

ARCTIC SOVEREIGNTY

THE INTERNATIONAL DISPUTE OVER WHO OWNS THE NORTH

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With the melting of the polar ice cap, significant undiscovered oil and gas reserves may soon be accessible. The Northwest Passage shipping route between Europe and Asia, 5,000 miles shorter than the Panama Canal route, will soon be an option. Who has rights to the resources lying under the seabed? Is the Northwest Passage an "international strait" or, as Canada claims, "internal waters?" What about the Inuit claim that sea ice constitutes traditional territory? Recently, a British think-tank warned that if the "race for the Arctic" is not resolved, the potential for a polar war is a real possibility. This lecture series will address the growing international dispute over who owns the Arctic from the perspective of the Arctic nations.

THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE ARCTIC OCEAN

16 JANUARY 2009, 4:00 PM, BURKE ROOM, BURKE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
TED L. MCDORMAN, FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

ARCTIC SOVEREIGNTY AND CLIMATE CHANGE: A NORDIC PERSPECTIVE

6 FEBRUARY 2009, 4:00 PM, BURKE ROOM, BURKE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
CHRISTINE INGEBRITSEN, SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

TOWARD A POST-ARCTIC WORLD

13 FEBRUARY 2009, 4:00 PM, CONFERENCE ROOM, UNIVERSITY CLUB
BARRY ZELLEN, CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY CONFLICT, NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL

RUSSIA'S NORTHWARD PERSPECTIVE: THE ARCTIC PROMISE VS. THE SIBERIAN CURSE

20 FEBRUARY 2009, 4:00 PM, BURKE ROOM, BURKE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
MIKHAIL ALEXSEEV, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

GLOBALIZATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE: CHALLENGES IN THE NEW MARITIME ARCTIC

26 FEBRUARY 2009, 7:00 PM, ROOM 210, KANE HALL
LAWSON BRIGHAM, US ARCTIC RESEARCH COMMISSION, ARCTIC MARINE SHIPPING ASSESSMENT

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