The Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies (IERES) is pleased to invite you to:

**U.S. Security Policy in the European Arctic since 1981**

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Within the last few years, Arctic and non-Arctic states have shown increased interest in the High North as the icecap is retreating, opening up the region to new activity. Although the United States has now placed the Arctic on its foreign policy agenda, American attention to the area has varied. In the Cold War, the Arctic was central to U.S. containment of the Soviet Union, while in the post-Cold War period, the region’s strategic significance was reduced. Today, the United States is moderately, but increasingly interested, engaging in regional cooperation while protecting its national and homeland security interests. This seminar will discuss the evolution of U.S. security policy in the Arctic from the Reagan presidency until today, with emphasis put on the European part of the Arctic.

Ingrid Lundestad is a Research Fellow at the Norwegian Institute for Defense Studies and a PhD Candidate in History at the University of Oslo. Since January 2010 she has been a Visiting Scholar at IERES. Lundestad’s research focuses on U.S. foreign policy and transatlantic relations. The presentation is based on her ongoing PhD dissertation research on U.S. Arctic policy – a project that is part of the international research program Geopolitics in the High North (www.geopoliticsnorth.org).

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Soft drinks will be provided.