

# China in the Arctic: External Influence on Regional Governance (ArcGov)

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# ArcGov – Project background

- Mainly funded by the Norwegian Research Council through the program POLARPROG
- Scientific orientation: 50% management science (Nord) and 50% political science (FNI)
- Project partners: High North Center at Nord University, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, The Arctic Institute, East China Normal University, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, and Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center

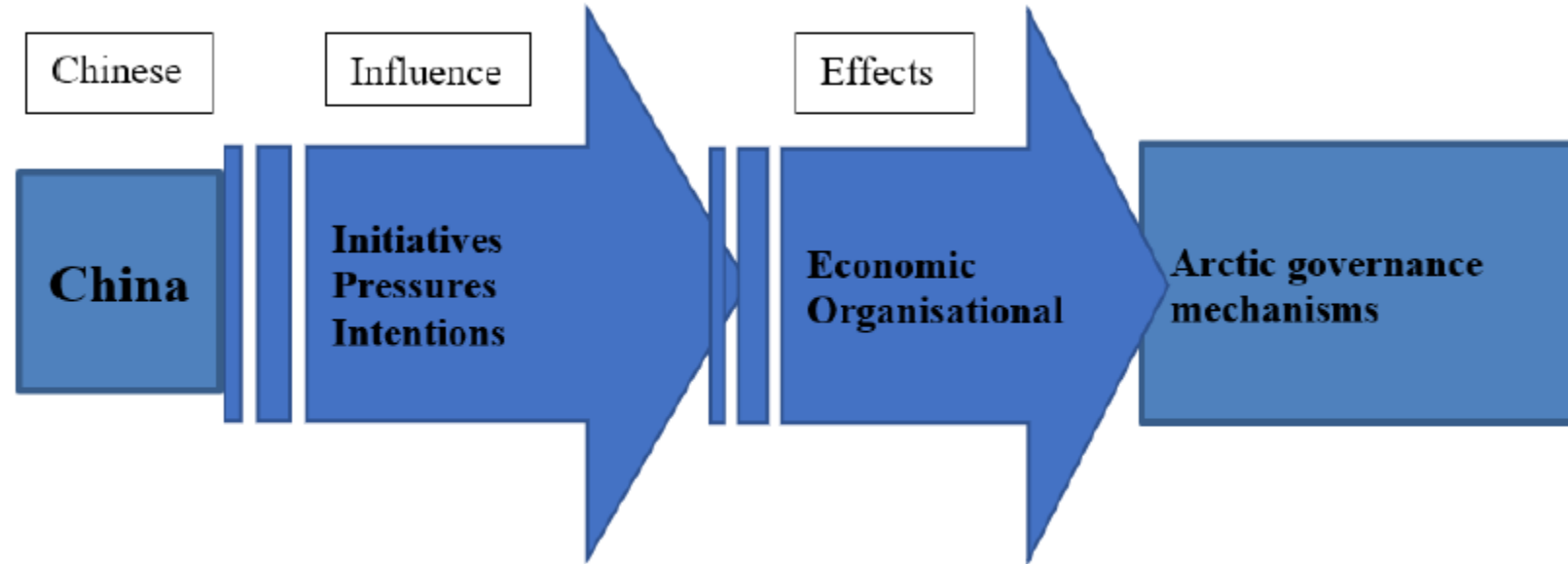
# ArcGov: Climate Change, Arctic Governance, Countries outside Arctic

- The Arctic is warming three times as fast as the global average.
- The impacts of climate change in the Arctic include melting sea ice, coastal erosion, and changes in the social structures of Arctic communities
- Arctic Governance structures are maintained and developed to meet the regions needs
- Countries outside of the Arctic region are taking interest in Arctic governance, and this project will develop knowledge about Chinese influence and contributions to Arctic Governance Mechanisms

# ArcGov – Research questions

- Does China influence on Arctic governance institutions, and eventually how?
- What are the effects of such influence on the same governance institutions?
- What impact does these findings have for Arctic governance more broadly

# ArcGov – Model of Influence



**Figure I:** The three parts of the project

# ArcGov overall project structure

**Table II:** Overview of project structure

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<p><b>WP I – International</b>                      - Law of the Sea and the Arctic                      - International Maritime Organization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Leader: Iselin Stensdal (FNI)</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr Andreas Østhagen (FNI)</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr Zhang Pei (SIIS)</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr Fujio Onishi (ARC-HU)</i></li> <li>• <i>Lillian Hussong (TAI)</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>WP II – Regional</b>                      - Arctic Council                      - High Arctic Fisheries Agreement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Leader: Dr Svein Rottem (FNI)</i></li> <li>• <i>Prof. Gørild Heggelund (FNI)</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr Sanna Kopra (TAI)</i></li> <li>• <i>Prof. Olav Schram Stokke (FNI/UiO)</i></li> <li>• <i>Prof. Frode Nilssen (Nord)</i></li> </ul>	<p><b>WP III – National</b>                      -Norwegian Arctic Business Framework                      - Norwegian Arctic Research                      - Nordland County Cooperation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Leader: Prof. Frode Mellempvik (HNC)</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr Elena Dybtsyna (HNC)</i></li> <li>• <i>Anders Christoffer Edstrøm (HNC)</i></li> <li>• <i>Prof. Sun Suyuan (ECNU)</i></li> <li>• <i>Trym Eiterjord (TAI)</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>Synthesis:</b>  <i>High North Center, Nord University</i>  <i>Fridtjof Nansen Institute</i>  <i>PhD student (Nord University)</i></p>		<p><b>Reference group for synthesis:</b>  <i>The Arctic Institute</i>  <i>Shanghai Institutes for International Studies</i>  <i>East China Normal University</i>  <i>Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center</i>  <i>Arctic Economic Council</i>  <i>Nordland County Council</i></p>





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# ArcGov presentations High North Dialogue 2022

- Iselin Stensdal (Fridtjof Nansen Institute)

*Arctic waters and global governance institutions: China and UNCLOS §234/IMO's Polar Code*

- Svein Rottem (Fridtjof Nansen Institute)

*Observing the Arctic Council – the role of China*

- Anders Edstrøm (High North Center Nord University)

*State of the art paper: Development on Chinese investments in the Arctic*

- Trym Eiterjord (The Arctic Institute)

*The Arctic in China's 14th Five-Year Plan*