

China in the Arctic: External Influence on Regional Governance (ArcGov)

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ArcGov: Climate Change, Arctic Governance, Countries outside Arctic

- The Arctic is warming three times as fast as the global average.
- The impacts of climate change in the Arctic include melting sea ice, coastal erosion, and changes in the social structures of Arctic communities
- Arctic Governance structures are maintained and developed to meet the regions needs
- Countries outside of the Arctic region are taking interest in Arctic governance, and this project will develop knowledge about Chinese influence and contributions to Arctic Governance Mechanisms

ArcGov – Research Questions

Does China influence on Arctic governance institutions, and eventually how?

What are the effects of such influence on the same governance institutions?

What impact does these findings have for Arctic governance more broadly?

ArcGov – Project background

- Mainly funded by the Norwegian Research Council through the program POLARPROG
- Scientific orientation: 50% management science (Nord) and 50% political science (FNI)
- Project partners: High North Center at Nord University, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, The Arctic Institute, East China Normal University, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies, and Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center

ArcGov – Model of Influence

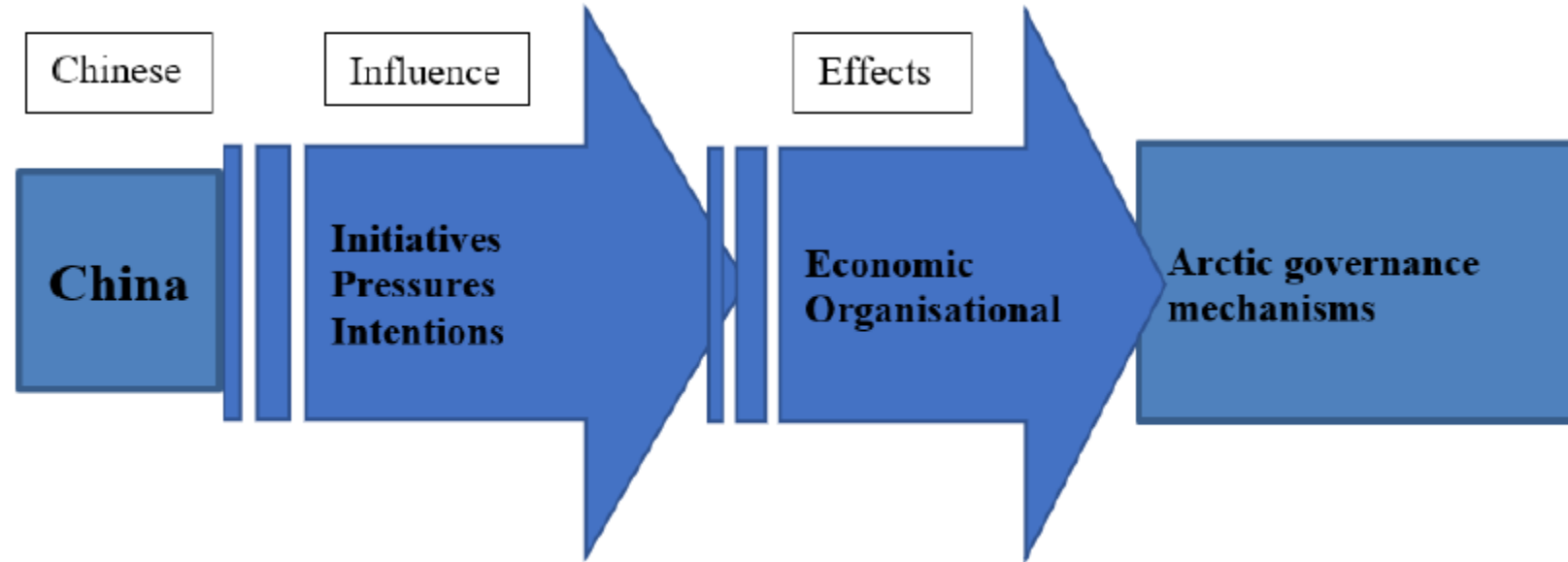


Figure I: The three parts of the project

ArcGov overall project structure

Table II: Overview of project structure

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