

China and the Arctic, Iceland edition

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Muhammad Makki's recent JES piece focused on [China's quest for Arctic access and resources](#). Right on schedule, this week brought a state visit to Iceland by China's Premier Wen Jiabao, Minister of Foreign Affairs Yang Jiechi, Minister of Commerce Chen Deming and nine other ministers and deputy ministers, and [Atle Staalesen reports](#) the top item on the agenda was enhancing bilateral Arctic cooperation. Germany's [Deutsche Welle](#) news service also references Makki's article in the Journal with a much broader piece on China's ambitions in the Arctic and the country's tactic of wooing Scandinavian interests while trying to offset broader European concerns about China and the Arctic's future.