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Speaker: Dr. Walter Berbrick & Dr. Gaëlle Rivard Piché
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SYNOPSIS:

This lecture showcases the release of the “Newport Manual on Arctic Security” authored by Dr. Walter Berbrick, Professor & Director at the U.S. Naval War College, Dr. Gaëlle Rivard Piché, Strategic analyst with Defence Research & Development Canada, and Col Michael Zimmerman, Former Staff Judge Advocate for U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe and Africa.

The Manual provides naval and defense leaders around the world with a blueprint for reducing the chances of miscalculation and unintended conflict in the Arctic. With the ongoing war in Ukraine and increased military activity in the Arctic, the need for practical measures to avoid accidents and conflict escalation in the region is more relevant than ever. The book is based on four years of collaborative research and writing involving 20+experts from Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the U.S. under the auspices of the U.S. Naval War College’s Newport Arctic Scholars Initiative (NASI). Despite U.S. policy restricting Russian military participation in this initiative, lead authors were able to include peer review feedback from Russian scholars.

BIOs:

Walter Berbrick is as an associate professor in the War Gaming Department, founding director of the Arctic Studies Group and co-lead scholar of the Newport Arctic Scholars Initiative. He has authored many reports and publications on defense and foreign policy issues and is the co-author of the forthcoming book “Newport Manual on Arctic Security.” Most recently, he served as the senior arctic policy advisor to the Secretary of the Navy and special representative for the Arctic region at the U.S. State Department. He is an international affairs fellow and member with the Council on Foreign Relations, holds a doctorate from Northeastern University and has served 10 years in the U.S. Navy.