

Erdem Lamazhapov – early achievements track record

Present scholarly position:

PhD Research Fellow

The Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI), Norway

Education:

2021 – now: Currently enrolled in a Ph.D. programme in Political Science, University of Oslo, Norway.

This PhD project examines the origins of China's Arctic policy and how its great power status influences its Arctic engagement. It analyzes China-Russia relations, the Polar Silk Road, Northern Sea Route shipping, and Russia's climate policy.

2018 – 2020: M.Phil in Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Oslo (Norway)

2012 – 2017: BA in Political Science and International Relations, Seoul National University (Republic of Korea)

Professional experience:

Junior researcher – Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) – Oslo, Norway

Intern – Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) – Oslo, Norway

Publications

Total number of peer-reviewed publications in three years (2021-2024) as a full-time researcher:

5 peer-reviewed articles, 1 book chapter, 5 reports, and 6 op-eds

- (2025) “Polar Contradictions: China’s Dialectical Thinking About the Arctic”, *Geopolitics*, October 7, 2024, 1–36. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2024.2408601>
- (2024) with Arild Moe. “Russia’s Geopolitical Position in the Arctic: What’s New?”, *Strategic Analysis* 48(6), 604-618. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09700161.2025.2459571>
- (2024) with Andreas Raspotnik, Iselin Stensdal, Gørild Heggelund. “Critical Raw Materials: Interests of China and the European Union in the Arctic”, *Strategic Analysis* 48(6), 733-745. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09700161.2025.2459573>
- (2024) with Gørild Heggelund, Iselin Stensdal. “Chinese Arctic shipping under the Polar Silk Road: Reality or Vision?”, In *Friends in the Cold? – China-Russia Relations in the Arctic*. Palgrave. https://link.springer.com/10.1007/978-3-031-63087-3_8
- (2022) with Arild Moe and Oleg Anisimov “Russia’s expanding adaptation agenda and its limitations”, *Climate Policy*, 1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14693062.2022.2107981>

Reports

- (2024) with Arild Moe. Russia. In Winther and Østhagen (eds) *The Big Picture of Arctic Geopolitics: An actor-oriented analysis*. Fridtjof Nansens Institutt.
- (2023) “China’s Polar Silk Road: Long Game or Failed Strategy?”, The Arctic Institute, November 14, 2023: <https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/china-polar-silk-road-long-game-failed-strategy/>
- (2022) with Gørild Heggelund, Iselin Stensdal. *Kinas polare silkevei: Realitet eller visjon?* Fridtjof Nansens Institutt.
- (2022) with Iselin Stensdal, Gørild Heggelund. *Kinas i Arktis: Geoøkonomi og sammensatte virkemidler*. Fridtjof Nansens Institutt.
- (2022) with Pål Wilter Skedsmo. *Environmental justice for the poor? The case of the Aarhus Convention in the post-Soviet region*. Fridtjof Nansens Institutt.

Language fluency

Russian, English, Chinese, Norwegian, Korean, Mongolian