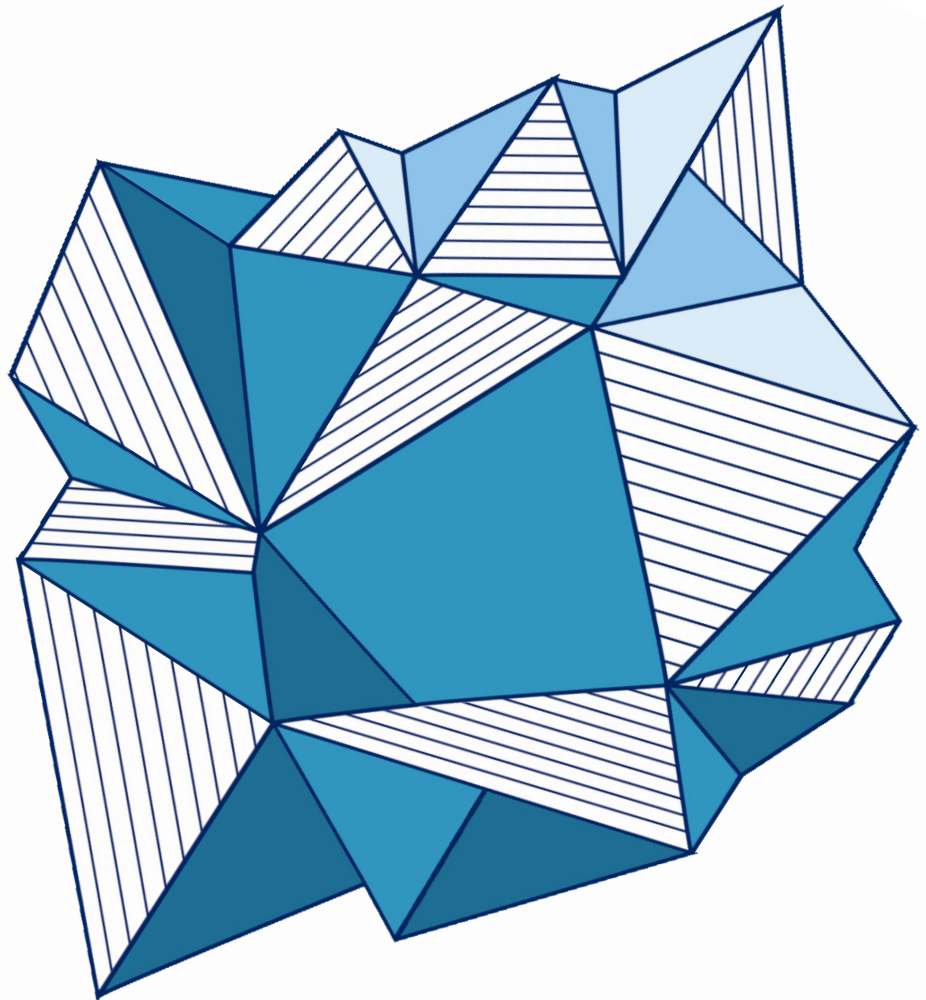


The Greenlandic wish for independence

An investigation of the possibilities within free association

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ABSTRACT

The Master's thesis takes its point of departure in the Greenlandic Constitution Commission established in the spring of 2017. Besides formulating two constitutions, the commission was tasked with exploring options for entering into free association. I set out to explore previous use of free association in the United States and New Zealand, how Siumut politicians promoted free association and finally what contentions Denmark may have in a free association arrangement. This investigation focused on the three aspects of citizenship, foreign- and security policy and economy and was carried out on the basis of the United Nations framework on free association in the context of the theory of late sovereignty. Free association agreement was deemed possible, but several contentions exist between Greenland and Denmark to which negotiations would have to clear away.