



Arctic Security Seminar

**In partnership with the
Canadian High Commission in the United Kingdom**

Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London, UK

Wednesday, 3 June 2026

0900-1800

Held under Chatham House Rule of Non-Attribution.

Business attire.

Lunch and coffee breaks provided.

Photo ID required to enter. Smoking is not allowed.



0800 – 0900: Arrival & In-processing; Coffee and Tea in the Hall

0900 – Welcome Address and Opening Remarks

Brigadier-General Jonathan Bouchard

Defence Advisor, High Commission of Canada in the United Kingdom

Vice Admiral Robert G Pedre CB

Commander, Allied Maritime Command

Dr. P. Whitney Lackenbauer

Professor and Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in the Study of the Canadian North, Trent University; Lead, NAADSN

0930 – 1045 – Panel #1:

Arctic Geopolitics:

Strategic Competition in the High North

Mr. Thorir Gudmundsson

Political Advisor, NATO Joint Force Command Norfolk

Dr. Caroline Kennedy-Pipe

Professor, War Studies, Loughborough University

Ms. Marisol Maddox

Senior Arctic Fellow, Institute of Arctic Studies, Dickey Center,
Dartmouth College

Dr. Kari Roberts

Professor and Chair, Economic, Justice and Policy Studies,
Mount Royal University

Moderated by: Dr. Gabriella Gricius

Postdoctoral Fellow, Zukunftscolleg, Universität Konstanz

1045 – 1100 – Coffee and Tea

1100 – 1215 – Panel #2:
Leveraging Technology in the Arctic:
Innovation, Advantage, and Strategic Risk
Sponsored by the Canadian Maritime Security Network

Mr. John Jensen
President/CEO, ALPHA-EL Inc.

Dr. Benjamin T. Johnson
Assistant Professor, International Relations,
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

Dr. Liselotte Odgaard
Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute

Dr. Océane Zubeldia
Director of Armaments and Defense Economics,
Institute of Strategic Research (IRSEM)

Moderated by: Dr. Kristen Csenkey
Postdoctoral Fellow, Canadian Maritime Security Network,
St. Francis Xavier University

1215 – 1330 – Lunch Buffet

1330 – 1445 – Panel #3:
Hybrid Threats in the Arctic:
Grey Zone Tactics and Alliance Response

Dr. Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørsv
Professor, Security Studies and Geopolitics,
UiT: The Arctic University of Norway

Ms. Katarina Kertysova
Policy Officer, Hybrid Strategy and Policy Section,
Cyber and Digital Transformation (CDT) Division, NATO HQ

Sgt Jackie Jacobson

1 Canadian Rangers Patrol Group, Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories

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Moderated by: Ms. Cordelia Buchanan Ponczek

Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

1445 – 1500 – Coffee and Tea

1500 – 1615 – Panel #4:

Domain Awareness in the Arctic:

From Seabed to Space in a changing operating environment

Dr. Klaus Dodds

Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, Middlesex University London

Ms. Iris Ferguson

President and Founder, IAF Strategies

Dr. Paal Sigurd Hilde

Professor, War Studies, Norwegian Defence University College

Lt Col Kim MachLachlan Vetting (R)

Acting Head, Strategic Analysis and Partnerships
NATO Climate Change and Security Centre of Excellence

Moderated by: Cdr Caroline Hoefsmit

Allied Maritime Command/Permanent Joint Headquarters

1615 – 1630 – Joint Closing Remarks

RAdm Thorsten Bobzin, *COM MARAIR NATO, Allied Maritime Command*

Dr. P. Whitney Lackenbauer, *Lead, NAADSN*

1630 - 1800 - Reception at Canada House



Geopolitics, hybrid threats, and emerging technologies are reshaping NATO's Northern Flank, requiring enhanced domain awareness. As great power competition intensifies, the Alliance is strengthening its deterrence and defence posture across the Euro-Atlantic. The Arctic Security Seminar will convene military practitioners, academic experts, and policy makers to examine emerging challenges and advance the conversation on Arctic security, with particular attention to the maritime domain from seabed to space. Through panel sessions, we will explore and discuss shared challenges and provide avenues of dialogue and cooperation.

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