

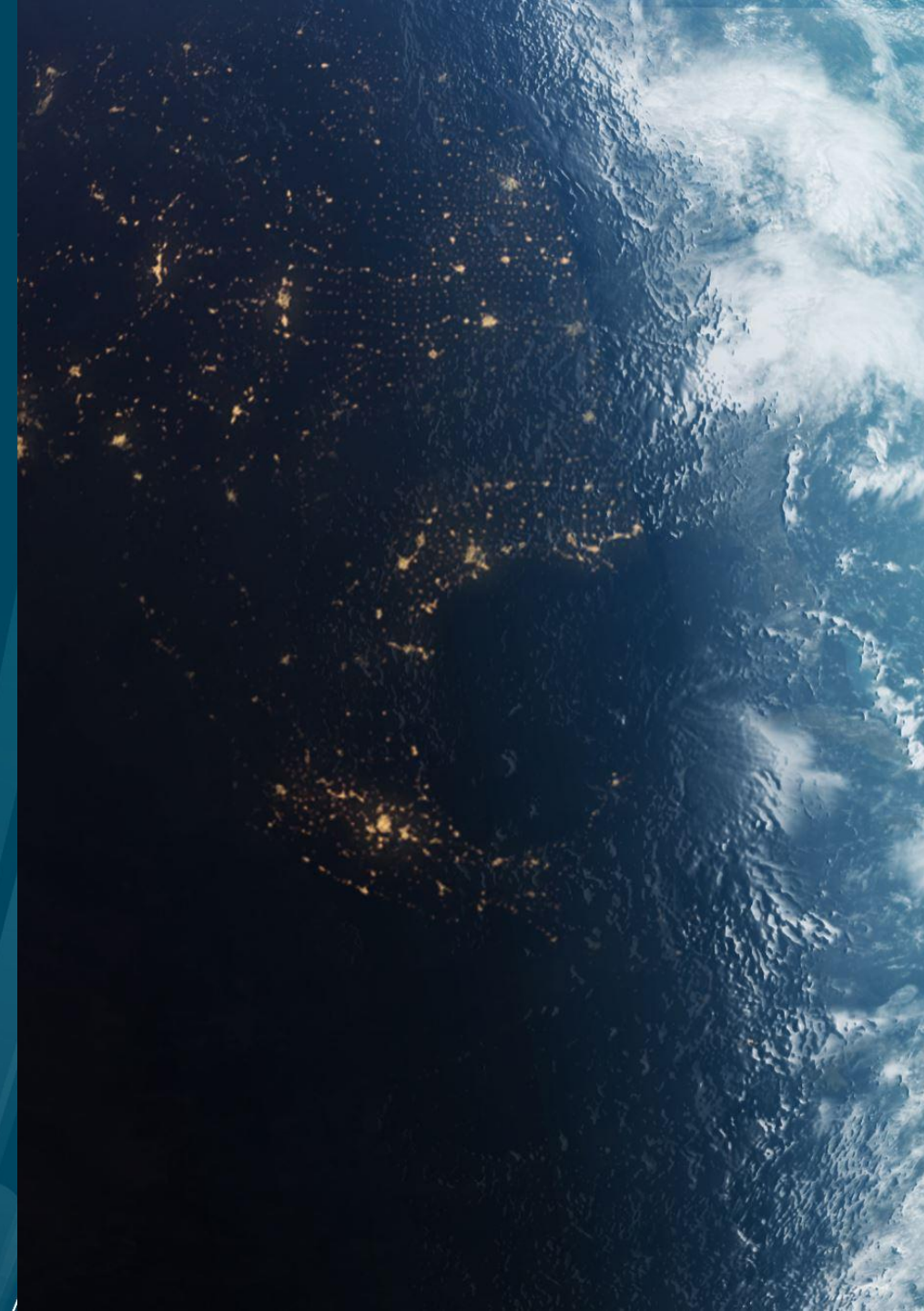


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NAVIGATING RESEARCH SECURITY ON A NATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL

*Lessons from Norway and UiT - the Arctic University of
Norway*

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Research Security National Security

- Academic principles and values
- Technological shift and geopolitical tensions
- Implications on broader society
- Multilateral foras creating shared understanding



Source: Depledge & Østhagen (2022). The RUSI Journal.

“Secure knowledge in an unsecure world”

- Academic principles and values at the core
 - Not based on political or security alliances
 - Research security key to open and inclusive research
- **One** national system for open, sensitive and classified research
- New role and new portfolio for the Norwegian Research Council
 - Civilian research □ dual-use research
 - Switchboard operators
 - Strategic advice based on shared aims and interests – mutual benefits

Soft measures

- Responsibility concept
- Up-to-date awareness
- Risk analyses
 - Deal with, not avoid
- Take part in multilateral dialogues
 - Shared understanding of values and principles
 - Trustworthiness and integrity
- Guidelines for recruitment of international staff
- Networks, online, between and in institutions
- Online resources and training

Hard measures

- Laws and regulations
 - National security law: classified and sensitive information
- Directorate for Export Control
- Funding requirements
- Governance infrastructure
- IT systems
- Infrastructure
- Personnel requirements

UiT – the Arctic University of Norway

- Arctic security
 - Situational awareness
 - Hybrid threats
 - Preparedness
- Drones, sensors, EO, CNI, hydrographics
- Culture, history and identity
- Collaborations with the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment and Norwegian army



Foreign Interference



Source: vg.no

- Illegalist case
- Increased interest from prospective students and staff
- Open Science

Academia – military collaborations

- Knowledge of needs
- Relationship building – people-to-people
- Not everything is sensitive
 - Competence building

Institutional role and responsibilities

- Ethical guidelines
- Education
- Infrastructure
- Recruitment
 - Security clearance
 - Project based
 - Fast track
 - Costly and time consuming
 - Research assessment

Final thoughts

- Military doctrine
- The sector needs funding - but for what and why?
- Research assessment
- It's a spectrum, not a category
- Uncomfortable conversations needs to be had