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Is Arctic security exceptional?

Speaker:

Gunhild
Hoogensen Gjørsv

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Location:

University of Calgary;
Science A 107



This presentation will raise questions about how we think about security in the Arctic, drawing on the forthcoming, Routledge Handbook of Arctic Security (edited by Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørsv, Marc Langteigne, and Horatio Sam-Aggrey). She will provide an overview of the themes addressed in the book, and discuss a number of these themes in light of the discourse of ‘Arctic Exceptionalism’ and comprehensive security.

Biography: Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørsv is Professor of Critical Peace and Conflict Studies with a specialization in Security Studies and International Relations at the University of Tromsø- The Arctic University of Norway. Hoogensen Gjørsv’s research has interrogated the interactions and tensions between perceptions of state and human security in a variety of contexts, with a particular focus on civil-military interaction and Arctic perceptions of security. She is concerned with representations and performances of

civilian agency, drawing upon intersectional approaches to better understand agency, “everyday” security, and possibilities for peace. She was one of ten experts selected as a member of the Norwegian national evaluation committee to examine Norway’s efforts in Afghanistan. Hoogensen Gjørsv has led a number of projects examining human security in the context of Arctic extractive industries and the relationships between states, industry, and people in the Arctic. Her focus on security in the Arctic ensured that she was among the first awarded a Fulbright Arctic Initiative fellowship (2015-2016), coinciding with the US chairmanship of the Arctic Council, after which she was awarded the Nansen Professorship at the University of Akureyri (2017-2018). She currently leads “Resilient Civilians,” a project examining civilian agency in population-centric and hybrid warfare scenarios (partially funded by the NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme), and just completed a project investigating the trajectories of indigenous territorial rights in Russia (funded by the Research Council of Norway). Hoogensen Gjørsv serves on various boards including within the Norwegian Research Council, the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, and the International Arctic Science Committee.

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