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**ARCTIC SHIPPING IN THE LIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW
AND PRACTICE**

Climate changes linked to changes in the location of the dominant economic and commodity trade centers of the modern world cause an increased interest in the Arctic, not only in the countries of the region, but also among the international community of the northern Atlantic and Pacific. As a result, there are new phenomena within international relations, that need to be assessed from the point of view of the current state of international law. Among these phenomena there are territorial and jurisdictional claims of the Arctic coastal states (mainly Canada and the Russian Federation), which directly lead to conflicts with the rights and interests of other countries. These claims raise a lot of controversy especially in relation to the freedom of international shipping in the Arctic.