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Arctic Defence Diplomacy: Comparative Document and Discourse Analysis of the Arctic Security Strategies of the 'Arctic Five'

The aim of this dissertation project is to investigate the prevalence and potential for the application of defence diplomacy within the Arctic region. The primary documents of analysis for this study were the five Arctic strategies produced by the littoral nation states of the Arctic Ocean: Canada, Kingdom of Denmark (Greenland); Kingdom of Norway; Russian Federation; and the United States of America.

As the Arctic remains a trapped within the security dilemma, due to its changing geography, previous research has supported the development of defence diplomacy as an active stabiliser to the region's uncertain environment. For this reason, the author further investigated the potential of regional defence diplomacy through document and discourse analysis of the national Arctic security strategies. In alignment with previous research, the security strategies were first analysed individually and then in a comparative study. The individual analysis produced critical background information and analysis on the Arctic states' perceived abilities and intentions to participate in defence diplomacy. The comparative study further analysed the defence diplomacy themes within codes of structural, visual, and textual, to offer additional supporting analysis to the content and discourse of the Arctic strategies and the plausibility of supporting the variables of defence diplomacy.

On the basis of the results of this research, it can be concluded that regional defence diplomacy can provide stability to the security dilemma of the Arctic. Analysis proved that regional defence diplomacy is currently prevalent in the publication of Arctic security strategies, through cooperative search and rescue efforts, regional military exercises, and defence forums. The monograph further provides recommendations for the expansion of Arctic defence diplomacy for regional collaboration on maritime safety & navigation; anti-piracy & trafficking; tourism & outdoor recreation; as well as language and cultural education.

War then, is a relation - not between man and man but between state and state and individuals are enemies only accidentally not as men, nor members of their country, but as its defenders. -

Jean Jacques Rousseau