



# WHO OWNS ANTARCTICA ?

## The Geopolitics of the Seventh Continent

TUESDAY 5 APRIL 2022 | 12:00 – 14:00 (CET) | ROOM S8 | HYBRID EVENT

MAISON DE LA PAIX | THE GRADUATE INSTITUTE, GENEVA | CHEMIN EUGÈNE-RIGOT 2, 1202 GENEVA

Antarctica, the world's seventh continent, is seldom in the news. In popular imagination, it is a remote and inaccessible continent that has remained untouched. This conference will challenge this conventional wisdom, arguing that it ignores not just current developments in Antarctica, but also its history. After all, commercial exploitation was at the origin of Antarctica's discovery, with sealers and whalers being the first to chart the continent. Featuring some of the world's top scholars on the polar regions, the conference will explore the geopolitics of Antarctica and the race to claim its land and resources against a rapidly warming climate.

### Discussants

- » **Alan Hemmings**, Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Canterbury, 'The Antarctic Treaty System, Will it Survive the Test of Time?'
- » **Elisabeth Buchanan**, Lecturer of Strategic Studies, Deakin University, Australian War College, 'The Claims Race in Antarctica; Is Antarctica on the Brink of a Major Geopolitical Conflict?'
- » **Sanjay Chaturvedi**, Professor of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi, 'Can we De-colonize Antarctica?'
- » **Rasmus Bertelsen**, Professor of Northern Studies, The Arctic University of Norway, 'Antarctica and the Arctic; Are there Parallels to Draw from the High North?'
- » **Nong Hong**, Executive Director & Senior Fellow, Institute for China-America Studies, 'Will China Compete for the Poles?'

### Moderator

- » **Doaa Abdel Motaal**, Writer & Visiting Professor, the Graduate Institute Geneva,

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