

## DISSERTATION PROJECT

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**Short description of the topic:**

**This thesis explores an emerging balance of power in the Arctic by evaluating two of the largest Arctic actors' policies and actions in the theater, the United States and China. The Arctic will be at the forefront of geopolitics in the 21st century as resources and shipping routes previously trapped under perennial ice become more accessible through climate change. These two great powers and their respective partners' influences on the balance of power economically, politically, and militarily will shape the future of the Arctic and tip the balance either towards cooperation or towards conflict.**

**Proposed structure:**

**Introduction, Sources of Competition in the Arctic, The Arctic Policy of the People's Republic of China and the United States of America, Arctic Partnerships, The Balance of Power in the Arctic, Conclusion**

**Sources (basic selection):**

**Government policy releases (Chinese 'Arctic White Paper', US Navy 'Arctic Roadmap', etc.), academic analysis (journal articles, think-tank reports, etc.), news articles, academic texts (concerning balance of power theory, realism, etc.)**