The Arctic is divided. Security interests and concerns in the North American Arctic are not equivalent to those in the European Arctic. The Baltic Sea Region is increasingly linked with issues in the High North / Barents Sea. With an emphasis on Canada and Norway, how do various Arctic security perceptions diverge and overlap? What is the role of the Baltic Sea Region in the security outlook for both countries, as well as for Arctic Geopolitics more generally?

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09:00-09:15  ‘Looking North’
  • Ivar Knotten, Brigadier and Chief of Plans and Policy, Norwegian Joint Headquarters, Norwegian Armed Forces

09:15-10:25  Session I – Linking the North American and European Arctic(s)
  Moderator: Andreas Østhagen, Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute & High North Center, Norway
  • ‘Two Arctic visions: The region seen from Norway and Canada’
    o Ingrid Medby, Senior Lecturer – Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom
  • ‘The Canadian Outlook’
    o Whitney Lackenbauer, Professor and Canada Chair – Trent University, Canada
  • ‘The Norwegian Outlook’
    o Paal Hilde, Associate Professor – Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies, Norway
  • ‘A different perspective’
    o Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørv, Professor – UiT: Arctic University of Norway

10:25-10:45  Coffee Break

10:45-12:00  Session II – What about the Baltic Sea Region?
  Moderator: Andreas Østhagen, Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute & High North Center, Norway
  • ‘Strategic Concerns’
    o Caroline Kennedy-Pipe, Professor – Loughborough University, United Kingdom
  • ‘Energy and Geopolitics’
    o Petter Nore, Professor – Nord University & the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, Norway
  • ‘The Baltic Outlook’
    o Riina Kaljurand, Counsellor – Policy Planning Department, Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia
  • ‘Germany in the Arctic?’
    o Christoph Humrich, Assistant Professor – University of Groningen, the Netherlands