Arctic Geopolitics:

The Russian Perspective on China’s and India’s Roles in the Far North

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In recent years development of the Arctic region has increasingly concerned both Arctic (Russia, Canada, the United States, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway and Iceland) and non-Arctic countries (China, India, South Korea and Singapore). The growing attention to the region reflects its scientific significance and economic potential; the Arctic offers opportunities for exploitation of hydrocarbon deposits and navigation along the Northern Sea Route (NSR). This presentation will provide an overview of the Russian and Asian states’ interests and policy in the Far North and will examine future directions for these countries to collaborate in various areas by identifying mutual interests, actors, possible challenges and effects of cooperation on the policies of these states in the Arctic region.

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