

Call for Chapters

Book Title: *The Arctic's New Geopolitics: BRICS+ Policies and Investments*

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About the Book

We are pleased to invite chapter contributions for the forthcoming edited volume titled *The Arctic's New Geopolitics: BRICS+ Policies and Investments*. This book aims to explore the evolving geopolitical landscape of the Arctic, particularly through the lens of BRICS+ (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, and associated countries) and their economic, political, and environmental interests in the region.

The Arctic has emerged as a key arena for global strategic competition, resource exploration, and environmental stewardship. As climate change opens up new shipping routes and access to vast natural resources, BRICS+ countries are increasingly positioning themselves as influential players in Arctic affairs. This volume will address the implications of their investments, policies, and collaborations for regional governance, environmental protection, indigenous communities, and international relations.

We welcome contributions from researchers, policymakers, and practitioners from diverse fields, including political science, economics, international relations, technology studies, and more. Chapters should offer original insights and adhere to high academic standards.

Suggested Themes

1. Geopolitical Strategies

- The strategic importance of the Arctic for BRICS+ countries
- Bilateral and multilateral alliances in the region

2. In-depth country case studies

We are particularly interested, though not exclusively, in country-by-country analyses of the following nations: China, India, South Africa, Brazil, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Russia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Uganda, and Uzbekistan. The in-depth, country-specific analyses should include a comprehensive exploration of each nation's Arctic engagement, addressing the following key dimensions:

- Strategic and Geopolitical Dynamics: An examination of the nation's strategic interests in the Arctic, considering its geopolitical positioning and the potential security implications of its activities.

- **Development of Arctic Policies:** Evolution and current state of the nation's Arctic policies, including key policy documents, strategic frameworks, and legislative initiatives.
- **Environmental Engagement:** A detailed analysis of the nation's environmental policies and initiatives related to the Arctic, including its approach to climate change, pollution, and conservation efforts.
- **Scientific and Arctic Collaboration:** A thorough overview of the nation's involvement in Arctic scientific research and collaborative efforts with other Arctic and non-Arctic states, highlighting joint initiatives, research priorities, and contributions to Arctic scientific knowledge.
- **Diplomatic Stance:** A clear outline of the nation's diplomatic positions and activities concerning the Arctic, including its engagement with Arctic governance mechanisms and international forums.
- **Resource Development:** An assessment of the nation's interest in and activities related to Arctic resource development, e.g. focusing on energy, minerals, and fisheries.
- **Investments:** An analysis of the nation's specific investments related to the Arctic region, including financial commitments, infrastructure development, and technological advancements.

3. Economic Investments

- Infrastructure projects (ports, energy, telecommunications, etc.)
- Shipping routes and maritime trade strategies
- Resource extraction and energy investments

4. Indigenous and Local Community Impacts

- Indigenous rights and representation in Arctic governance
- Socioeconomic impacts of foreign investments

5. Governance and International Law

- Arctic Council engagement and BRICS+ participation
- Disputes over territorial claims and maritime boundaries
- Legal frameworks for Arctic development

6. Security and Military Presence

- Security strategies and military build-up in the Arctic
- Implications for global stability and peace

Submission Guidelines

1: Title, Abstract (200-250 words), 5-6 Keywords with 100 words bio

2: Intext Citations with APA 7th edition format.

3: Word Limit 6000-7000 including references with British English.

4: Font: Times New Roman, Font size 12, 1.5 Line spacing, alignment fit to page.

The authors will receive more detailed guidelines and the proposal after they are assigned a chapter. All chapters will be subject to an editor screening, and the first comments will be received from them. The authors might also receive comments after peer review.

Timeline

Abstract Submission Deadline: 30 May 2025

Notification of Acceptance: 15 June 2025

Full Chapter Submission Deadline: 31 October 2025

Submission Process

Please email your abstract and a short biography (100 words) to with the subject line: (*Arctic Chapter abstract*) to cfcarcticbook@gmail.com