

Thames Valley Network



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Study Day



## Polar Exploration – Part 2

**Arctic Geopolitics: History, Geography and Present Circumstances**

**Benson Parish Hall, Benson, Oxford OX10 6LZ**

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

This is a continuation of our enquiry into the political and climate change effects within the Arctic. This next study day will focus on sovereignty and how it affects all aspects of exploration. We are delighted to welcome back Dr Robert Headland and Lt. Commander John Ash, both from the Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI), part of the University of Cambridge. They will continue their enlightening lectures and elaborate on trade via Northwest Passage plus inform us about the state of play over claims to territory and fossil fuels.

### Provisional Programme

**Dr Robert Headland** – will lead the morning sessions. He is a biologist with the British Antarctic Survey, and advisor to several expeditionary organizations and departments of government. He is a senior associate at the SPRI, is a member of the Royal Geographical Society and of the Institute of Historical Research, University of London.

10am Registration and refreshments  
10.30am Unveiling the Arctic  
11.30am Short break  
11.45am Conflict and conundrums over Arctic sovereignty  
12.45am LUNCH

**Lt. Commander John Ash** (RN retired) – will lead the afternoon sessions. He is an associate at SPRI, a risk management consultant and advisor to departments of government.

1.45pm Arctic shipping and maritime sovereignty  
2.45pm Short break  
3pm Sledge dogs and sovereignty: the Sirius patrol  
4pm CLOSE

**The fee for the day is £12 (£14 to non TVN members) to include refreshments upon arrival and a buffet lunch.**

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