

The purpose of the Arctic Security Policy & Law in an Age of Climate Change conference (Arctic Security Conference) is to explore the key international policy and law principles that govern military operations in the Arctic maritime domain.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

- Security & Defense policies of Arctic and near Arctic Sovereigns:
 - Canada
 - Denmark/Greenland
 - Finland
 - Iceland
 - Norway
 - Russian Federation
 - Sweden
 - United States of America

CONFERENCE TOPICS CONTINUED

- International regimes for enhancing military security
- The Law of the Sea and a liberal order for the Arctic
- Implications of melting ice on surface and subsurface military operations
- The role of the Arctic Council
- Northern sea routes and the Northwest Passage
- NATO maritime security interests
- Nuclear weapons in the Arctic
- Resurgent Russian naval and air activity in the Arctic
- Arctic Marine Shipping – a 5 year study
- US Coast Guard Arctic security

CONFERENCE FORMAT

Over the course of two days, seven panels consisting of international subject matter experts will discuss pressing maritime security, policy and legal issues within their area of expertise. RDML David Titley, USN, Oceanographer and Navigator of the Navy, will deliver the keynote speech addressing the Chief of Naval Operations' "Task Force Climate Change" and implications of melting Arctic ice for naval access to, and surface and subsurface operations within, the Arctic maritime domain. Additionally, four diverse maritime subject matter experts will deliver presentations within their area of expertise. The conference will be open to 150 members of the public through pre-registration at the International Law Department, US Naval War College website. **To Register and review Conference Agenda:**

<https://usnwc.edu/cnws/ild/register/arcticconference.aspx>

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