Energy Studies Institute Centre for International Law

Maritime Governance Lessons from the Barents Sea for the Pacific Arctic

PROGRAMME

Welcome Remark by Professor Lucy REED

Director, Centre for International Law

Opening Address by H.E. Tormod C. ENDRESEN *Ambassador of Norway to Singapore*

Presentation by Professor Rasmus Gjedssø BERTELSEN *Professor of Northern Studies and Barents Chair in Politics, University of Tromsø-The Arctic University of Norway*

Q&A with H.E. Tormod C. ENDRESEN and Professor Rasmus Gjedssø BERTELSEN

Moderated by Dr Philip ANDREWS-SPEED

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SYNOPSIS

NATO and Norway shared and share the Barents Sea with USSR/Russia. The Barents Sea is an exceptionally rich fishing ground, holds oil and gas prospects and is of key strategic importance for both USSR/Russia and NATO. Norway and the USSR collaborated highly successfully on fisheries management during the Cold War, while the region was a high tension area. In 2010 Norway and Russia agreed on the demarcation of their EEZs in the Barents Sea. The Pacific Arctic is surrounded by USA, Russia, China, Japan and the Korean Peninsula. These are some of the most powerful states and economies in the world, and their relations are of global importance. Maritime issues are at the forefront of Northeast Asian and Pacific Arctic affairs and reflect the state of affairs between these powers. In this presentation Professor Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen will discuss to what extent Barents Sea and Pacific Arctic marine management embedded in the international system can be compared, and what research and policy lessons can be shared from this comparison. H.E. Tormod C. ENDRESEN will give the Opening Address and participate in the Q&A session.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



H.E. Tormod C. ENDRESEN is Norway's ambassador in Singapore. A career diplomat, he has served at Norway's Mission to the United Nations in New York and in various positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including in the Foreign Minister's Secretariat and as Deputy Director General for Human Rights. Prior to his arrival in Singapore in 2012, he was Consul General in Guangzhou, China. A lawyer by training, Mr Endresen has been practicing business law at Wiersholm law firm in Oslo from 2001 to 2003. He holds a Master's degree of Law from the University of Oslo.



Professor Rasmus Gjedssø BERTELSEN is a Danish international relations scholar. He is Professor of Northern Studies and holds the Barents Chair in Politics at the University of Tromsø-The Arctic University of Norway. Rasmus grew up in Iceland and therefore he has a deep personal and professional commitment to the North Atlantic and the Arctic. He studied at the Universities of Copenhagen, Iceland, Geneva, Lausanne and Amsterdam. He holds a PhD in international relations from the University of Cambridge during which time he also was a visiting PhD candidate at Sciences Po Paris. Rasmus did his first postdoc at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, followed by a JSPS postdoc at Tokyo Institute of Technology and United Nations University-Institute of Advanced Studies and finally Aalborg University (Denmark), where he was also an assistant professor. He is currently a visiting scholar at the Energy Studies Institute.