Geopolitics in the High North

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Partner institutions

- Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies (IFS)
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- Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
- Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)
- Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO)
- Institute of Universal History (IUH) of the Russian Academy of Science
Research topics

- Actors and patterns of cooperation and conflict
- Russia, Norway and the High North
- The United States in the 21 century Arctic
- The EU and the High North
- The power of energy
- Law of the Sea and ocean governance
- Climate change and environmental protection
- Norwegian High North interests revisited
Scramble for the Arctic?

- "Ongoing race for the natural resources"
- "The struggle for Arctic riches"
- "The great game in a cold climate"
- "The battle for the Arctic heats up"
- "Arctic sees military buildup"
Arctic transformation

- Communications
- Resources
Peace and stability?

- National and material interests
- Institutions and regimes
  - Engage
  - Define rules
  - Insulate issues
Arctic Council

- Limited mandate - too large - too small
- Legitimacy - effectiveness
Soft security

- Crime, oil spills, accidents
- Preparedness, exercises, search & rescue

Maxim Gorky June 1989
### Nuclear weapons

#### Strategic submarines

**Old:**
- 4 Delta III 16 SS-N-18 PaFlt
- 6 Delta IV 16 SS-N-23 NoFlt

**New:**
- 8 Dolgoruky 16/20 SS-NX-32 NoFlt/PaFlt

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**Bomber routes**

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Long-term perspective

- Arctic Ocean
- Petroleum
- Russia
- Asia