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PhD Thesis under the Research Project ArcGov



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PhD Research questions under WP3

1. What are the drivers and motivations for Chinese investments in Norway /Arctic?
2. Are there any special characteristics connected to these Chinese investments in the Arctic?
3. Which Chinese and Norwegian actors are involved, and how?
4. Can these investments contribute to or influence on Arctic governance mechanisms?

PhD articles under WP3

- 1) State of the art: What does research say about Chinese foreign investments in the Arctic?
- 2) Article two: Norwegian perspectives on Chinese investments
- 3) Article three: A deep dive into concrete cases of Chinese Arctic foreign investments
- 4) Article four: Do Chinese investments influence on Arctic governance mechanisms?
- 5) Summary paper – “Kappe”

Methodology

- The project will build on existing research knowledge and rely on qualitative methods including interviews and document studies.
 - Interviews when accessible of experts, officials and company representatives
 - Studies of official documents, newspaper articles and other accessible documents

Article one – State of the art

- Research question: What is the current state of knowledge in the scientific literature on Chinese foreign investments in the Arctic, published the last ten years?
- Semi-systematic literature review of published articles in peer-reviewed journals
- Discuss Chinese investments; including drivers, characteristics, actors and governance mechanisms

Journals

Journals	
International Business Review	Strategic Management Journal
Asia Pacific Journal of Management	Asian Business and Management
Polar Journal	Internasjonal politikk
Management International Review	Journal of Business Research
Management and Organization Review	Journal of Contemporary China
Journal of World Business	China Economic Review
Contemporary Chinese Political Economy and Strategic Relations	Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies
Journal of International Management	Asian Economic Policy Review

Article one – State of the art

- 1) The search words include “China”, “Investment”, “Arctic”, “High North”, “Polar”, “Antarctic”, “Polar Silk Road”, “Northern Sea Route”, “Belt and Road”, “Silk Road on Ice”.
- 2) Combined with “Norway”, “Russia”, “Sweden”, “Denmark”, “Finland”, “Canada”, “United States” “USA”, “Iceland”, “Alaska”, “Greenland”, “Barents”, “Svalbard”, and “North-East Passage”

Article one – State of the art

- 1) Searches in the databases of Scopus and selected journals
- 1) The review will identify the research questions, theories applied, investment characteristics, contexts, methods applied, claims/contributions, and findings of previous research

Advise for article one?

- 1) Do you have any thoughts about the key words to search for?
- 2) Do you have any reflections on Chinese Arctic investments?
- 3) Do you know any interesting examples of Chinese Arctic investments?