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THE ARCTIC COUNCIL: 20 YEARS OF COOPERATION & POLICY-SHAPING



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This year's AY focuses on the theme of **"The Arctic Council: 20 Years of Cooperation and Policy-Shaping"** as an acknowledgement of the central role the Council has played in regional governance and stability-building during the past two decades. AY2016 is perhaps the most substantial evaluation of the Arctic Council ever published. In the section on *the Arctic Council as an institution*, our authors evaluate the Council's ability to norm-set and identify emerging issues; its proficiency in creating space for Indigenous organizations as Permanent Participants, and non-Arctic states and NGOs as Observers; and media perceptions of its work. Taken together, the reader will better understand the constructed nature of the Arctic Council. The section on *the interplay between science, diplomacy and policy* helps illuminate how and why science can inform policymaking – perhaps one of the better known and celebrated accomplishments of the Arctic Council. We round off the scholarly component with a section on *Arctic geopolitics and security*, the raison d'être of the Arctic Yearbook and the joint NRF/UArctic Thematic Network on Arctic Geopolitics and Security which directs its publication. Headlines come and go, and come back again, but our authors provide much needed nuance to what are overwhelmingly superficial assessments of regional security in the mainstream media and corresponding grey literature.

AY scholarly articles are paired with both *Briefing Notes* to provide succinct explanations of Arctic phenomena and issues of contemporary significance; as well as *Commentaries* by esteemed and influential decision-makers and experts that provide unique insight into the events and trends that have captured our interest in the past year.

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