

The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) has the pleasure of inviting you to a seminar on:

Arctic Nuclear Weapons Free Zone – Challenges and Opportunities  
Wednesday, 26 September 2012, 13.00-15.30

Eigtveds Pakhus, Sal II  
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### Background

The world currently has five nuclear weapons free zones (NWFZs) in existence, essentially making the southern hemisphere free of nuclear weapons. A similar zone for the Arctic would prohibit the possession, development, testing, manufacture or production of nuclear weapons within the zone; prohibit the use of nuclear weapons against any territory within; and establish measures to ensure everybody is playing by treaty rules. But it would not be easy. Two of the eight Arctic states are the world's largest possessors of nuclear weapons (Russia and United States) and five of the eight are also NATO members and bound by the alliance's nuclear doctrine. That said, if the countries of the Middle East can potentially begin dialogue on weapons of mass destruction, surely there is hope for the circumpolar nations to do the same?

This DIIS seminar discusses the challenges and opportunities associated with an Arctic free of nuclear weapons. It focuses on the practicalities of negotiating such a zone, from the various national positions to lessons from other regions and from NWFZ principles to accompanying export controls.

### Speakers

[William Potter](#), Director, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies, Monterey Institute of International Studies

Vladimir Rybachenkov, Senior Research Scientist, Moscow Center for Arms Control, Energy and Environmental Studies

Tariq Rauf, Former Member of the Canadian NPT delegation

[Mark Hibbs](#), Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

[Cindy Vestergaard](#), Postdoc, DIIS

### Programme

More details about the speakers and the seminar are available on our [website](#).

### Practical Information

The seminar will be held in English.

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. Please use our [online registration form](#) no later than Tuesday, 25 September 2012 at 12.00 noon.

Please await confirmation by e-mail from DIIS for participation.

Sincerely,

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