

Theme of the Conference 2015:

Local, Regional and Global Arctic

In the global discourse, the Arctic is often presented as a uniform region, sharing common features of cold climate and socio-cultural settings. However, at the sub-regional and local levels the circumpolar North is a diverse space. Today, efforts to bridge these local and global perspectives are more topical than ever.

The so-called Rovaniemi process was the first step in official cooperation between the Arctic states. It led to the adoption of the Arctic Environmental Protection Strategy in 1991 and has ever since strengthened peace and stability in the Arctic region. Today, this nature of circumpolar co-operation has allowed the regional governance to be relatively little affected by the tensions taking place elsewhere. Yet the Arctic does not remain outside of international interest, but has come into global spotlight due to climate change and the world's demand for Arctic resources.

The success and importance of the Rovaniemi process are the inspiration for a series of international scientific conferences in 2013, 2015 and 2017, in Rovaniemi, Finland. The conferences aim to bridge science, politics, businesses and communities by bringing top scholars to share their latest research results together with national, regional and transnational decision-makers and other experts and stakeholders. In addition the conferences are fora for joint

discussions, knowledge production and the establishment and strengthening of networks between friends of the Arctic.

The 2015 Conference will focus on the interaction of the global, regional and local levels in the Arctic, such as the impacts of global processes on Arctic local communities. The conference will consist of keynote speeches by eminent political speakers and distinguished scholars in two plenaries as well as presentations highlighting latest scientific papers and good practices in the thematic parallel sessions.

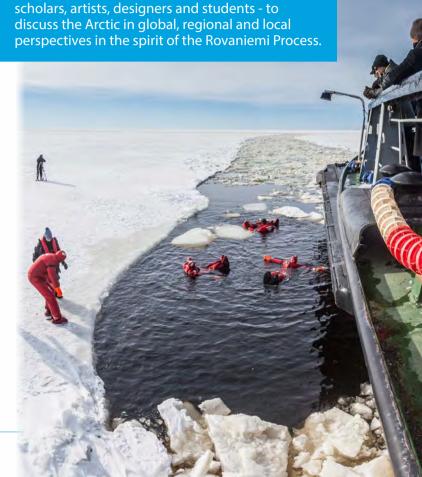
The discussions are thus related to some of the key questions of the Arctic governance: How the local perspective is, or should be, seen in global and international context in the Arctic? Does Arctic international co-operation truly support sustainable development at a local level? How do local perspectives and values translate to regional and global context? How do the structures of Arctic regional co-operation fit between global and local forces that shape Arctic realities?



The conferences are made possible by good cooperation between the City of Rovaniemi, the University of Lapland and its Arctic Centre, and the Arctic Society of Finland as well as many other partners and stakeholders. We are doing our best to ensure you some interesting Arctic days in the true spirit of the Rovaniemi process.

Welcome to the conference!

Organizing committee



We gather friends of the Arctic - decision-makers,

Thematic sessions and chairs

A The European Union and the Arctic

Paula Kankaanpää, Marine Research Centre, Finnish Environment Institute, and Malgorzata Smieszek and Markku Heikkilä, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

B Arctic Transportation Infrastructure and Services: Regulation, Public-private Partnerships, Weather and Climate Information Tero Vauraste, Arctia Shipping Petteri Taalas, Finnish Meteorological Institute

C Natural Resources in the Arctic Jukka Similä, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland Virpi Alenius, Natural Resource Institute Finland Vesa Nykänen, Geological Survey of Finland

D Geopolitics of the Global Arctic by the Thematic Network on Geopolitics and Security Lassi Heininen, University of Lapland Matthias Finger, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne E Arctic Urbanization, Urban Politics and Sustainable Development Monica Tennberg, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland Aileen Espiritu, Barents Institute, University of Tromso

F Arctic Cities and Design Päivi Tahkokallio, Tahkokallio Design+ Ltd. Timo Jokela, University of Lapland

G Contemporary Art and Northern Heritage -Art as Innovation Timo Jokela and Glen Coutts, University of Lapland

H Arctic Indigenous Peoples' Livelihoods and Languages Liisa Holmberg, Sámi Education Institute

I Work and Well-Being in the Arctic Hannu Rintamäki, Finnish Institute of Occupational Health

J Indigenous Tourism in the Arctic Region – Opportunities and Challenges

Johan Edelheim and Daniela Tommasini, Multidimensional Tourism Institute

Conference program

Keynote Speakers in Plenaries I-II include:

President Aile Jávo, Saami Council
Chair Tara Sweeney, Arctic Economic Council
Paavo Lipponen, former Prime Minister of Finland
Senior Advisor Nauja Bianco, Nordic Council of Ministers
Dr. Mikhail Pogodaev, Executive Director of the Northern
Forum, Chair of the Association of World Reindeer Herders
Tomas Hallberg, Head of the International Barents Secretariat

Thematic Session Keynote Speakers include:

Ambassador of Canada to Finland Andrée N. Cooligan
Director Petteri Taalas, Finnish Meteorological Institute
CEO Tero Vauraste, Arctia Shipping Oy
Director Johnny Edmonds, World Indigenous Tourism Alliance
Director Rodion Sulyandziga, Center for Support of
Indigenous Peoples of the North
Professor Matthias Finger, EPFL
Associate Professor Maria Ackrén, Ilisimatusarfik
Senior Research Fellow Tim Heleniak, Nordregio
Research Professor Timo Koivurova, Arctic Centre, University
of Lapland

The latest information is available at our website!

TUE 24 Nov	WED 25 Nov	THU 26 Nov
Pre-Conference Excursion	PLENARY I	Parallel Thematic Sessions IV
Side events and meetings	LUNCH	
(Mon, Tue, Fri)	Parallel Thematic Sessions I	Parallel Thematic Sessions V
	COFFEE BREAK	
	Parallel Thematic Sessions II	PLENARY II
	Parallel Thematic Sessions III	Closing cocktails
ICEBREAKER EVENT	CONFERENCE DINNER	
5	2nd International Conference Local and Global Arctic	



Conference organizers

The 2nd international conference "In the Spirit of the Rovaniemi Process –Local and Global Arctic" is organized by the City of Rovaniemi, the University of Lapland and its Arctic Centre together with the Arctic Society of Finland.

Conference conveners

Esko Lotvonen, Mayor, the City of Rovaniemi

Markku Heikkilä, Head of Science Communications, Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland

Timo Suistio, Chairman, the Arctic Society of Finland

Scientific leader of the conference

Jukka Mäkelä, Vice-Rector, University of Lapland

Conference management

Ilona Mettiäinen, Researcher, Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland



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