

Please join the FES and the Woodrow Wilson Center's Canada Institute for a panel discussion:

Governing the Far North: Assessing Cooperation Between Arctic and Non-Arctic Nations

Wednesday, September 22, 2010, from 3:30 to 7:00 pm

Ottawa U, Desmarais Building, 12th Floor, 55 Laurier Avenue East, Ottawa [\[map\]](#)

Event Details:

The Arctic continues to draw considerable attention from the international community. Both Arctic and non-Arctic nations are grappling with the looming environmental and security challenges that accompany the possibility of an ice-free Arctic. At the same time, they are assessing how to take advantage of the region's vast economic potential in a sustainable manner.

Though much remains to be resolved, there is a growing consensus that issues surrounding the Arctic concern not only Arctic, but non-Arctic countries as well. This conference will explore efforts on behalf of Arctic and non-Arctic nations to cooperate on key environmental, security, and economic issues and foster discussion on pressing Arctic governance questions.

Key issues to be addressed by our international experts include: How well do existing governing structures address Arctic issues? Is it possible to demonstrate a governance approach that results in mutual gain and sets a precedent for international cooperation? How can non-Arctic nations with economic and environmental interests in the Far North be involved in a meaningful way in the governance of the Arctic?

Event Agenda:

- 3:30 pm Coffee and Registration
- 3:45 pm **Welcome** by **David Biette**, Director, Canada Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC
- 4:00 – 5:15 pm **Panel 1: Cooperation Among the Arctic Nations**
- Moderator: Don Newman, Former Senior Parliamentary Editor, CBC News*
- Brooks Yeager** (USA), Executive Vice President for Policy, Clean Air-Cool Planet
- Joël Plouffe** (Canada) Chaire Raoul-Dandurand en Études Stratégiques et Diplomatiques, Université de Québec à Montreal
- Danila Bochkarev** (Russia), Fellow, EastWest Institute
- 5:15 – 5:45 pm Break – Appetizers
- 5:45 – 7:00 pm **Panel 2: Cooperation between Arctic and Non-Arctic Nations**
- Moderator: Pia Bungarten, Representative to the U.S. and Canada, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*
- Timo Koivurova** (Finland), Director of the Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre/University of Lapland
- Ted McDorman** (Canada), Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, Editor of “Oceans & International Law”
- Franz Thönnes** (Germany), Member of Parliament, Member of the multinational Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference
- 7:00 pm **Concluding Remarks** by **His Excellency Dr. Georg Witschel**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Canada

The event is free, but seating is limited. Please RSVP by September 15 to [canada@fesdc.org]

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