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Title: *China in the Arctic: Interests, Activities, and Strategic Implications*

Speaker: Mr. Kyle D. Christensen (Defence Research & Development Canada-Centre for Operational Research and Analysis (DRDC-CORA))

Date: Monday, November 1, 2010

Time: Noon to 1:30 PM (90 minutes)

Location: Carleton University: Minto Centre, Room 3010
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Pre-Registration by Friday, October 29, 2010 to Jeremy_Littlewood@carleton.ca A light lunch will be served.

Summary

In recent years, China has been paying increasing attention to the potential consequences of melting sea ice in the Arctic as a result of climate change. The prospect of a major non-circumpolar power with global interests and aspirations entering the Arctic has the potential to affect not only the circumpolar balance of power, but also the strategic thinking of all states involved. Within this context, Mr. Christensen examines China's interests in the Arctic, its current activities, and its motivation for allocating increased resources for Arctic research. This will include a review of Beijing's current thinking on the geopolitics of the Arctic, as well as potential geostrategic uses of the Arctic.

Speaker's Bio

Mr. Kyle D. Christensen is a Strategic Analyst at DRDC CORA. From 2003-2009, Mr. Christensen worked in the Directorate of Maritime Strategy. He conducted extensive research on Arctic and Asia-Pacific maritime security and defence issues. His most recent research focuses on factors that will continue to shape the evolution of Asia-Pacific security dynamics. His publications include *China in the Arctic: China's Interests and Activities in an Ice-Free Arctic* (DRDC CORA LR 2010-210); *The South China Sea in the Current Strategic Environment: Its Importance as a Key Strategic Area* (DRDC CORA TM 2009-035); *How We Would Fight China: A Strategic Assessment* (2006, MWB); and several articles on Arctic security.

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