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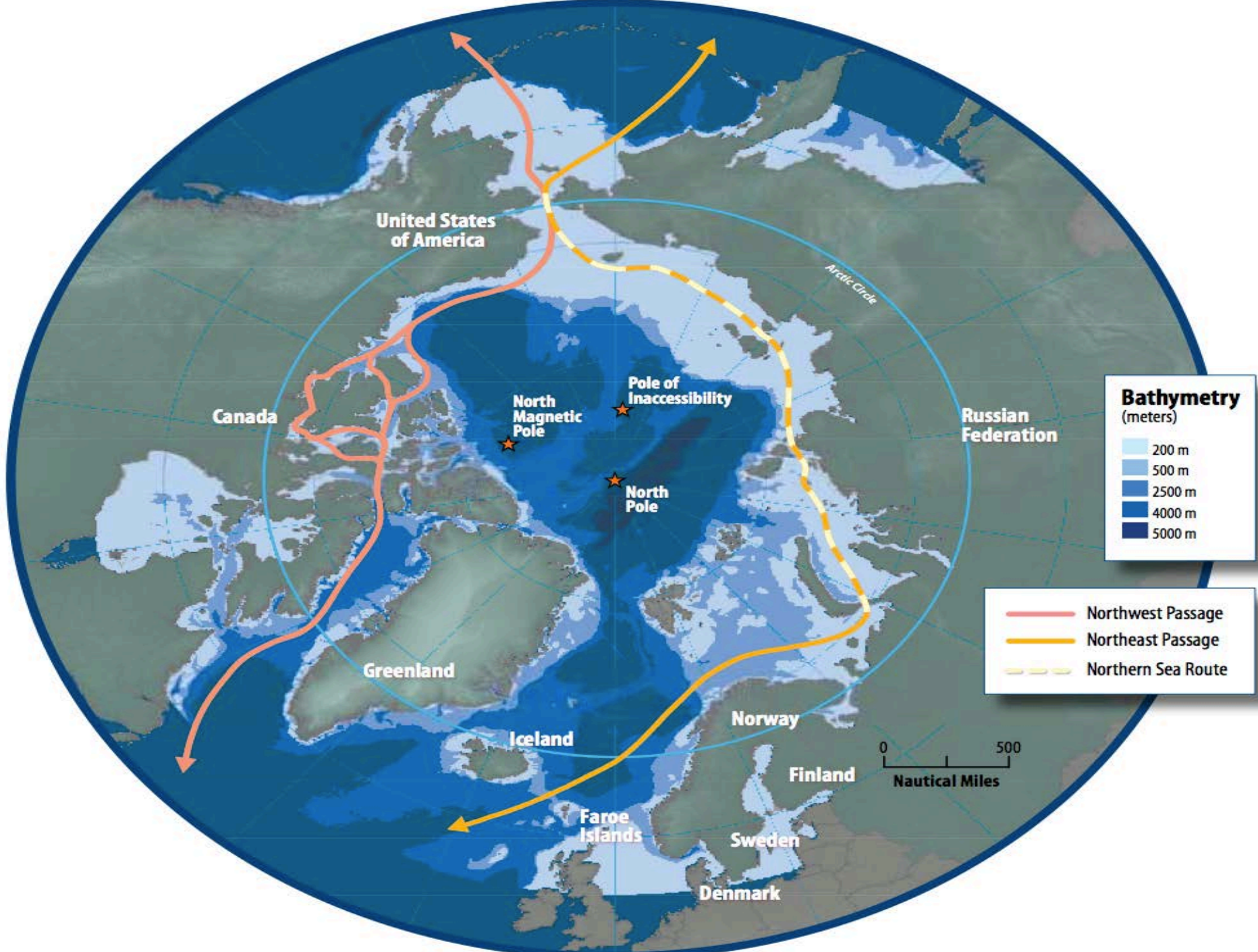
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# The Arctic Region

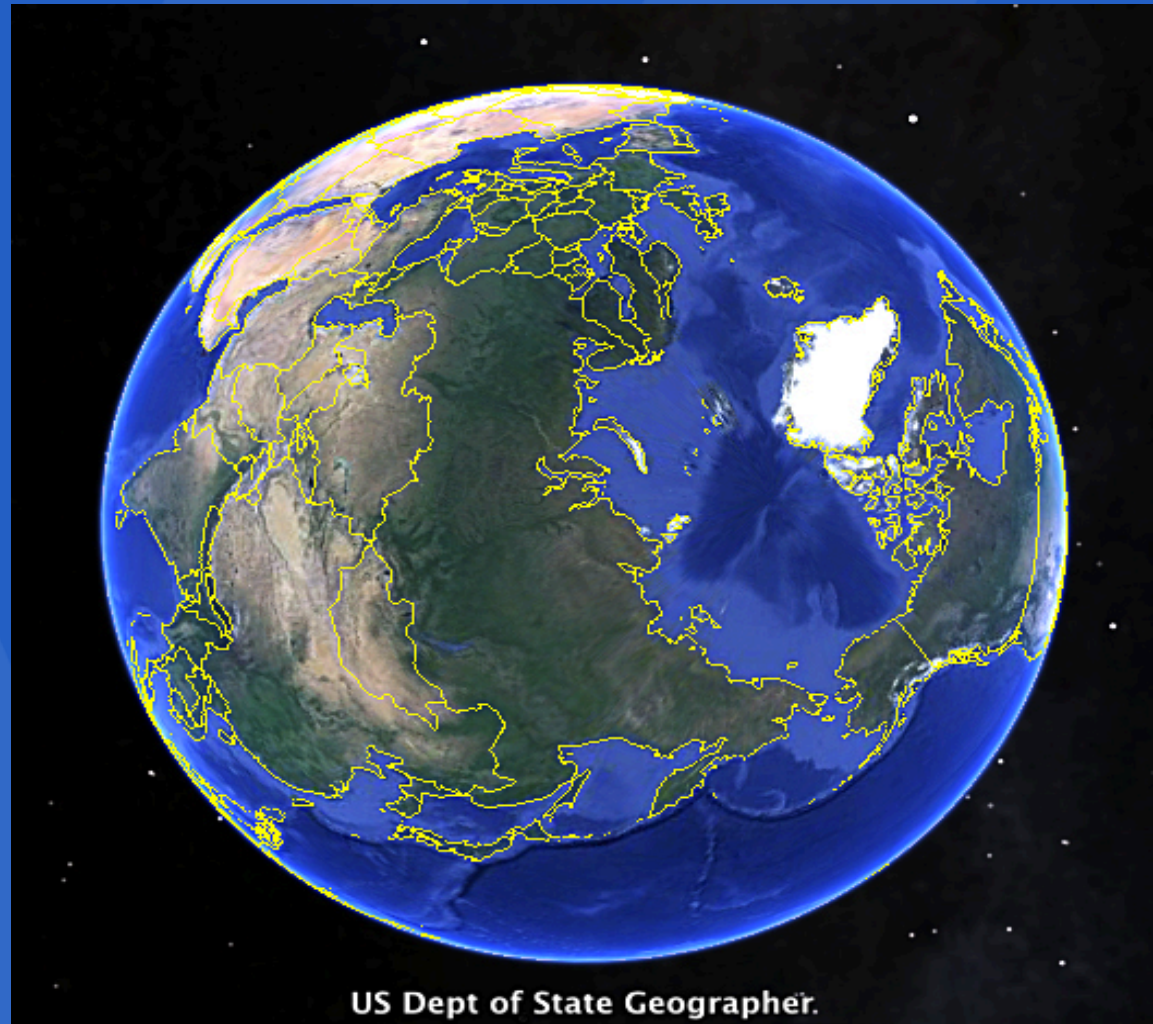


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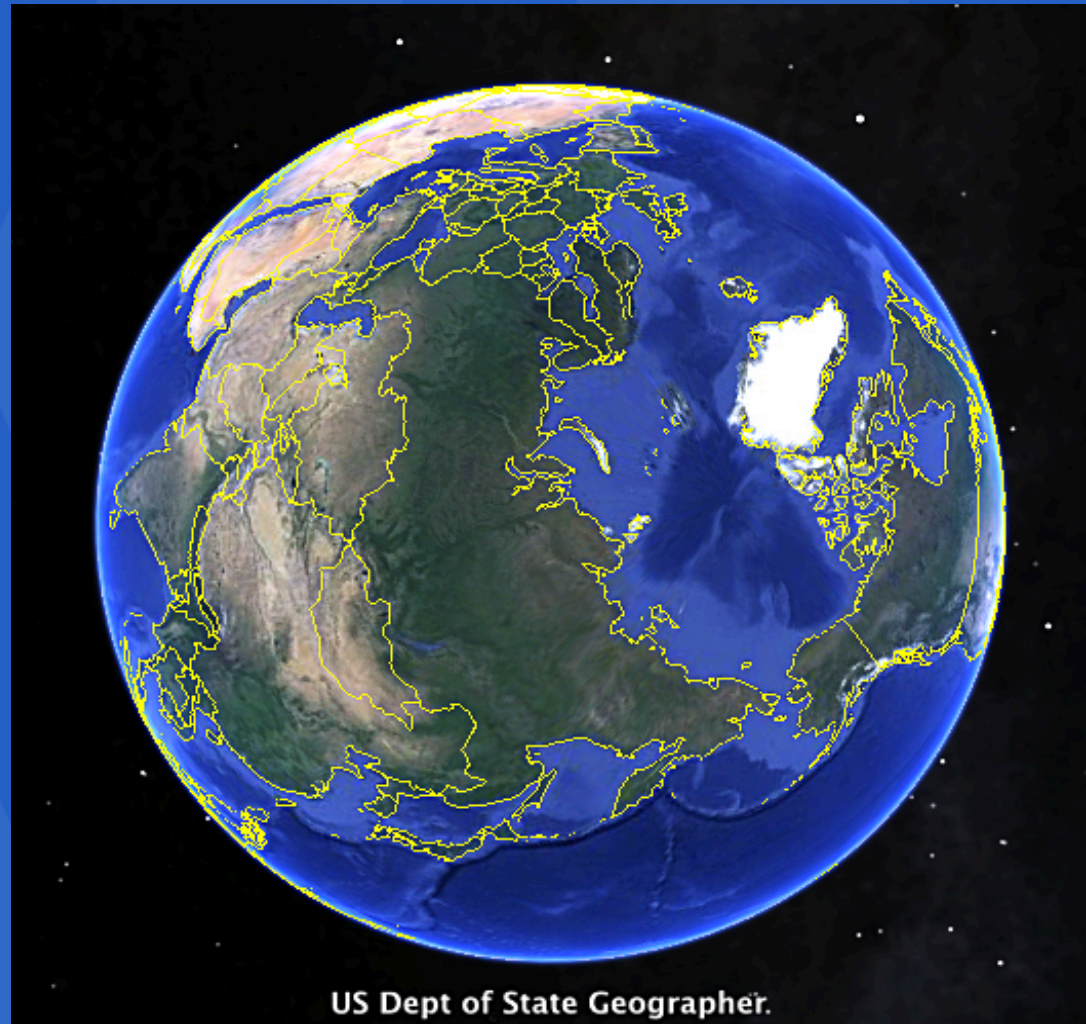
# The Arctic Has Emerged

- New US Administration
- Clarity in US Policy?
- Strategic Bering Strait
- Asian interests in the Arctic?
- Russia and North Korea?
- Sustainable Arctic communities
- SAR
- Security: Environmental, Political, Economic, Social, Military
- Infrastructure



# The Wilson Center Polar Initiative

1. Shipping, Port Development, and Infrastructure
2. Development and Deployment of U.S. Icebreakers
3. The Arctic as an Investment Venue
4. Energy & Arctic Research
5. Sustainable Development and Resilient Communities
6. Telecommunications
7. National Security, Domain Awareness
8. The Arctic – Asia – Pacific Rim Nexus



# Russia in the Arctic

The Arctic is an Important Component of Russian Identity, Economic Development, Security Buffer, and Projection of Force and Influence



Winter Route

Summer Route

Arctic Ocean

Russia

Yamal LNG Plant  
(Port of Sabetta)

Sea of Okhotsk





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<http://www.thebarentsobserver.com/industry/2016/02/historical-low-northern-sea-route>

Vessel Finder

# Arctic Security Roundtable Munich Security Conference



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