The Russian-Chinese Relationship in the Arctic: Overlapping Interests and Divergences

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In recent years, the unprecedented interest of non-Arctic actors in the circumpolar North has become both a pressing geopolitical challenge and the focus of several studies. Most of them primarily examine the possibilities and consequences of non-Arctic actors’ participation in the Arctic Council or analyze their policies or positions towards the changing Arctic, which means that normative and descriptive approaches prevail. In his research, Dr. Łuszczuk proposes a more empirical perspective by focusing on the development of an Arctic dimension to bilateral relations between inter- and extra-regional states. Such an approach aims not only to juxtapose the Arctic-oriented interests and aims of all states involved, but also to provide a wider and better understanding as to states’ willingness or reluctance to cooperate in the region. This presentation examines current and possible developments in Russian-Chinese relations in the Arctic, including such issues as energy resources, navigation, shipping in the Arctic seas, and other strategic challenges.

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