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Title: *People and their "common interests" - Identifying processes of Europeanisation and Arcticisation in Euro-Arctic energy and environmental relations.*

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Where is the Arctic situation on the European radar? With Arctic peoples and resources in mind, is there much room for a "Europeanisation" of the High North? Engaging with recent State and non-State reports as well as popular media coverage available, this study surveys both Europe and the Arctic by looking at "interest convergence" taking place among government and non-government actors. The authors draw upon European and Arctic studies and bridge the two disciplines to provide an innovative experimentation, namely an exploration of two separate but distinctly globalising phenomena: *Europeanisation* and *Arcticisation*. The study is a Social Sciences exploration into relatively unknown territory within regional integration theory, which is useful when understanding different approaches to dealing with the same "common interests" within both Europe and the Arctic. The political themes dealt with in this study centre around energy and environmental resources.