



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

In the Spirit of the Rovaniemi Process



Arctic Cities, Global Processes and Local Realities | December 2-4, 2013 | Rovaniemi, Finland





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Global challenges in the Arctic from the perspective of environmental protection and sustainable development are the focus of the first 'In the Spirit of the Rovaniemi Process' Conference.

The goal of the conference is to present the latest research results about the "global processes as local realities".

Scientific sessions:

- The Rovaniemi Process: past, present, future
- Arctic responses to global environmental problems
- People and extractive industries
- Tourism in the Arctic
- The Arctic in the global economy
- Climate change in the Arctic
- Indigenous peoples in cities
- Arctic global flows

Even if the Conference is scientific in orientation, it aims to bridge science and knowledge into action by bringing top scholars to share their expertise and knowledge, and to involve them in joint discussion with the leaders of Arctic Cities. Conference includes special Arctic Cities Panel.

All the sessions will address each of the three cross-cutting themes:

- Arctic Cities and global processes
- Management and governance in the Arctic
- Arctic together with non-Arctic



Finnish initiative for Arctic environmental co-operation resulted in the so-called Rovaniemi Process and the adoption of the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy, signed in Rovaniemi in 1991. The Rovaniemi process was finally merged into the Arctic Council.

The Strategy focused especially on the impacts of pollutants coming from outside the region. Two decades later, the Arctic is perceived as a region influenced by multiple global drivers of change, including: climate change, economic globalization, resource demand, international politics, technological progress, and international law including law of the sea, environmental law or indigenous rights.

At the same time the role of Arctic cities is on the increase in importance in this region-wide transformation process.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Extended Deadline: 15 June 2013

Abstracts
(max 250 words incl. indication of the session)
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More information including interesting
conference speakers: www.rovaniemiprocess.fi

ARCTIC CITIES PANEL

Voice for Northern cities in the debate on the future of the Arctic. A unique opportunity for common discussion between Arctic mayors and top scholars.



The conference is organized jointly
by the City of Rovaniemi and the Arctic
Centre of the University of Lapland.

INFORMATION AND ABSTRACTS

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