

Abstract

The Arctic region because of its unique geographical location and the huge amount of resources has always been one of the most popular topics in the international relations. And as two important players in world politics, Russia and US are both main members of Arctic states. The Russia-US relations always have great impacts in Arctic geopolitics. So, it is necessary to analysis the Arctic geopolitics under the Russia-US relation to answer the question of “How will the Arctic Geopolitics develop in the future.”

During the cold war, because of the intense competition between this two great powers, Arctic region which has a superior strategic location, became the one of the strategic frontiers of the global confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union. After the Dissolution of the Soviet Union, Arctic region became the key for Russia to develop its geopolitical strategies. In that case, Russia put significance effort in the development of Arctic resources, sea route and also the military. That makes US reformed the Arctic policy to establish hegemony in Arctic. Under the transfer of the Russia-US relation, the Arctic has undergone an evolutionary process of "militarization – de-militarization- re-militarization".

Based on the regional security complex theory and the Arctic Geopolitical features, The Arctic security will develop under the “Arctic Rim Super Complex” which is a supra-regional (inter-regional) super-complex based on political, economic, military and environmental security in the Arctic region, consisting of the US, Russia and other Arctic Participants Rim security complexes and their “inner ring” of the Arctic region.

