

Navigating Asia-Arctic Relations in Times of Global Uncertainty

Timing: (Thu) 24 September 2026, 15:00-17:30 JST

Venue: Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center (1st Floor) and online

Organizers: Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center, JSPS-Research Council of Finland project: The Russian invasion of Ukraine impacting actions and visions of Japan and Finland in the Arctic; UArctic Thematic Network on Arctic in Asia, Asia in the Arctic, The Asia-Arctic Network for Research and Education, ArCS3 Governance Group (Subgroup 2)

Format: Hybrid (Online participation: <https://meet.google.com/hvp-iadd-eyd>)

This seminar brings together scholars and experts to explore the evolving connections between Asian actors and the Arctic amid profound geopolitical and institutional change. The seminar examines how Asian states are engaging with Arctic governance and institutions, and how developments in the region are reshaping established patterns of cooperation, competition, and connectivity. By bringing together different perspectives on governance, geopolitics, law, and international cooperation, the seminar seeks to illuminate the increasingly complex entanglements between Asia and the Arctic and to consider how these relationships may evolve in an uncertain global environment.

Program:

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| 15:00-15:05 | Short opening: Juha Saunavaara |
| 15:05-15:20 | Marc Lanteigne: "Geography Isn't Everything: China's Arctic 2.0 Strategies and Regional Response" (Online) |
| 15:20-15:35 | Marco Volpe: "China and Arctic Governance: From Observer to Rule-Maker?" |
| 15:35-15:50 | Medy Dervovic: "International Law as a Reliable Pathway for Asian States in Arctic Governance" |
| 15:50-16:10 | Q&A |
| 16:10-16:15 | Short break |
| 16:15-16:30 | Marina Lomaeva: "Russia's Arctic Cooperation after 2022: China, India, the Northern Sea Route and Greater Eurasian Connectivity" |
| 16:30-16:45 | Pavel Tkach: Current Developments in the Russian Arctic law - amendments to the Strategy for the Development of the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation for the period up to 2035 and further perspective up to year 2050." |
| 16:45-17:00 | Yeonji Ghim: "Corporate Agency in the Arctic: South Korean Shipyards and Russian Oil" (Online) |
| 17:00-17:20 | Q&A |
| 17:20-17:30 | General discussion, announcements and closing remarks |