



Russia and International Law: The Arctic as a Special Case?

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Russia is back. Whether at the UN or in the Middle East, Russia is yet again a key actor (or for some, spoiler) on the international scene. At the same time, Western governments as well as international NGOs have criticized Russia for numerous flagrant violations of international law – ranging from aggression against the Ukraine to war crimes in Syria. The European Union has imposed comprehensive sanctions against Russia. Seemingly untouched by all this is Russia's participation in Arctic affairs – but how come?

Denmark's Ambassador to Russia, H.E. Thomas Winkler, will speak on these matter during a guest lecture organized by RAS, a new research group exploring the enforcement of international law in the Arctic and on the high seas at the SDU Law Department. The seminar is co-hosted by SDU's Centre for War Studies.

Short biography of Ambassador Winkler

Thomas Winkler has been a Danish diplomat since 1988 with postings in Moscow, Kiev and Stockholm. Between 2004 and 2008 he was the head of the Department of International Law at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs; subsequently he became the Legal Adviser, overseeing the entire legal service of the Ministry. In that function he has worked extensively on all matters of public international law, including the International Criminal Court, responsibility to protect, use force and piracy. Thomas Winkler has been the Danish ambassador to Russia since 2013.