***CASO Panel Bios***

**"Geopolitics and Great Power Competition in the Arctic."**

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* **Brigadier General Louis M. Lapointe Deputy Commanding General – Operations, United States Army Alaska.**

Brigadier General Louis Lapointe joined the Canadian Forces in 1991 as an infantry officer at Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Saint-Jean. He has commanded airborne and mechanized platoons, and led units with the 4th Canadian Division Support Group, 5th Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, and Task Force 3 07. He served in staff positions at the Canadian Army Headquarters and the Strategic Joint Staff. His deployments include support operations in Haiti, Afghanistan, and various domestic operations. Brigadier General Lapointe completed the U.S. Army Ranger course in 2003 and was awarded the Ralph Puckett and William O. Darby awards. While deployed to Afghanistan, he was awarded the Medal of Military Valour and the Meritorious Service Medal for his performance as the Commander of the Police Operational Mentoring and Liaison Team. Brigadier General Lapointe is a graduate of the Joint Command and Staff and National Security programs. He is currently posted to United States Army Alaska where he is the Deputy Commanding General for Operations.

* **CAPT Tom D'Arcy, USEUCOM J5/8 - Strategy Division Arctic Branch Chief & U.S. Coast Guard Liaison Officer.**  
   CAPT D’Arcy serves as Arctic Branch Chief in EUCOM’s Strategy Division and EUCOM’s Coast Guard Liaison Officer. Previous tours include five at-sea assignments, conducting counter-smuggling operations, fisheries enforcement, search-and-rescue, and the servicing of aids-to-navigation. He also served as Pacific Area Chief of Cutter Programs, Deputy of the Coast Guard National Command Center, and an instructor in the Coast Guard Academy’s Humanities Department. He has an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, an M.A. in English from the University of Washington, and a B.S. in Government from the Coast Guard Academy.
* **Dr. Rebecca Pincus is Assistant Professor in the Strategic and Operational Research Department (SORD) in the Center for Naval Warfare Studies at the US Naval War College, and a member of the Institute for Future Warfare Studies within SORD.** She previously served as primary investigator (PI) at the US Coast Guard's Center for Arctic Study and Policy, located at the US Coast Guard Academy.
* **Mr. Michael J. Forsyth is an assistant professor in the Department of Joint, Interagency, and Multinational Operations at the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.** He has recently retired from the US Army in which he served for a little over thirty years including four combat tours of duty. During his service Mr. Forsyth was the Chief of Staff for Alaska NORAD Region and Alaskan command from 2014 to 2017. The command is responsible for Homeland Defense of the United States in Alaska, as well as civil support within the state on behalf of U.S. Northern Command. Mr. Forsyth is currently a PhD candidate with the Royal Military College of Canada where he has completed all work but the dissertation.