ARCTIC STRATEGIC COMPETITION DYNAMICS

PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY NORTH

The Arctic Strategic Competition Dynamics Course (ASDC) is a four-day, practitioner-focused executive education course that examines how strategic competition between major powers shapes Arctic security dynamics, with particular focus on the evolving nature of great power relations in the High North. The curriculum analyzes how China's "pacing challenge," Russia's expansive posture, and those countries' declared "no limits friendship" affect Arctic stability through activities across multiple domains - including military operations, economic initiatives, technological development, and gray zone actions. Special attention is given to how this partnership raises challenges and dilemmas for other Arctic states.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Participants will gain critical knowledge and skills to:

- Understand the nature and stakes of strategic competition in the Arctic.
- Assess U.S., allied and partner, and competitor regional advantages and vulnerabilities across key domains.
- Evaluate alternative approaches and measures for competitive success.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

This virtual course features:

- Senior-leader and expert presentations and panels
- Interactive breakout group discussions
- Competitive sub-area and capstone exercises
- Networking opportunities

WHY IT MATTERS

Competition for power and influence is a defining feature of international security. In recent decades, previous hopes for "Arctic exceptionalism" have given way to recognition of the circumpolar North as "a frontline for strategic competition." That reality critically shapes the regional roles of military forces in conjunction with interorganizational partners.

AUDIENCE:

- Mid- to senior-level U.S. allied, and partner military and civilian personnel dealing with Arctic-related security issues.
- Course content will span strategic-operational levels.

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