

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 11: Workshop on Restoring Arctic Exceptionalism

9:00 – 9:30	Gather and Network: coffee and tea
9:30 – 9:50	Opening Remarks and Welcome
Speakers:	Pavel Devyatkin Arctic Institute Anatol Lieven Quincy Institute
9:50 – 11:30	Risks and Opportunities for America from a Melting Arctic
Moderator:	Victoria Herrmann Arctic Institute
Speakers:	David Balton Arctic Initiative at Harvard Belfer Center George Beebe Quincy Institute Evan Bloom Centre for the Ocean and the Arctic, Arctic University of Norway Iris Ferguson Former U.S. Department of Defense Office for Arctic and Global Resilience Sara Olsvig (via Zoom) Inuit Circumpolar Council Anthony Russell Center for Arctic Study and Policy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy Erin Sikorsky Center for Climate and Security
11:30 – 12:30	US-China Arctic Cooperation and Security
Moderator:	Pavel Devyatkin Arctic Institute
Speakers:	Lyle Goldstein Defense Priorities & Brown University Zhao Long (via Zoom) Shanghai Institutes for International Studies Pan Min (via Zoom) Tongji University Hong Nong Institute for China-America Studies

12:30 – 01:30	Lunch
01:30 – 03:00	US-Russia Arctic Cooperation and Security
Moderator:	Pavel Devyatkin Arctic Institute
Speakers:	Paul Arthur Berkman Science Diplomacy Center & International Science Council Thomas Graham Council on Foreign Relations Lassi Heininen (via Zoom) University of Helsinki & Arctic Yearbook Marlene Laruelle (via Zoom) George Washington University Anatol Lieven Quincy Institute Alexander Sergunin (via Zoom) Saint Petersburg State University
03:00 – 04:30	Arctic Council, Nordics and Indigenous Peoples Cooperation
Moderator:	Romain Chuffart Arctic Institute & Akureyri University
Speakers:	Edward Alexander Woodwell Climate Research Center & Gwich'in Council International Ole Jørgen Hammeken Arctic Without Borders Ilarion Mercurieff (via Zoom) Global Center for Indigenous Leadership and Lifeways Galya Morrell Arctic Without Borders Andreas Raspotnik Arctic Institute & High North Center Jennifer Spence Arctic Initiative at Harvard Belfer Center
04:30 – 04:45	Coffee/Tea

04:45 – 05:45 Governance on Geo-engineering

Moderator: Anatol Lieven
 Quincy Institute

Speakers: Romain Chuffart
 Arctic Institute & Akureyri University

 Marisol Maddox
 Institute of Arctic Studies at Dartmouth Dickey Center

 Dmitry Streletskiy
 George Washington University

05:45 – 06:15 Summarizing Key Policy Recommendations & Next Steps

Moderators: Romain Chuffart
 Arctic Institute & Akureyri University

 Pavel Devyatkin
 Arctic Institute

 Cynthia Lazaroff
 Women Transforming Our Nuclear Legacy

 Anatol Lieven
 Quincy Institute

Thursday, June 12: Conference on Restoring Arctic Exceptionalism

9:00 – 9:30	Gather and Network: coffee and tea
9:30 – 10:00	Keynote Address on “The Transformation of the Arctic by Climate Change”
Moderator:	Victoria Herrmann Arctic Institute
Speaker:	Lisa Murkowski Senator from Alaska (R-AK)
10:00 – 10:45	Panel Discussion with Arctic Diplomats
Moderator:	Victoria Herrmann Arctic Institute
Speakers:	Anniken Huitfeldt Ambassador of Norway to the USA Jacob S. Isbosethsen Head of Greenland Representation to the USA Jesper Møller Sørensen Ambassador of Denmark to the USA
10:45 – 11:30	Panel Discussion on “Arctic Exceptionalism and Climate Crisis”
Moderator:	Cynthia Lazaroff Women Transforming Our Nuclear Legacy
Speakers:	Edward Alexander Woodwell Climate Research Center & Gwich'in Council International Pavel Devyatkin Arctic Institute Anatol Lieven Quincy Institute Jennifer Spence Arctic Initiative at Harvard Belfer Center
11:30 – 12:30	Close and Network: coffee and tea

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Edward Alexander is the Senior Arctic Lead of the Woodwell Climate Research Center. Additionally, he represents the Gwich'in as the Co-Chair of Gwich'in Council International (GCI) and has been appointed by the Chiefs of Alaska for multiple terms. He recently completed a term as the GCI Head of Delegation to the Senior Arctic Officials, and the Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna, and continues to serve in the Emergency Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (EPPR) working groups of the Arctic Council. Additionally, he has served as the Co-Chair of the Arctic Council's Chairship Initiative on Wildland Fire under the Norwegian Chairship.

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Eda Ayaydin is a Teaching Fellow at the University of London Institute in Paris and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies at Ohio State University. Her work explores Arctic geopolitics, sovereignty, and non-Arctic interest in the region, with a particular focus on the performative dimensions of international relations. Her current projects examine narrative politics and how liberal actors respond to populist and revisionist narratives.

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George Beebe is director of grand strategy at the Quincy Institute. He spent more than two decades in government as an intelligence analyst, diplomat, and policy advisor, including as director of the CIA's Russia analysis, director of the CIA's Open Source Center, and as a staff advisor on Russia matters to Vice President Cheney. His book, *The Russia Trap: How Our Shadow War with Russia Could Spiral into Nuclear Catastrophe* (St. Martin's Press, 2019), warned how the United States and Russia could stumble into a dangerous military confrontation. Prior to joining QI, George was Vice President and Director of Studies at the Center for the National Interest and before that he served as president of a technology company that measured the impact of events, issues, and advertising campaigns on audience views. He speaks Russian and German.

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Mark Episkopos is a research fellow in the Quincy Institute's Eurasia Program. He is also an Adjunct Professor of History at Marymount University. Episkopos holds a PhD in history from American University and a masters degree in international affairs from Boston University. His research focuses on great power competition and the international system, the transatlantic relationship, Russian foreign policy, military thought and capabilities, and domestic politics, and issues in Eastern European security. Episkopos was previously the National Security Reporter for The National Interest, where he wrote widely on military and foreign affairs topics.

Iris Ferguson

Iris A. Ferguson served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Arctic and Global Resilience. In this role, she served as the principal advisor to the Secretary of Defense and senior leadership on protecting U.S. homeland and Allied interests in the Arctic region; managed oceans policy and the freedom of navigation program to uphold the maritime rules-based order; addressed strategic resilience risks including critical minerals and energy security; and ensured the Department maintained innovation advantages in strategic competition. Prior to her current appointment, Ms. Ferguson was a Senior Advisor on Arctic and energy security issues for U.S. Air Force Futures and the Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations. In those capacities, she authored and implemented the Department of the Air Force's Arctic Strategy including advising on strategic initiatives, operations, and international partnerships related to the region.

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Lyle Goldstein is the Director of Asia Engagement at Defense Priorities. He maintains expertise in both Chinese and Russian military strategic development, and also has knowledge regarding particular issues in the China-Russia relationship, including especially the Arctic and Central Asia. Goldstein serves concurrently as Director of the China Initiative and Senior Fellow at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University.

Thomas Graham

Thomas E. Graham is a distinguished fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. His book, *Getting Russia Right*, was published in September, 2023. He is a cofounder of Yale University's Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies program and sits on its faculty steering committee. He is also a research scholar at Yale's MacMillan Center. He has been a lecturer in global affairs and political science since 2011, teaching courses on U.S.-Russian relations and Russian foreign policy, as well as cybersecurity and counterterrorism. Graham was special assistant to the president and senior director for Russia on the National Security Council staff from 2004 to 2007, during which he managed a White House-Kremlin strategic dialogue. He was director for Russian affairs on the staff from 2002 to 2004.

Ole Jørgen Hammeken

Ole Jørgen Hammeken is an Inuit elder born in Nuuk, Greenland. He is a polar explorer, artist, actor, author and educator. Trained as a lawyer in Copenhagen, he chose to return to his fatherland to work with neglected Inuit children and preserve local culture and traditions. To the general audience he is known as a lead actor playing the old polar bear hunter Ikuma in Greenlandic film *INUK* that has won over 25 prizes at international film festivals. He led and participated in many expeditions in the Arctic, including *The Polar Passage 2000* – a circumnavigation of the Arctic Ocean in a small open boat. Ole Jørgen is a fellow international at The Explorers Cub in New York. He was featured in many documentaries dedicated to the Arctic such as *Silent Snow*, *Inuit School*, *La Longue Trace* and others. He regularly talks as an expert on climate change and indigenous issues on BBC, Euronews, CBS, National Geographic and others. The world's northernmost mountain in Peary Land, *Hammeken Point*, was named after him.

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Dr. Victoria Herrmann is a Senior Fellow and Leadership Group member at The Arctic Institute, where her research focuses on climate change, community adaptation, resilient development, and geopolitics. From 2016 to 2021, Victoria was the President and Managing Director of The Arctic Institute, where she led the U.S. incorporation and global growth of TAI as a premiere think and do tank. Previously, she was TAI's North America Director. Victoria has testified before the U.S. Senate, served as the Alaska Review Editor for the Fourth National Climate Assessment, contributes to The Guardian and Scientific American on climate policy, and was named one of the most 100 influential people in climate policy worldwide in 2022 by Apolitical. She has published in many peer-review journals and her expert opinion has appeared on CNN, BBC, and NPR among others, and was a 2021-2022 White House Fellow.

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Amy Myers Jaffe serves as Director of the Energy, Climate Justice and Sustainability Lab at New York University’s School of Professional Studies and is a research professor who teaches graduate-level courses examining global climate finance, clean technology innovation and business, and energy and climate justice. A leading expert on global energy policy, sustainability, and geopolitical risk, Jaffe is author of several books, including her most recent book, “Energy’s Digital Future” published in 2021 by Columbia University Press. Ms. Jaffe is a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Climate Policy Lab at Tufts University and a regular contributor to the popular podcast “The Energy Gang.” From 2014 to 2017, Ms. Jaffe served as senior advisor on sustainability to the Office of the Chief Investment Officer of the University of California, Regents, where she helped design the sustainable investing framework for the UC’s \$140 billion pension and endowment funds.

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She ran the *ThinkArctic Project* within the Chairmanship of Russia in the Arctic Council 2021-2023. In 2022, she edited a book *Arctic Fever: Political, Economic & Environmental Aspects* in Palgrave Macmillan. The book united scholars from 11 countries and dozens of academic institutions. Currently she supervises PhD research on Arctic regimes and supports Arctic studies at the HSE WEIA faculty.

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Ilarion Mercurieff

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Galya Morrell

Galya Morrell is a polar explorer and environmental artist, she has spent over 50 years living and traveling across the Arctic. Born into a Komi-Pomor family, she follows in the footsteps of reindeer herders and sea mammal hunters. Her rare genre—visual synthetic performance on drifting sea ice—fuses Indigenous tradition with modern expression. Her nomadic exhibitions travel by dog sled, reindeer, Arctic horse, kayak, and boat to the world's most remote communities. With her Greenlandic husband, Ole Jørgen Hammeken, she co-founded Arctic Without Borders, Arctic Arts and Expedition Avannaa, citizen diplomacy initiatives fostering cultural bridges to the world's most isolated communities affected by climate and societal change. They offer a unique view of the people and their natural habitats in the hardest-to-reach places that otherwise stay invisible to the eyes of decision makers and general audiences worldwide.

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George Noll

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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Day 1 private workshop: 9:00 AM to 6:15 PM

Day 2 public conference: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Workshop format

Each session will have 5-7 minutes of opening remarks by each listed speaker, followed by 40-50 mins of moderated discussion with questions/comments from the whole group.

Meals

June 11

Coffee/tea/juice and pastries 8:30-11 AM and 4 PM.

Lunch 12:30-1:30 PM.

Optional dinner for speakers on June 11, with drinks starting at 6:30 PM. Location TBC. Please contact Zoe Desch to confirm attendance and notify about any allergies.

June 12

Coffee/tea/juice at 9 AM and 11:30 AM.

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