“The Challenge of the Arctic”
A Video-conference Presentation and Q&A with
Norwegian Ambassador
Kåre R. Aas

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The changes taking place in the Arctic pose unprecedented challenges and emerging opportunities. Arctic ecosystems and human societies will be most strongly affected, but the environmental changes in the Arctic have global implications as well. How should these challenges be handled? Is managing the Arctic a global task or is it solely the responsibility of the Arctic coastal states? During this videoconference, you will have the chance to address these questions, learn why the Arctic is Norway’s most important foreign policy priority, and debate how the U.S. should use its chairmanship of the Arctic Council.

Ambassador Kåre R. Aas’s distinguished career with the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs began in 1983. He left his position in Oslo as Political Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to become the Norwegian Ambassador to the United States. Prior to his assignment as Political Director, Amb. Aas served as the Norwegian Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan from 2008 - 2010. From 2003 - 2008, Amb. Aas served as Director General, Department for Security Policy and the High North. From 2005 - 2007 he also served as Norwegian Governor to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

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