



Critical Minerals in the Age of Geopolitics and Geo-Economics

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The Military Museums, 4520 Crowchild Trail SW, Calgary

Critical and minerals have become somewhat synonymous with the energy transition. A less commonly understood dimension is their strategic uses, often for military purposes. In a rapidly changing geopolitical world, the fact that critical minerals are often highly concentrated in a few geographical areas makes for interesting dynamics. This lecture will explore China's dominance of the global critical minerals demand and supply markets against the background of the Belt and Road Initiative, as well as Western counter measures. Specific attention will be given to the notion of security - physically, energetically, and geopolitically speaking.

Dr. Elizabeth Steyn is an Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Calgary, where she teaches courses including Critical Minerals, Regulatory Frameworks and Geopolitics, and Business and Human Rights. She is a board member of the Canadian Institute of Resources Law (CIRL), an international committee member of the Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (FNREL) and a member of the Natural Resources Law Teachers Institute (NRLTI). Her research focuses on critical minerals, responsible mining, environmental justice, impacted communities, and deep-sea mining.



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