

DCA Academic (and Online) Lecture Series: 'The Arctic — From Deep Freeze to Hot Spot' Starts Jan 6

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The Darien Community Association's 2022 Academic Lecture Series, "The Arctic — from Deep Freeze to Hot Spot," will start Thursday, Jan. 6, online.

The series has been presented annually, without interruption, since 1956. While the format this year will be virtual, the series will continue to feature respected foreign policy experts at four Thursday morning lectures at 10 a.m., and a final lecture in the evening of Feb. 3 (also a Thursday).

— *an announcement from the [Darien Community Association](#)*

The 2021 series explored key international locations and offered updates on domestic conditions and international policies in light of both the pandemic and the U.S. presidential transition.

This year's virtual series will feature four morning lectures and one evening lecture focused on the climate, politics and geopolitical tensions in the Arctic.

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The first lecture will be presented by Marisol Maddox from the Polar Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. Her topic this year is The Arctic and Why it Matters.

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On Jan. 13, Dr. Paul Andrew Mayewski from the Climate Change Institute, University of Maine, will be speaking on The Arctic, New England and the First Abrupt Climate Change Event in the Modern Era.

Dr. Rebecca Pincus, of the U.S. Naval War College, will join the series on Jan. 20 to discuss Great Powers and Geopolitics in the Arctic.

The Thursday morning lectures will conclude on Jan. 27 with Rachel Ellehuus, of the Center for Strategic & International Studies, speaking on NATO in the High North.

The series will conclude on Thursday night, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m., with Dr. Anne-Marie Brady, University of Canterbury, New Zealand, presenting on China's Arctic Interests.

The DCA extends grateful thanks to an anonymous donor for underwriting this series.

Registration for the virtual series (Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27) is available online at DarienDCA.org or through the DCA office at 203-655-9050 ext. 10. Series tickets for the four Thursday morning lectures are available until Jan. 4 at \$100/public and \$75/DCA members.

Single lecture and evening tickets, \$20 DCA members; \$30 public. Please purchase a series subscription for each of the members in your household who will be viewing the lecture. Registrants will receive an email with Zoom webinar access information the day before the lecture.