



In the Spirit of the  
**ROVANIEMI  
PROCESS**  
2015

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2nd International Conference  
**Local and Global Arctic**

24-26 November 2015  
Rovaniemi, Lapland | FINLAND



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?



We gather friends of the Arctic - decision-makers, scholars, artists, designers and students - to discuss the Arctic in global, regional and local perspectives in the spirit of the Rovaniemi Process.

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



# 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 Tromsø

## 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 (Mon, Tue, Fri)	LUNCH	
	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	



The conference venues will include the Lappia hall, designed by the Finnish architect Alvar Aalto, and the Arktikum house (in picture).

# 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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## Program and contents

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## Practical issues

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