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Dr Anthony Speca is Managing Principal of Polar Aspect, a consultancy he founded in 2012. He has advised government particularly on issues of Arctic governance and fiscal policy. He has also published articles on Arctic issues, and he has spoken about the Arctic to various organisations and universities. He has lived and worked in Arctic Canada, and he has travelled elsewhere in the North American and European Arctic.

Anthony views the Arctic first and foremost as a homeland, especially for its indigenous peoples, where human development and environmental sustainability both matter. Inspired to share this vision of the Arctic with younger generations, in 2016 Anthony created and launched the world's only secondary-school Model Arctic Council (MAC) programme. Polar Aspect have since offered numerous MAC conferences in collaboration with schools in the UK and Spain, as well as undergraduate MAC conferences in collaboration with universities in the UK and Canada. Polar Aspect have also launched an online MAC delegate training and conference programme for schools around the world.

Anthony combines this innovative educational work with appointments to Norwich School in the UK, where he teaches Philosophy, Politics, Economics and Geography, and to Trent University in Canada, where he is Adjunct Professor of Canadian Studies. He also serves as Managing Director of the Læra Institute for Circumpolar Education, a part of the international University of the Arctic.

From 2008 to 2011, Anthony was a senior policy official with the Government of Nunavut in the Canadian Arctic. He directed a team of analysts advising policymakers on fiscal and economic issues, and he was a core member of Nunavut's team negotiating with Canada for the devolution of lands and resources. He represented Nunavut on intergovernmental panels dealing with fiscal relations, and on regulatory panels dealing with the mining industry.

Anthony's career has also ranged over business and finance. He was a business strategy consultant with The Boston Consulting Group in Australia and New Zealand from 2000 to 2002, focused on the energy sector. Between 2003 and 2007, he marketed fixed-income securities with RBC Capital Markets and National Bank Financial in Canada. From 2011 to 2012, he rejoined The Boston Consulting Group in the UK as a public-sector specialist.

Anthony is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and the Royal Society of Arts. He serves on the Council of Polar Educators International, and he is a member of the British Association for Canadian Studies, the International Arctic Social Sciences Association and the UK Arctic Club. He holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Toronto, and he has trained in negotiation and mediation.

Whether in the Arctic or 'down South', Anthony is a keen amateur photographer. Please feel free to browse his online portfolio at [chasingpolaris.com](http://chasingpolaris.com).