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## Welcome from the President

I am writing these words on my way back to Sweden from the Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in Fairbanks, where Diane Hirshberg and I represented IASSA. The main objective was the signing of the Agreement on Enhancing International Arctic Scientific Cooperation that includes important sections on Access to research infrastructure and facilities, Access to research areas, Access to data, Education, career development and training opportunities, and Traditional and local knowledge with an opening statement that includes the phrasing: "Reiterating the urgent need for increased actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change" ([PDF file here](#)). I realize that this was my last Arctic Council meeting as IASSA President which is kind of sad. During the three years I have met so many nice and skilled people, and have gained learnings for life.

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Peter Sköld and Diane Hirshberg attending the Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in Fairbanks, May 2017

The beginning of May has been the coldest and snowiest for many decades in Sweden, but when we open up the doors for ICASS IX at 8 June we are convinced that the warm season has arrived. We are now less than a month away from the conference and it is with great eager we look forward to the event. There is so much work around arranging a large-scale conference which ICASS IX certainly will be. We have received almost 1,000 abstracts (!), all will not be presented due to different reasons, but we can conclude that this will be a formidable manifestation of Arctic social sciences and humanities. That makes us proud and happy. And I can tell you that nothing of this would be possible if it was not for the tremendously hard work of my Arcum co-workers Gabriella Nordin and Linus Lundström, and many others too. The voluminous participation has to a great extent been possible thanks to financial support from a number of foundations, councils, and embassies. I would especially like to thank the National Science Foundation that has been very generous.

### Welcome from the President continued

ICASS is the most important activity that IASSA is responsible for. The presidency of Umeå University and IASSA Council have given it high priority, not least since the organization itself had important improvements during the previous presidency in at University of North British Columbia with the renewed bylaws. We were not aware of the great interest ICASS IX would attract when the discussion on conference organization started in IASSA Council. Today we can state that the organization of the conference would not have been possible without the 22 ICASS themes and their leaders from ten countries. The list of themes make me happy to look at since I realize what a marvelous spectrum of capacities you all represent. And it is important to remember that IASSA is its members. With our individual memberships we are a very unique science organization in international Arctic research.

The conference program contains more than 160 sessions and presentations will run in up to 23 parallel session slots. Another novelty of ICASS IX is the introduction of plenary panels. Instead of individual key-note presentations we have asked a group of researchers to collaborate to compose a one-hour program that can be designed in various ways. This time the themes include health, indigenous issues, extractive industries, research analysis, and education.

The IASSA General Assembly will take place on Sunday, 11 May. Please plan to attend, and participate in the election of the next IASSA Council. Bids for positions on the Council are included in this newsletter, beginning on [page 24](#). Members will still be able to declare their intent to run at ICASS IX; we ask for a short statement (about 150 words) and a photo (this can be taken at ICASS IX). Candidates will not speak, rather we will depend on the short statements, which will be made available electronically. We have three bids for IASSA presidency which will be presented during the General Assembly followed by elections.

Already the day before the opening of ICASS IX a climate change seminar is arranged at Umeå Uni-

versity including a presentation by the Swedish Minister of Research and Education, Helen Hellmark Knutsson. The opening reception at Gammlia Cultural Area includes Sami yoik performance, and the Gala Dinner on the evening of 11 June the big band orchestra Renhornen, with merits from the Nobel Prize Dinner, will entertain the dance floor. Arn Keeling will present his film Guardians of Eternity and the Swedish film Sami Blood by Amanda Kernell, with prizes from several international film festivals will also be presented. Moreover, we look forward to Arctic karaoke and other cultural events. There are several back-to-back meetings during ICASS IX, and we are happy to welcome the Arctic Human Health and Social, Economy and Culture Expert Groups of the Arctic Council, several project meetings, a special session on research funding, and the Social & Human Working Group of the International Arctic Science Committee to Umeå.

Finally, we can conclude that ICASS IX is arranged in a time of highest political attention to the region. In late March the President of the Russian Federation together with the Presidents of Iceland and Finland discussed Arctic issues during almost three hours, and I had to present the social science perspectives in the foregoing session together with among others the Minister of Research and Education of the Russian Federation Olga Vasilyeva, and this week eight Ministers of Foreign Affairs expressed their views of the Arctic during the Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in Fairbanks.

With that said I wish to welcome you warmly to Umeå and ICASS IX. We are soon there....

**Peter Sköld, IASSA President**

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### From the IASSA Secretary

It is already late May and as ICASS IX is getting closer at a furious speed I am putting together my last issue of Northern Notes. Feels kind of sad, both to think of my last issue of NoNo, but also the ending of me being the Secretary to IASSA. Although sometimes hard work - it has been so, so fun and I have enjoyed the contact with you all!

As the ICASS conference is coming up and membership in IASSA is mandatory for all participants I urge you all **to look into your membership statuses**. As you are many who become members or renew your membership right now I hope you have patience with us sending receipts to everybody. To become new member or renew membership please go to: [www.iassa.org/membership](http://www.iassa.org/membership).

In this issue of Northern Notes you will find a list of sessions to ICASS IX please see [page 5](#) and onwards. due to a very extensive ICASS IX programme, the **full programme will not be available in print!** Opportunity to print on demand to self-

cost fee will be available at conference registration desk.

Please note the information to all ICASS IX session chairs/organizers at [page 3](#).

And, as always - if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

See you (very) soon in Umeå!

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## Information to all ICASS IX session chairs/organizers

Thank you for organizing a session at ICASS IX. Below follows some practical information regarding the session.

All session slots are 90 minutes long. It is utterly important that you as a chair(-s) inform the presenters about their allotted presentation time beforehand.

Each session room is equipped with a projector for power point presentations. As the rooms **do not have** laptops or computers the chair(-s) is responsible for the room being equipped with a computer for presentations. If you are unable to meet the request, please get in contact with Linus Lundström ([linus.lundstrom@umu.se](mailto:linus.lundstrom@umu.se))

If you have any additional requests or questions on session rooms/equipment do not hesitate to contact us.

**ICASS IX organizing Committee wish you a warm welcome to Umeå and ICASS IX!**

# ICASS IX UPDATES - Overall ICASS IX Programme



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8 JUNE 2017   Thursday								DAY 1   ICASS IX
	09:00	10:00	11:00	11:30	13:00	14:30	16:00	Evening programme
Programme	Opening ceremony	<b>Plenar</b> - Extractive Resource Development and Sustainability in the Arctic	Coffee	Scientific sessions	Lunch	Scientific sessions	Coffee	Welcome reception - Gammlia 1700 - 1900
9 JUNE 2017   Friday								DAY 2   ICASS IX
	09:00	10:00	10:30	12:00	13:30	15:00	15:30:00 - 17:00	
Programme	<b>Plenar</b> - What is the role of education and education research in advancing understandings of the Arctic?	Coffee	Scientific sessions	Lunch	Scientific sessions	Coffee	Scientific sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movie screening: Sami Blood</li> <li>• Live music</li> <li>• Pub evening at Universum</li> </ul>
10 JUNE 2017   Saturday								DAY 3   ICASS IX
	09:00	10:00	10:30	12:00	13:30	15:00	15:30 - 17:00	Evening programme
Programme	<b>Plenar</b> - Indigenous perspectives on knowledge	Coffee	Scientific sessions	Lunch	Scientific sessions	Coffee	Postersession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movie screening: Guardians of Eternity</li> <li>• Arctic Karaoke</li> <li>• Live music</li> <li>• Pub evening at Universum</li> </ul>
							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NordRegio hosts: Maps &amp; Mingle</li> <li>• Joik- and Storytelling-workshop at Träpphie</li> <li>• Additional business meetings and side events, see full programme</li> </ul>	
				Business meeting - theme leader lunch				
11 JUNE 2017   Sunday								DAY 4   ICASS IX
	09:00	10:00	10:30	12:30	13:30	15:00	15:30:00 - 17:00	Evening programme
Programme	<b>Plenar</b> - An Interdisciplinary Dialogue on Society and Climate Sensitive Infections: Current and Future Challenges	Coffee	IASSA General Assembly	Lunch	Scientific sessions	Coffee	Scientific sessions	Closing Banquet at Äpplet 1830 - 2300
12 JUNE 2017   Monday								DAY 5   ICASS IX
	09:00	10:00	10:30	12:00	13:00	14:00 - 15:00		
Programme	<b>Plenar</b> - Arctic Science Through Metrics Lenses – Analyzing National & Global Trends	Coffee	Scientific sessions	Lunch	Scientific sessions	Closing Ceremony		



The Ninth International Congress of  
Arctic Social Sciences - ICASS IX  
**PEOPLE AND PLACE**  
Umeje / Umeå, Sweden 8-12 June 2017

# ICASS IX UPDATES - Session list

Below you will find all scheduled sessions for ICASS IX divided by themes.

A full programme with all sessions, presenters, and abstracts is available at the [ICASS IX website](#)

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If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact IASSA Secretary **Gabriella Nordin** at [gabriella.nordin@umu.se](mailto:gabriella.nordin@umu.se)

Theme 1 - Archaeology		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
1.1	<i>The Hunting-Herding Continuum Past and Present: Palaecological, Cosmological, and Climate Narratives Across Eurasia</i>	David G. Anderson

**Theme leader:** Philip Buckland, Sweden [philip.buckland@umu.se](mailto:philip.buckland@umu.se)

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Theme 2 - Art & Design		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
2.1	<i>Places through art - multidisciplinary way on research on change in the Arctic</i>	Timo Jokela
2.2	<i>Arctic Design: Shaping the Future</i>	Svetlana Usenyuk

**Theme leader:** Timo Jokela, Finland [timo.jokela@ulapland.fi](mailto:timo.jokela@ulapland.fi)

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Theme 3 - Cultures		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
3.1	<i>Aging with Change: Fermentation in Arctic Foodways and Material Culture</i>	Sveta Yamin-Pasternak & Igor Pasternak
3.2	<i>Panel: Food, Traditional Knowledge and Indigenous Cultural revitalization</i>	Gail Fondahl, Svein D. Mathiesen & Anders Oskal
3.3	<i>Food, food knowledge systems and place in the circumpolar north</i>	Gail Fondahl, Svein D. Mathiesen & Anders Oskal

**Theme leader:** Peter Schweitzer, Austria [peter.schweitzer@univie.ac.at](mailto:peter.schweitzer@univie.ac.at)

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Theme 4 - Environment & Climate Change		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
4.1	<i>Vulnerability, Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change in the Arctic</i>	TBA
4.2	<i>Where does climate fit? The role of multiple stressors in climate change adaptation - <b>CANCELLED</b>, merged with session 4.5</i>	
4.3	<i>The Conservation and Management of the Environment and Resources in the Arctic: Law and Policy</i>	Wang Hanling
4.5	<i>Vulnerability, Adaptation and Resilience to Climate Change in the Arctic and Sub-Arctic</i>	Liza M. Mack
4.6	<i>Climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience</i>	Maria Nilsson
4.7	<i>Sociocultural aspects of climate change in the North Atlantic Gateway to the Arctic</i>	Kristinn Schram
4.8	<i>Transformation to Low-Emission Society in Primary Industries: What does it mean – what will it take?</i>	Grete K. Hovelsrud
4.9	<i>Key findings and next steps for the Adaptation Actions for a Changing Arctic project (AACA)</i>	Jon L. Fuglestad

**Theme leader:** Grete Hovelsrud, Norway [grete.hovelsrud@nord.no](mailto:grete.hovelsrud@nord.no)

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Theme 5 - Governance		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
5.1	<i>Indigenous Governance in the Circumpolar North</i>	Gary N. Wilson
5.2	<i>Political identities and governance in the Arctic: harmony or hegemony? Are the lessons learned relevant beyond the region?</i>	Robert C. Thomsen
5.3	<i>Evaluation and Planning for Uncertain Times in a Rapidly Changing Environment</i>	Jennifer Schmidt
5.4	<i>Governance in the Arctic</i>	Diane Hirshberg
5.5	<i>Transformation, post-petroleum trajectories and dialogues</i>	Brigt Dale
5.6	<i>Places, people and governance</i>	Lovisa Solbär
5.7	<i>Governance of mining in the Arctic</i>	Anna Zachrisson
5.8	<i>Do Arctic policy statements actually shape Arctic realities? Assessment and new trends</i>	Adam Stepien
5.9	<i>International policies and the inclusion of indigenous and local knowledge in management of biodiversity and eco-system services</i>	Håkan Tunón & Marie Kvarnström
5.10	<i>Exploring the usefulness of the notion of 'boundary objects' in Arctic social and political sciences / Using the notion of 'boundary objects' as a passage point in cooperation and coordination between different social worlds</i>	Justiina Dahl
5.11	<i>Governing Arctic Seas: Lessons from the Bering Strait and Barents Sea Regions</i>	Paul Arthur Berkman
5.12	<i>Arctic Sustainability Across the 21st Century</i>	Oran Young & Molly Douglas
5.13	<i>Risk governance in the Arctic</i>	Roman Sidortsov & Mia Landauer

Theme leader: Mara Kimmel, USA [mekimmel@gmail.com](mailto:mekimmel@gmail.com)

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Theme 6 - Health & Well-Being		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
6.1	<i>Strategies for Building Health</i>	Heather Exner-Pirot
6.2	<i>Circumpolar Health and Well-Being</i>	Rhonda M. Johnson
6.3	<i>Health Promotion and Population Health</i>	Rhonda M. Johnson
6.4	<i>Participatory Methods for Health</i>	Rhonda M. Johnson
6.6	<i>Indigenous Health in the Arctic</i>	Gert Mulvad
6.7	<i>Addressing challenges of health and wellbeing in sparsely populated areas with distance bridging technologies</i>	Peter Berggren
6.8	<i>Health and Human Factors in Arctic Work</i>	Jens Wahlström
6.9	<i>Climate and Health in the Arctic</i>	Jing Helmersson
6.10	<i>Health and Mortality in Arctic Populations</i>	Svenn-Erik Mamelund
6.11	<i>Nature, Sacred Places, and Well-Being</i>	Jing Helmersson, Lis-Mari Hjortfors, Johanna Jämsä, Marit Myrvoll, Lena Maria Nilsson
6.12	<i>The good life in the Arctic: assessing living conditions, well-being and quality of life</i>	Birger Poppel

**Theme leader Theme 6:** Arja Rautio, Finland [arja.rautio@oulu.fi](mailto:arja.rautio@oulu.fi)

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Theme 7 - History		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
7.1	<i>People and/or Place in Circumpolar History</i>	Amanda Graham
7.2	<i>Greenland seen from within and without: ethno-historical perspectives in comparison</i>	Jan Borm & Klaus Georg Hansen
7.3	<i>Migration to/from the North: Historical and current patterns of mobility - <b>CANCELLED</b></i>	Sara Koikkalainen
7.4	<i>Science, environmental protection and environmental management in the Arctic and Antarctic</i>	Lize-Marié van der Watt & Peder Roberts
7.5	<i>Nordic reorientation after the Cold War</i>	Hallvard Tjelmeland

**Theme leader Theme 7:** Amanda Graham, Canada [agraham@yukoncollege.yk.ca](mailto:agraham@yukoncollege.yk.ca)

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### Theme 8 - Indigenous Issues

Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
8.1	<i>Intellectual Indigenous Tradition - The Past is the Present: Repatriation of Indigenous Material and Immaterial Heritage</i>	Krister Stoor
8.2	<i>Engaging Indigenous Youth in Arctic Research Matters</i>	Megan J. Highet
8.3	<i>Arctic nomads: crises and choices</i>	Andrei Golovnev
8.4	<i>How can we use result from Indigenous research as tools in our decolonization process</i>	Charlotta Svonni
8.5	<i>Arctic Horizons</i>	Jonathan Waterhouse
8.6	<i>Indigenous peoples' right to self-determination and the right to govern the landscape</i>	Ulf Mörkenstam
8.7	<i>Growing a language: a circumpolar Indigenous worldview aesthetic</i>	Anna Hudson
8.8	<i>Forest Sámi: A minority within an Indigenous minority</i>	Åsa Össbo
8.9	<i>Indigenous Peoples and development policies in the Arctic</i>	Sveinung Ekeland
8.10	<i>Recognition, protection and management of Indigenous land and resource rights in the Arctic – Domestic and international approaches</i>	Malin Brännström & Christina Allard
8.11	<i>The White Book on the Church of Sweden and the Sámi People</i>	Daniel Lindmark
8.12	<i>"Designing" the perfect Arctic animal?</i>	Florian Stammeler
8.13	<i>Owning and knowing histories shared through hands on experience and engagement between researchers and communities</i>	Sven Haakanson
8.14	<i>Substinence and Sustainability</i>	TBA
8.15	<i>Traditional Knowledge in Arctic Science</i>	Rane Willerslev

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Theme 9 - International Relations & Law		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
9.1	<i>The ICE LAW Project: Law, Territory, Resources, and Mobilities in Frozen Environments</i>	Philip Steinberg
9.2	<i>Events, Dynamics, and Uncertainty: Arctic Change and the Legitimacy of the Arctic Council</i>	Dorothea Wehrmann & Sebastian Knecht
9.3	<i>Arctic 'exceptionalism'? Northern Contributions to International Relations (IR) Research</i>	Sebastian Knecht & Kathrin Keil
9.4	<i>Many Arctics, Many Securities: Circumpolar International Relations in a Widened Security Perspective</i>	Victoria Herrmann & Marc Jacobsen
9.5	<i>Comparative Politics and the Arctic</i>	Maria Ackrén
9.6	<i>The emergence and expansion of international society and the Arctic - Exploring the ebb and flow of sovereign state-interests towards the exploration and settlement of the North</i>	Justiina Dahl
9.7	<i>The Recent Chairmanships of the Arctic Council (Sweden, Canada, the US) in Comparative Perspective</i>	Douglas Nord
9.8	<i>Prospects for the Upcoming Finnish Chairmanship of the Arctic Council</i>	Douglas Nord
9.9	<i>The Arctic Nexus in Asia-Nordic Relations</i>	Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen & Egill Thor Nielsson
9.10	<i>The European Union Policy and the Arctic: Assessing Policy Impacts on Civil Society</i>	Cécile Pelaudeix
9.11	<i>Revisiting progress: Indigenous peoples, institutional inclusion and rights</i>	Jeffrey Sissons
9.12	<i>Arctic Security</i>	Niklas Eklund

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### Theme 10 - Knowledge Systems & Education

Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
10.1	<i>Polar research for STEM education</i>	Agata Goździk
10.2	<i>High-Tech for High North: Combining Traditional Knowledge and Innovation for Sustainable Future</i>	Varvara Korkina
10.3	<i>Teacher Education and Teacher Turnover</i>	Ute Kaden
10.4	<i>Research strategies to understand "people and place": the challenges and opportunities of interdisciplinary work and co-production of knowledge</i>	Libby Larson
10.5	<i>Culture negotiation, cultural responsiveness and learning new cultures in education</i>	Jerry Lipka
10.6	<i>Fulbright Initiative</i>	Mike Sfraga & Virginia Ross
10.7	<i>Panel: Keys to Experiential Learning Success from the Model Arctic Council (MAC)</i>	Jeff Kormos & Anthony Specia

**Theme leader Theme 10:** Diane Hirshberg, USA [dbhirshberg@alaska.edu](mailto:dbhirshberg@alaska.edu)

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## Staying at First Camp during ICASS IX ?

Buses will depart at 8:30 a.m. for the conference venue and return after closure of the last scientific session of the day.

Please look for information on bus schedule at website upon arrival to Umeå.

If you have further questions on transportation, please contact Gabriella Nordin ([gabriella.nordin@umu.se](mailto:gabriella.nordin@umu.se))

## Theme 11 - Languages

Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
11.1	<i>Language and Place in Arctic Context</i>	Daniel Andersson
11.2	<i>Language and responsibility: an ecological approach</i>	Laura Siragusa
11.3	<i>Linguistic of Economies of Place</i>	Jenanne Ferguson & Daria Schwalbe
11.4	<i>Language of place and space in the Arctic</i>	Lenore A. Grenoble
11.5	<i>Language Vitality</i>	Kumiko Murasugi

**Theme leader Theme 11:** Lenore Grenoble, USA [grenoble@uchicago.edu](mailto:grenoble@uchicago.edu)

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## Theme 12 - Literature

Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
12.1	<i>'The Mediated North' – Constructing 'the Arctic' in Contemporary Media</i>	Susan B. Vanek & Andreas Womelsdorf
12.2	<i>Arctic children's literature</i>	Heidi Hansson

**Theme leader Theme 12:** Kathleen Osgood, USA [kathleen.osgood@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.osgood@gmail.com)

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Theme 13 - Monitoring Arctic Sustainable Development and Socio-Ecological Systems' Resilience		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
13.1	<i>Tracking Human Development in the Arctic: Indicator Initiatives</i>	Gail Fondahl, Joan Nymand Larsen & Valenina Kontrateva
13.3	<i>Arctic Landscape Ontologies: Modelling, Societies, and Perceptions</i>	Sébastien Gadal & Liudmila Zamorshchikova
13.4	<i>The Place of Arctic Animals</i>	Bathsheba Demuth
13.5	<i>Imagined Norths: Unpacking Stereotypes of the Circumpolar North and Northerners</i>	TBA
13.6	<i>Monitoring sustainability in the Arctic: integrated and multi-scaling geographical approaches</i>	Tatiana Vlasova, Joan Nymand Larsen, Andrey Petrov & Rasmus Ole Rasmussen
13.7	<i>Knowledge integration for policy making to enhance resilience / Presentations from Nomadic Herders/AACA and cooperation with ECONOR</i>	Iulie Aslaksen

**Theme leader Theme 13:** Tatiana Vlasova, Russia [tatiana.vlsv@gmail.com](mailto:tatiana.vlsv@gmail.com)

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Theme 14 - Museums & Heritage		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
14.1	<i>The Formation of Northern Spaces: Field-sciences, Place-names, Heritage and Tourism</i>	Urban Wråkberg & P.J. Capelotti
14.2	<i>Curating the Polyvocal Arctic: dialogue, explanation and translation</i>	Lotten Gustafsson Reinius & Nina Kirchner
14.3	<i>21st Century Collecting</i>	Amber Lincoln
14.4	<i>Sustaining Arctic Cultural Heritage in the 21st Century</i>	Igor Krupnik

**Theme leader Theme 14:** Igor Krupnik, USA [KRUPNIKI@si.edu](mailto:KRUPNIKI@si.edu)

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Theme 15 - People & Place		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
15.2	<i>People of Siberia: Politics, Economics and Demography</i>	Victoria Lygdenova & Odon Dashinamzhilov
15.3	<i>Work and Workers in the Arctic</i>	Natalia Simanova
15.4	<i>New Dimension of the Arctic Frontier</i>	Alexander Pelyasov
15.5	<i>Cooperation, Utilisation, and Innovation in the Arctic Region in Europe - CANCELLED</i>	Viktoria Mattson
15.6	<i>The Arctic as a Food Producing Region</i>	David Natcher & Ingrid Kvalvik
15.7	<i>People and Fishing Places of the North</i>	Paula Elise Schiefer & Sara Moritz
15.8	<i>A Recent Study of the Barents Region: The Barents Region – current situation and future challenges</i>	Mats-Olov Olsson
15.9	<i>Success stories from the North: From survival to a vision for the future</i>	Anna Stammler-Gossmann, Helgi Gunnlaugsson & Nina Meschtyb
15.10	<i>Childhood and Youth in the Arctic</i>	Jack Hicks & Jette Rygaard
15.11	<i>People and Place: Populations in the Arctic in censuses and longitudinal parish records</i>	Elisabeth Engberg
15.12	<i>People and Animals in the Landscape</i>	Birgitta Åhman
15.13	<i>Architectures, Afordances, and Domestication</i>	Robert Wishart & Jan Peter Looovers

**Theme leader Theme 15:** Gail Fondahl, Canada [gail.fondahl@unbc.ca](mailto:gail.fondahl@unbc.ca)

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Theme 16 - Religion & Spirituality		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
16.1	<i>Religious beliefs and traditions in Siberia: Nature Myths, Shamanism and Buddhism</i>	TBA
16.2	<i>Revisiting Circumpolar bear ceremonialism</i>	Piers Vitebsky

**Theme leader Theme 16:** Piers Vitebsky, U.K. [pv100@cam.ac.uk](mailto:pv100@cam.ac.uk)

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Theme 17 - Research Methodologies		
Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
17.1	<i>Stakeholder engagement: moving from quantity to more quality</i>	Annette Scheepstra, Kirsi Latola & Gertrude Saxinger
17.2	<i>Facilitating social sciences and humanities scholarship of the Arctic through library, archival and information services</i>	Spencer Acadia & Hannele Näveri-Ranta
17.3	<i>Research is relational: Indigenous-led and community-placed research in the Arctic</i>	Julie Bull
17.4	<i>Past theories / Future theories? A roundtable on 'theory' and Arctic social sciences and humanities</i>	Richard Powell
17.5	<i>Roundtable: Social and political sciences in multidisciplinary initiatives</i>	Justiina Dahl
17.6	<i>The Interaction of Ethics, Place and Social Science Research Methodologies and Outcomes with Indigenous Population in the Arctic</i>	Elizabeth Rink
17.7	<i>Incorporation of Social Science and Humanities in large EU and other projects</i>	Annette Scheepstra, Kirsi Latola, Gertrude Saxinger, Nicole Biebow & Renyka Badhe
17.8	<i>Data, databases, and research data</i>	Philip Buckland & Colleen Strawhacker
17.9	<i>Assessing uncertain futures of the Arctic: tools and methods</i>	Annika E. Nilsson & Riina Haavisto
17.10	<i>Exploring the user-producer interface of weather and sea ice information in support of Arctic marine mobilities: defining social and interdisciplinary science contributions to the Year of Polar Prediction (YOPP)</i>	Gita Ljubic
17.11	<i>The invisibility of gender / Roundtable: Gender in the Arctic</i>	Gunhild Hoogensen Gjörv
17.12	<i>Organizing for Arctic Research; An Arctic Indigenous Scientists' Association - <b>CANCELLED</b></i>	Ellen Inga Turi
17.13	<i>Experimental approaches to human behaviour</i>	Stein Østbye
17.14	<i>Assessing uncertain future of the Arctic: tools and methods (<b>MERGED with 17.9</b>)</i>	Riina Haavisto
17.15	<i>Voicing Arctic Others</i>	Ingeborg Høvik
17.16	<i>Community Based Research</i>	TBA

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## Theme 18 - Resource Development & Extractive Industries

Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
18.1	<i>Movie screening: Beneath the Surface: Inuit Miners at Rankin Inlet, 1957-1962</i>	Arn Keeling
18.2	<i>Indigenous communities and the extractives sector in the Circumpolar North. Responding to impacts to Indigenous health and well-being</i>	Jen Jones & Lesley Johnston
18.3	<i>Mining and large-scale extraction as (sustainable) development? Extractive projects in Greenland and Nunavut</i>	Lill Rastad Bjørst, Marc Jacobsen, Pelle Tejsner, Frank Sejersen & Dag Avango
18.4	<i>Indigenous Communities and Extractive Industries in the Arctic: Processes of Domination and Co-existence</i>	Gail Fondahl, Gunhild Hoogensen, Donatas Brandisauskas, Viktoriya Filippova, Aytalina Ivanova, Antonina Savvinova & Florian Stammler
18.5	<i>Current Research on Extractive Industries and the Sustainability in the Arctic</i>	Andrey Petrov, Chris Southcott, Thierry Rodon & Sverker Sörlin
18.6	<i>Conflict or coexistence? Challenging the concept of Sápmi as a colony for extractive industries</i>	Åsa Össbo, Kristina Sehlin McNeil & May-Britt Öhman
18.7	<i>Resource extraction and sustainable Arctic communities: interdisciplinary perspectives</i>	Dag Avango & Gunhild Rosqvist
18.8	<i>Environmental and social impact assessment of industrial activities in the Arctic</i>	Lars Lövgren
18.9	<i>MinErAL: cross-perspectives on resource extraction and indigenous livelihoods from the circumpolar North and Australia/Melanesia</i>	Thierry Rodon
18.10	<i>We cannot understand present or future resource use in northern Europe without understanding history. A historically informed understanding of change as a contribution to climate change studies</i>	Carina Keskitalo
18.11	<i>Island operations - a driver in the urbanization?</i>	Kåre Hendriksen

**Theme leader Theme 18:** Florian Stammler, Finland [florian.stammler@ulapland.fi](mailto:florian.stammler@ulapland.fi)

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### Theme 19 - Settlements in the Arctic

Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
19.1	<i>Solving Arctic Puzzles: The Need for Socio-economic Development in Local Communities in the Arctic and Possible Contributions by Non-Arctic States</i>	Fujio Ohnishi, Shinichiro Tabata & Edward Boyle
19.2	<i>Place, Space, and the way we do things: Responses to large-scale change in Arctic societies</i>	Marianne Karlsson, Camilla Risvoll, Grete K. Hovelsrud & Brigit Dale
19.3	<i>Cities of the North: Urban growth centres and hinterland development across the Arctic and beyond</i>	Doris Carson, Linus Lundström
19.4	<i>The Future of small villages</i>	Dean Carson
19.5	<i>Recruiting and Retaining</i>	Dean Carson
19.6	<i>The Social Dimensions of the Urban Arctic</i>	Marie Lowe, Nelta Edwards

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Welcome to ICASS IX in Umeå, the town of the silver birches and Europe's cultural capital 2014. *Ubmeje* is the Umeå Sami name for both the Umeälven River and the City of Umeå. The name is old and probably means "thundering, turbulent" and very likely has its origins in the sound made by the rapids on the Umeälven River.

Approximately 120.000 people live in Umeå. Umeå is one of Sweden's most important student towns and it leaves its mark on everything from culture, sport and entertainment to intellectual stimulation. Festivals, lectures and concerts are held almost every day and the problems which arise are more to do with worrying about what to do than a lack of options.

On the ICASS IX website you will find information on:

- How to travel to Umeå
- Where to stay while in Umeå
- What to visit in Umeå
- Where to eat and drink in Umeå

Read more at [Visit Umeå](#), the official tour guide of the Umeå region.



Why not pay *Guitars - the Museum* a visit during your stay? See ICASS IX add on [page 20](#)  
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### Theme 20 - Sustainability

Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
20.1	<i>Toward a gender equal sustainable human development in the Arctic</i>	Eva-Maria Svensson
20.2	<i>Politics of Sustainability in the Arctic</i>	Elana Wilson Rowe
20.3	<i>Arctic Youth and Sustainable Futures</i>	Jón Haukur Ingimundarson
20.4	<i>Arctic Sustainabilities in the Anthropocene</i>	Brice Perombelon, Jessica Graybill & Andrey Petrov
20.5	<i>Northern housing - from design to decolonization</i>	Bettina Koschade
20.6	<i>Panel: Pulling Together - Knowledge for Sustainability in Northern Coastal Communities - CANCELLED</i>	Laura Eerkes-Medrano, Merle Apassingok & Donald Forbes
20.7	<i>Sustainability in the Nordic Countries</i>	Auður H Ingólfssdóttir & Lau Blaxekjær
20.8	<i>Ecosystem and socioeconomic aspects of Arctic research</i>	Terry Bidleman

**Theme leader Theme 20:** Andrey Petrov, USA [andrey.petrov@uni.edu](mailto:andrey.petrov@uni.edu)

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### Theme 21 - Tourism

Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
21.1	<i>Tourism and the Arctic</i>	Dieter K. Müller, Pat Maher & Brooks Kaiser
21.2	<i>Under the auroral oval social impacts, tourism, popular science, &amp; basic research</i>	Urban Brändström

**Theme leader Theme 21:** Doris Carson, Sweden [doris.carson@umu.se](mailto:doris.carson@umu.se)

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## Theme 22 - Mobilities & Migration

Session #	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
22.1	<i>Forced Migrations and Transnational Mobility in the Arctic Nations</i>	Nicole Dubus & Maria Lähteenmäki
22.2	<i>Arctic Dwellers on the Move: studying social dynamics beyond the ethnicity lens</i>	Dmitriy Funk & Vladislava Vladimirova
22.3	<i>Mobile Working Arrangements in the Arctic and elsewhere: social and regional cumulative effects</i>	Gertrude Saxinger, Sharon Harwood, Doris A. Carson & Hanna K. Snellman
22.4	<i>The Social Life of Transportation Infrastructures in the Circumpolar North and Other Remote Areas</i>	Peter Schweitzer & Olga Povoroznyuk
22.5	<i>Sustainability in Arctic Cities</i>	Robert Orttung

**Theme leader Theme 22:** Gertrude Saxinger, Canada and Austria [gertrude.saxinger@univie.ac.at](mailto:gertrude.saxinger@univie.ac.at)

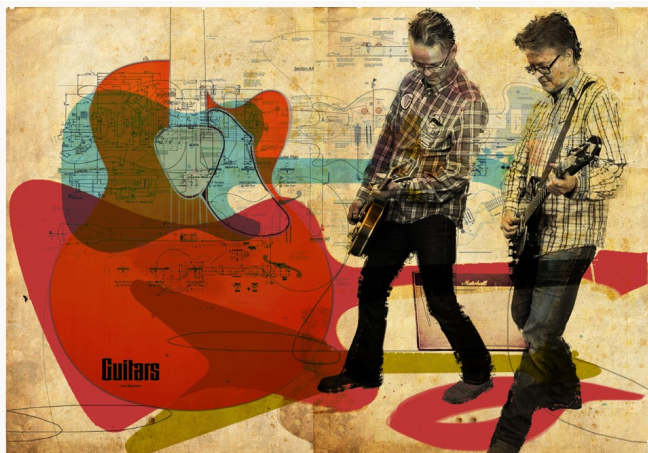
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## PLENARY SESSIONS TO BE HELD AT ICASS IX

Session	Session Title	Session Chair (s)
1	<i>Extractive Resource Development and Sustainability in the Arctic</i>	Florian Stammer, Chris Southcott, Thierry Rodon, and Sverker Sörlin
2	<i>What is the role of education and education research in advancing understandings of the Arctic?</i>	Diane Hirshberg
3	<i>Indigenous perspectives on knowledge</i>	Patrik Lantto
4	<i>An Interdisciplinary Dialogue on Society and Climate Sensitive Infections: Current and Future Challenges</i>	Birgitta Evengård
5	<i>Arctic Science Through Metrics Lenses – Analyzing National &amp; Global Trends</i>	Igor Osipov & Lars Kullerud

Plenary panels are scheduled each conference day at 9:00 a.m. in Aula Nordica located in the main conference building Universum.





Sam & Mike Åhdén

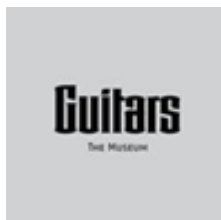
The ICASS organizing committee are pleased to announce that ICASS IX participants have an opportunity to visit the **Guitars - The Museum** free of charge for a guided tour of a world class collection of vintage musical instruments. As we have a limited set of tickets (only 100!) the tickets are to be picked up at the **ICASS IX registration desk** at the conference venue.

**Friday 9 June at 5 p.m. (50 tickets)**  
**&**  
**Saturday 10 June at 5 p.m. (50 tickets)**

A storytelling adventure hosted by twin brothers Sam & Mike Åhdén, who holds the worlds' finest guitar collection.

More info: [www.guitarsthemuseum.com](http://www.guitarsthemuseum.com)

Guitars – The Museum is located downtown Umeå, “the capital” of Norrland. Tucked in-between the Norrlandsoperan (the only professional opera house in the vast northern Sweden) and the cultural center, Umeå Folkets Hus (holding international festivals of jazz, folk music, etc.). In the middle of the building towers wooden stairs in a steep angle two stories up. The museum is located all the way up on the top floor.



## Film screenings at ICASS IX

During ICASS IX we have the pleasure to offer three film screenings:



### **Sami Blood**

Amanda Kernell's award winning movie followed by a panel discussion

**Friday June 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Aula Nordica**

Elle Marja, 14, is a reindeer-breeding Sámi girl. Exposed to the racism of the 1930's and race biology examinations at her boarding school, she starts dreaming of another life. To achieve this other life she has to become someone else and break all ties with her family and culture.

**Subtitled in English**

### **Guardians of Eternity**

Introduced by Arn Keeling

**Saturday June 10 at 5:00 p.m.  
at Aula Nordica**

**Guardians of Eternity** is a documentary film about the toxic legacy of an abandoned gold mine in northern Canada. The Giant Mine is closed now, but the mess that has been left behind will be with us forever. The Yellowknives Dene First Nation is on the front line because the mine is on their land.

### **Beneath the Surface**

**Inuit Miners at Rankin Inlet, 1957-1962**  
Introduced by Arn Keeling

**Sunday June 11 at 3:30 p.m.  
in session 18.1**

#### **Beneath the Surface**

(Ujarangniqtiuvallauqtut) is an original documentary film chronicling the experience of Inuit underground miners at the North Rankin Nickel Mine, 1957-1962.





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## IASSA Election 2017 Overview

The next election will be held during the General Assembly (GA) of the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA), on **Sunday, June 11, 2017, from 11:00 - 13:00** at Aula Nordica, Umeå University in Umeå, Sweden. The GA meets in connection with the Ninth International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS IX).

### Eligibility to Run as a Candidate for IASSA Council (2017 -2020 term)

In order to qualify to run in the IASSA 2014 election, all candidates for IASSA council must:

- be a 'member in good standing' of IASSA;
- nominate themselves, or be nominated by others, with their explicit agreement;
- submit a brief statement (less than 200 words) with a photo of themselves to the IASSA Secretary, on or before 1600h on Thursday, June 8 (first day of ICASS IX);
- must be present in person during the General Assembly on 11 June 2017; and
- must be ready to participate in IASSA Council meetings (face-to-face or via Skype or teleconference call) , and commit a substantial amount of time for IASSA affairs, including extensive discussions via e-mail correspondence.

The IASSA Secretariat put out a call on the IASSA e-mail list to members of IASSA encouraging them to submit a brief statement and photo if they wished to run for IASSA Council for the 2017-2020 term. This was so we could include them in this is-

sue of Northern Notes (Issue 47). The submissions we received on or before 7 May 2017, are included on the next few pages (pp. 25 - 29).

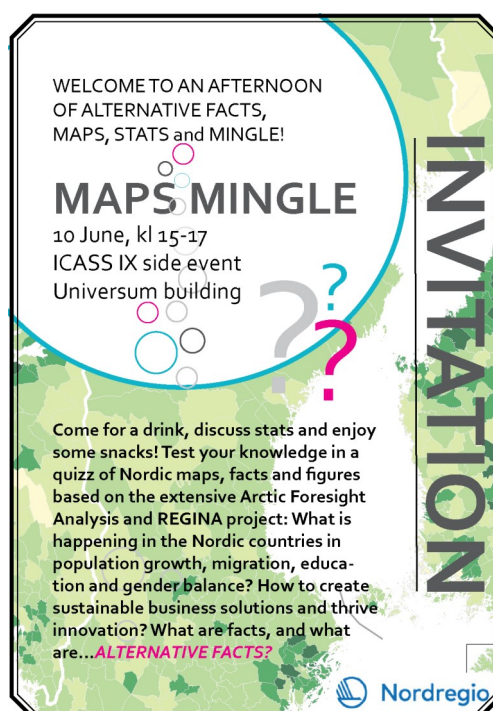
Any other IASSA members in good standing still wanting to run for IASSA Council for the 2014-2017 term may declare themselves up until **16:00 (4PM) on the first day (8 June)** of ICASS IX. You will be able to submit a brief statement (less than 200 words) about yourself and a photo to IASSA Secretary, **Gabriella Nordin** by e-mail ([gabriella.nordin@umu.se](mailto:gabriella.nordin@umu.se)).

Candidates for the next IASSA Council will not be given an opportunity to address the General Assembly on 11 June; rather we will depend on the short statements submitted by each candidate, which will be made available electronically to our members prior to the election.

### IASSA Election 2017 Process

The GA will not be addressed by the candidates who are running for IASSA Council for the 2017-2020. We will instead post the candidate statements for everyone running on our website ([www.iassa.org](http://www.iassa.org)) for all members to review prior to the election. Then at the GA, each member of IASSA in good standing will vote for eight councilors to serve for the 2017-2020 term. The current IASSA president will remain on the IASSA Council as past president (2017-2020) and is therefore, not one of the candidates. The IASSA Council will have 9 members; 8 members elected by majority vote during the 2017 GA, plus the past president.

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## Candidates for IASSA Council, 2017 - 2020

### Michał Łuszczuk



#### New candidate

My name is Michał Łuszczuk and I am from Poland - a non-Arctic country contributing to the Arctic research since 1930s.

I am running for the IASSA Council as a supporter of strengthening the role and visibility of social sciences and humanities both in the realm of the Arctic sciences and in the realm of solving real problems. Firstly, to create more possibilities for expanding and deepening our knowledge(s) about the Arctic region. Secondly, to increase the impact of the Arctic social sciences and humanities on effective solving societal and natural challenges that pose multifaceted and cascading effects within (and beyond) the Arctic.

I am deeply convinced that doing research is strongly connected with taking responsibility not only for an excellence of our work, but also for its significance and meaning for the other people, communities, organizations. And I believe we all share

the view that the IASSA has a special mission and position to encourage and to promote researchers, especially the IASSA members, to develop our knowledge(s) about the Arctic – its peoples and nature, and in a result to make an important contribution primarily to good future of the region.

On a daily basis, I am an associate professor of political sciences teaching at the Department of International Relations, Maria Curie Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland. My main scientific interests include development of the international relations in the Arctic, currently with a main focus on a role of non-state actors in the Arctic governance and mechanisms of the science diplomacy.

As a member of the Committee on Polar Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, I have been engaged in development of Arctic research in Poland since 7 years. Additionally, I am also involved in the IASC's Social & Human Working Group, and this year I was privileged to be appointed as a Polish delegate to the IASC Council.

In recent years I have assumed various roles in the international projects relating to Arctic research, including participation in organisation conferences (like ASSW 2013 or IPY 2012), participation in research projects (like EU-Polarnet or EU Arctic Impact Assessment) as well research networks (like Thematic Network on Geopolitics and Security). I am author, co-author, editor and co-editor of several books, chapters and articles in journals. I like travelling with my wife, cooking with my kids and reading books alone. Thanks for your attention and hopefully for your kind support.

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### Gertrude Saxinger



#### Incumbent, running for 2nd term

Assistant Professor in Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Vienna & Austrian Polar Research Institute (APRI)

My research focuses are the multitude of relations of people and institutions to the environment: in particular I look on social aspects of extractive industries and transport infrastructures (i.e. the built environment). I am interested in mobility studies where I study multi-local lives of fly-in/fly-out petroleum and mining workers, inequality in the (im) mobility context as well as gender aspects as a crosscutting issue in these fields. In the course of

various international research projects I am conducting field work in Siberia as well as in Canada's Yukon Territory with indigenous and non-indigenous people.

The transfer of scientific knowledge to the public is a key concern in my work. Therefore I am a proponent of combining applied research, community based research and theory building in the Arctic social sciences.

I am serving since 2014 as IASSA council member and since several years as Austrian representative of IASC. In 2017 I was able to establish together with colleagues the IASSA Working Group "Gender in the Arctic". As a founding member of the Austrian Polar Research Institute (APRI), and spokesperson of the Regional Group Circumpolar and Siberian Studies of the German Association of Anthropologists (DGV), I am actively promoting Arctic social sciences in non-Arctic countries. Serving on the IASSA Council means not only representing scholars from these regions, but also to foster scientific collaboration among newly emerging research groups and established scholars/centers in Arctic and non-Arctic regions.

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## Candidates for IASSA Council, 2017 - 2020 continued

### Dimitry Funk



**New candidate**

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to run for IASSA Council. For 20 years, 1993–2013, I worked within the frame of the Russian Academy of Sciences. I have directed the Department of Northern and Siberian Studies at the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, since 1995. During this time, the department came out of the financial and theoretical crisis and the international isolation of the early 1990s. Projects drawing on international funding sources began to be conducted, the orientation towards the best achievements of ethnology in the world and close contact with colleagues elsewhere, as well as their own achievements in research, have made the staff's work known and respected in the international scholarly community.

Starting from November 2013 I am a Professor and Chair of the Department of Ethnology (Faculty of History) at the most prominent Russian university, [Lomonosov Moscow State University](#). At the same time, I have a position of a leading researcher at Tomsk State University, where since 2013 I am leading a team of 60 scholars working on the project ["Man in a Changing World. Problems of Identity and Social Adaptation in History and at Present"](#). It is one of the biggest Russian projects, supported by the Government, in the field of Humanities and Social sciences. I am a PI of some other big academic and applied projects, like "The resource curse in the circumpolar areas", supported by

the Russian Science Foundation (2015–2017). The project team consists of 4 researchers and 6 MA and PhD students from Russian and European universities, working across the circumpolar North, including US, Canada, and Scandinavia, trying to gather and re-think Russian and international experience in the field of analysis and resolution of conflicts over non-renewable resources in areas traditionally inhabited by indigenous ethnic groups. During the period of my presence at the Russian Academy of Sciences I participated as a co-applicant and manager of the Russian team, in many international projects supported by the Aleksanteri Institute (Finland), Riksbankens Jubileumsfond (Sweden), NSF (USA), a.o.

My research profile includes northern/Siberian cultures, urbanization processes, social impact assessment, and corpora linguistics. My recently published books were devoted to the analysis of epic tradition of the Shors in Western Siberia (a 4-volume anthology, 2010–13) and of interaction between culture(s) and resources on the North of Sakhalin Island (2015).

I have been engaged in numerous professional activities as an expert/consultant (Russian State Duma, Russian Federal State Statistics Service, bp, Exxon a.o.) in many official, public and academic investigations, as a chair/co-chair of Organizing committees of international conferences, and as an editor/co-editor of journals and series. I am acting as an editor-in-chief of Siberian Historical Research journal (Tomsk), and of Journal of Central and Inner Asian Dialogue (Washington). Apart of these two, I collaborate as a member of an editorial board or as a reviewer with many international journals.

I have also managed to obtain international/national prizes and stipends, from which the most valued for me is the International Research Award of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the so-called Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel-Forschungspreis, in Ethnology (2007).

I believe that my education, previous academic achievements, my experience in managing research staff, my long-standing spheres of research interests, my extensive fieldwork experience, and my current research activities make me eligible for this position.

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## Candidates for IASSA Council, 2017 - 2020 continued

### Andrey Petrov



**Incumbent, running for 3rd term**

My name is Andrey Petrov and I am a social scientist with a 'circumpolar' career: I was born, raised and educated in Russia, received my PhD in Canada (Toronto) and now work as Associate Professor of Geography and Director of the ARCTICenter at the University of Northern Iowa, USA. In addition to my two terms on the IASSA Council, I serve as a Vice-Chair and U.S. Representative on the IASC Social & Human Sciences Working Group and as the Chair of the Polar Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers.

My research primarily focuses on economic issues in northern communities and policies of regional development in the Arctic. I study human-environment relationships and Arctic socio-ecological systems as well. I lead a number of circumpolar research initiatives, most importantly the international research coordination networks in Arctic sustainability (Arctic-FROST) and coastal resilience (Arctic-COAST). I have also been a lead contributor to Arctic Social Indicators, Arctic Human Development Report, Arctic Belmont, Arctic Horizons and other major international and interdisciplinary projects.

I was privileged to be first elected to the IASSA Council in 2011 and since have directed my efforts to supporting representative and transparent governance process in this thriving organization. One of my specific tasks was to be the IASSA representative on the ICASS VIII and ICASS IX organizing committees and to assist in funding both ICASS through NSF and SSHRC grants. More than 100 ICASS participants, mostly Indigenous and early career scholars from U.S., Russia and Canada have been funded through these awards. If elected to fill my third, and final, term I will continue my service to the Association by representing a pluralistic and truly circumpolar perspective on the Council, assisting with developing IASSA thematic structure and expanding IASSA early career programs.

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### Alona Yefimenko



**Incumbent, running for 3rd term**

Alona Yefimenko is a Technical Advisor of the Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat (IPS), a support organization for the Arctic Indigenous Peoples' Organizations that are Permanent Participants to the Arctic Council. It is based in Tromsø, Norway. She received her Master's Degree in Philology from the Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia and the Far Eastern State University. Alona came from the Even/Chukchi reindeer herding family of Russian Kamchatka Peninsula.

at representative will facilitate the process for engagement of Arctic Council Permanent Participants and promote a neutral forum for identifying shared challenges and opportunities across the Arctic. IPS will provide new knowledge that enhances capacity for Arctic indigenous organizations and—in an inclusive manner—to address these emerging challenges and opportunities for indigenous experts and early career scientists.

Nominating myself I feel I would make a strong contribution to the IASSA council and provide strategic directions terms of setting priorities and allocating resources to benefit the goals of the Council.

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#### **What is the added value of the indigenous representative in IASSA council?**

Within the IASSA the Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat

## Candidates for IASSA Council, 2017 - 2020 continued

### Diane Hirshberg



**Incumbent, running for 2nd term**

It is my pleasure to submit my candidacy for the International Arctic Social Sciences Association council. I have been on the council for the past three years, and would like to continue contributing to IASSA. My term on the IASSA council has coincided with the United States chairmanship of the Arctic Council. This has afforded me the opportunity to attend several Arctic Council (AC) meetings as IASSA's representative, and to build my understanding of IASSA's role as an observer to the Arctic Council. I have developed ideas for how we can increase our participation in the important work of the Arctic Council working groups and how IASSA might partner more closely with the University of the Arctic and the International Arctic Science Committee in our roles as the three research entities formally recognized by the AC. In addition, through the AHDR, AC and IASSA Council I have worked with the Permanent Participants (PPs) to the Arctic Council. Two of the PPs have offices here in Anchorage (Inuit Circumpolar Council through ICC-Alaska and Aleut International Association) and I work with them in various professional capacities as well as through interacting at AC meetings (for example I am an evaluator for an ICC-Alaska project and have engaged ICC and AIA researchers in UAA events). I look forward to continuing the strong partnership between IASSA and the PPs.

In spring 2016, when the University of Alaska Fairbanks hosted the Arctic Science Summit Week

and the Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials meeting, I organized "Reframing Understandings of the North: Placing Social Sciences and Humanities at the Center of Interdisciplinary Arctic Research." This day-long symposium, co-sponsored by IASC, UArctic and the NSF Arctic Horizons project, explored how to reframe interdisciplinary research to place the social sciences and humanities at the forefront of these collaborations, rather than as an afterthought. I am committed to continuing to grow recognition of the critical role that social sciences and humanities play in developing understandings of Arctic peoples and communities, and how this work can support communities as they respond to rapid social, economic, cultural and environmental changes and challenges.

I also have been serving as the UAA Chancellor's Advisor on Arctic Research and Education. In this capacity I have represented the Chancellor at UArctic meetings, and served on the [UArctic Research Analytics Task Force](#), helping produce four reports documenting Arctic research outputs and funding. I am continuing on the task force to support this effort to quantify Arctic research outputs and funding and grow the profile of Arctic social science research internationally.

Finally, at this ICASS I will be announcing creation of an IASSA Education Working Group. Having organized education sessions for the past three ICASS meetings, it is clear that there are a lot of talented researchers doing really good work on Arctic Education issues, and that we need a forum within which to connect. I am part of the UArctic Thematic Network on Teacher Education for Social Justice and Diversity, and will make sure that the ICASS Working Group on education links with and complements the work of that group. I am interested in helping IASSA develop these groups, and find new ways to support the good work of our members. I appreciate your support for my candidacy.

Diane Hirshberg  
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## Candidates for IASSA Council, 2017 - 2020 continued

### Gary Wilson



#### New candidate

It is my great pleasure to put my name forward as a candidate for the Council of the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA). I am a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) in Prince George, Canada. I am also the Acting Chair of the Department of First Nations Studies and the Coordinator of the Northern Studies Program at UNBC. For the past 15 years, I have been involved with the University of the Arctic as an instructor and a Council representative for UNBC. I also serve as the Vice President and a Member of the Board of Directors of the Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS) and have previously served as Secretary/Treasurer of ACUNS. In 2014, I was the Co-Convener of the International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VIII) and the Co-Organizer of the Annual Council Meeting of the University of the Arctic, both of which were held at

UNBC.

My research and teaching focuses on issues relating to governance and development in the Canadian and circumpolar north. I have published extensively on a wide range of topics including: Inuit self-government in the Canadian Arctic, Indigenous diplomacy in the circumpolar north, resource development in northern British Columbia and the Canadian provincial north, and northern and Indigenous governance in Russia. I teach courses in comparative northern development and circumpolar governance, and have recently collaborated with Nord University in Bodø, Norway on establishing a new graduate program in international northern development.

I would like to serve on the IASSA Council because I want to contribute to the development of social sciences and humanities research and teaching at post-secondary institutions across the circumpolar north. Given the challenges that northern and Arctic countries and peoples face at the start of the 21st century, it is imperative that scholars in these disciplines have the opportunities and the funding to work with northern and Indigenous communities in order to conduct research that is relevant to the north and its inhabitants, and that allows northern voices and viewpoints to be heard. I feel that my leadership experience with Arctic organizations such as ACUNS and ICASS, coupled with my expertise in circumpolar research and teaching will allow me to make an important and lasting contribution to IASSA.

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### Tatiana Vlasova



#### Incumbent, running for 3rd term

Tatiana Vlasova is a leading researcher at Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences where she received her Ph.D. in social/economic geography. She graduated from Moscow State University, Geographical Department as a physical geographer. Her experience in Arctic research is based on participation in several international multidisciplinary projects such as Arctic Climate Impact Assessment where she worked as a representative from RAIPON, Local Health and Environmental Reporting from the Indigenous Peoples of the Russian North (UNEP Grid-Arendal), IASC Taiga-Tundra Interface Project, NSF Arctic-Frost, etc. Tatiana Vlasova represented IASSA in Arctic Council Arctic Resilience Report preparation.

She is the leader of the IPY National Russian project devoted to the construction of the "Integrated Arctic Socially-oriented Observation System" network (IASOS network). This IASOS project was included as a social component of the multidisciplinary IPY PPS Arctic cluster and was also endorsed by the Arctic Council SDWG as a parallel component to Arctic Social Indicators project. Currently she is a co-leader of the international Belmont Forum "Arctic Sustainability: Synthesis of Knowledge" (ASUS) project, where she focuses her attention on the long-term Arctic Sustainability Monitoring Network construction, involving more Arctic communities and stakeholders in circumpolar cooperation on sustainability building.

In 2017 Tatiana Vlasova was nominated to be the chair of the International Geographic Union Cold and High Altitude Regions commission (IGU CHAR). She sees great perspectives in more tight integration of IGU CHAR and IASSA activities. She is the organizer and leader of the ICASS IX Theme "Monitoring Arctic Sustainable Development and Socio-Ecological Systems's Resilience", combining 6 sessions. She is also co-organizing several sessions with the IASSA leadership and participation at different conferences and meetings during 2017-2020.

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## IASSA President Bid - Diane Hirshberg University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA)



Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to submit my candidacy for president of the International Arctic Social Sciences Association, and to invite you to select the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) to host ICASS X in 2020. If I am elected president, my co-convener will be Dr. Marie Lowe, Associate Professor of Public Policy at the Institute of Social and Economic Research at UAA. More about Dr. Lowe can be found here (<http://www.iser.uaa.alaska.edu/people/lowe/>).

I am very excited by the opportunity to take this next step in service to IASSA. I first learned of IASSA in 2004 when I was at a side meeting at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and able to attend ICASS as well. I was just finishing my first year at UAA, and beginning to understand that the education issues I study in Alaska were more like those in other Arctic nations than those in the "lower 48" of the United States. In Fall 2005 I attended the International Congress of Arctic Research Planning II in Copenhagen, where I was frustrated by what I saw as insufficient attention to and even marginalization of social sciences by part of the Arctic research community.

In 2008 I organized a session for the ICASS in Nuuk, Greenland. It was there that I realized that there was a community of like-minded scholars and began networking with more Arctic research colleagues. For the 2011 ICASS I was invited to co-organize all of the education sessions along with Paul Berger (of Lakehead University in Canada). I also ran for IASSA council, but just missed being elected. I was, however, invited to become a co-lead author of the Arctic Human Development Report chapter on Education and Human Development, along with Andrey Petrov. Through this opportunity, I not only developed a greater understanding of circumpolar education trends and challenges; I also got to know well two (now past) IASSA presidents, Joan Nymand Larsen and Gail Fon-

dahl as well as current IASSA president Peter Sköld. In 2014 I again coordinated all of the education sessions at ICASS and was successful this time in my bid for the IASSA Council.

My term on the IASSA council has coincided with the United States chairmanship of the Arctic Council. This has afforded me the opportunity to attend several Arctic Council (AC) meetings as IASSA's representative, and to build my understanding of IASSA's role as an observer to the Arctic Council. I have developed ideas for how we can increase our participation in the important work of the Arctic Council working groups and how IASSA might partner more closely with the University of the Arctic and the International Arctic Science Committee in our roles as the three research entities formally recognized by the AC. In addition, through the AHDR, AC and IASSA Council I have worked with the Permanent Participants (PPs) to the Arctic Council. Two of the PPs have offices here in Anchorage (Inuit Circumpolar Council through ICC-Alaska and Aleut International Association) and I work with them in various professional capacities as well as through interacting at AC meetings (for example I am an evaluator for an ICC-Alaska project and have engaged ICC and AIA researchers in UAA events). I look forward to continuing the strong partnership between IASSA and the PPs.

In spring 2016, when the University of Alaska Fairbanks hosted the Arctic Science Summit Week and the Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials meeting, I organized "Reframing Understandings of the North: Placing Social Sciences and Humanities at the Center of Interdisciplinary Arctic Research." This day-long symposium, co-sponsored by IASC, UArctic and the NSF Arctic Horizons project, explored how to reframe interdisciplinary research to place the social sciences and humanities at the forefront of these collaborations, rather than as an afterthought. I am committed to continuing to grow recognition of the critical role that social sciences and humanities play in developing understandings of Arctic peoples and communities, and how this work can support communities as they respond to rapid social, economic, cultural and environmental changes and challenges.

I also have been serving as the UAA Chancellor's Advisor on Arctic Research and Education. In this capacity I have represented the Chancellor at UArctic meetings, and served on the UArctic Research Analytics Task Force (<http://research.uarctic.org/research-area/research-analytics-task-force/publications/>), helping produce four reports documenting Arctic research outputs and funding. I am continuing on the task force to support this effort to quantify Arctic research outputs and funding and grow the profile of Arctic social science research internationally.

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UAA is well-prepared to host ICASS X. We have recently hosted several large Arctic meetings. I co-organized the American Association for the Advancement of Science Arctic meeting at UAA, hosted the first Arctic FROST Research Collaboration Network meeting, and have just organized in partnership with the Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S. the first Anchorage Arctic Research Day. More importantly, I am connected with the people both on our campus and in the Municipality of Anchorage that will make ICASS X a successful gathering. As you will see in the documents on [my website](#) we enjoy support from a broad array of community and governmental agencies. Both the State of Alaska and Municipality of Anchorage recognize the key role Anchorage plays as the largest city in the United States' only Arctic state. Many state, federal, indigenous, non-profit and corporate organizations are headquartered or have a major presence in Anchorage, and Arctic research is a focus of many of these. I believe that bringing ICASS to Anchorage will afford us a great opportunity to grow our membership and our connections with these entities.

In addition, as a major tourism destination, Anchorage has the facilities to welcome large meetings, from plenty of hotel rooms to a world-class museum and miles of trails. It is easy to reach via the Ted Stevens International Airport. The city offers many accommodation options, from luxury hotels to charming bed and breakfasts. Thanks to our local convention and visitors bureau, Visit Anchorage, we already have numerous hotels ready to work with us to meet the needs of all our attendees (see [http://dbhirshberg.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ICASS\\_2020\\_Visit\\_Anchorage\\_Support\\_Diane\\_Hirshberg.pdf](http://dbhirshberg.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ICASS_2020_Visit_Anchorage_Support_Diane_Hirshberg.pdf))

UAA is excited by the opportunity to host ICASS. The [Chancellor of the university supports this bid fully](#). The UAA campus has grown significantly over the past decade, adding major facilities from new science buildings to a new sports arena. Our plan is to hold the meeting in mid-May, after

the semester has ended and during the "shoulder" season when commercial accommodations are more affordable. The campus has dorms and apartments that offer inexpensive accommodations for those with limited budgets as well as a hotel next door that works closely with UAA to support our events. In addition, our campus conference services are prepared to work closely with IASSA and Visit Anchorage to ensure that our meeting goes smoothly. More information on [UAA's facilities and services](#).

I believe that after 16 years 2020 will be a good time for ICASS to return to the United States and Alaska, on the heels of a successful Arctic Council Chairmanship, and as we celebrate the 10th iteration of this important meeting. I look forward to sharing my vision for IASSA and ICASS with you in Umea in June, and sharing Anchorage with you all in 2020.

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## IASSA President Bid - Dmitry Funk Tomsk University



Dear Colleagues,

I would like to serve as IASSA President for the next term, as well as to run for IASSA Council, and to make a bid for Tomsk State University to become host to the next IASSA secretariat, and to organize and host ICASS X in 2020.

For 20 years, 1993–2013, I worked within the frame of the Russian Academy of Sciences. I have directed the Department of Northern and Siberian Studies at the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, since 1995. During this time, the department came out of the financial and theoretical crisis and the international isolation of the early 1990s. Projects drawing on international funding sources began to be conducted, the orientation towards the best achievements of ethnology in the world and close contact with colleagues elsewhere, as well as their own achievements in research, have made the staff's work known and respected in the international scholarly community.

Starting from November 2013 I am a Professor and Chair of the Department of Ethnology (Faculty of History) at the most prominent Russian university, [Lomonosov Moscow State University](http://www.lomonosov-moscow-state-university.ru/). At the same time, I have a position of a leading researcher at Tomsk State University, where since 2013 I am leading a team of 60 scholars working on the project ["Man in a Changing World. Problems of Identity and Social Adaptation in History and at Present"](http://www.man-in-a-changing-world.ru/). It is one of the biggest Russian projects, supported by the Government, in the field of Humanities and Social sciences. I am a PI of some other big academic and applied projects, like "The resource curse in the circumpolar areas", supported by the Russian Science Foundation (2015–2017). The project team consists of 4 researchers and 6 MA and PhD students from Russian and European universities, working across the circumpolar North, including US, Canada, and Scandinavia, trying to gather and re-think Russian and international experience in the field of analysis and resolution of conflicts over non-renewable resources in areas traditionally inhabited

by indigenous ethnic groups. During the period of my presence at the Russian Academy of Sciences I participated as a co-applicant and manager of the Russian team, in many international projects supported by the Aleksanteri Institute (Finland), Ricksbankens Jubileumsfond (Sweden), NSF (USA), a.o.

My research profile includes northern/Siberian cultures, urbanization processes, social impact assessment, and corpora linguistics. My recently published books were devoted to the analysis of epic tradition of the Shors in Western Siberia (a 4-volume anthology, 2010–13) and of interaction between culture(s) and resources on the North of Sakhalin Island (2015).

I have been engaged in numerous professional activities as an expert/consultant (Russian State Duma, Russian Federal State Statistics Service, bp, Exxon a.o.) in many official, public and academic investigations, as a chair/co-chair of Organizing committees of international conferences, and as an editor/co-editor of journals and series. I am acting as an editor-in-chief of Siberian Historical Research journal (Tomsk), and of Journal of Central and Inner Asian Dialogue (Washington). Apart of these two, I collaborate as a member of an editorial board or as a reviewer with many international journals.

I have also managed to obtain international/national prizes and stipends, from which the most valued for me is the International Research Award of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the so-called Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel-Forschungspreis, in Ethnology (2007).

I believe that my education, previous academic achievements, my experience in managing research staff, my long-standing spheres of research interests, my extensive fieldwork experience, and my current research activities make me eligible for this position.

As part of my bid for presidency, I would like to present the name of a Co-convenor. I suggest a colleague of mine, Professor Iraida Nam from Tomsk State University. She is leading a Laboratory for social and anthropological research (<http://lsar.tsu.ru/en/about-lsar>) and has a great experience in organizing (jointly with me) big international conferences. She would be the best candidate for such position and would significantly contribute to the success of the ICASS X.

Let me make a bid for Tomsk State University to become host to the next IASSA secretariat, and to organize and host ICASS X in 2020.

The Tomsk State University (TSU) is one of the oldest and actively developing classical universities in Russia, that now consists of 21 faculties and educational centres, 3 research Institutes and many spin-off enterprises.



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It initiated and is now actively developing an interdisciplinary project, SecNet (<http://www.secnet.online/secnet--eng.html>), which is an open community of universities, research institutes and other organizations, teams and individuals that are united by a common goal to support sustainable development of the North, including the Arctic, by accumulating experience and knowledge on Siberian environments and society to understand and predict societally important changes so that negative anthropogenic consequences can be minimized.

The University has many old ethnographic and archaeological museums with rich collections, as well as excellent laboratories. Among them are the Centre of Excellence into Biota, Climate and Landscapes (BioClimLand), a multidisciplinary research cluster in the Life and Earth sciences that collaborates with colleagues in various countries through [major international research networks and projects](#), a [Laboratory for Cognitive Investigations and Behavioural Genetics](#), led by a British researcher Yulia Kovas, which is focusing on interdisciplinary research of the Nature and Mechanisms of Cognitive Processes as Resources for Innovative Development. Starting from 2013 their ethnologists/anthropologists, led by the me, established a [Laboratory for social and anthropological research](#). The mega-project thanks to which the Laboratory was created is aimed at studying the problems of formation and transformation of identities and social adaptation of a human being in the context of modernization and global social changes, primarily in the Northern hemisphere. This Laboratory has big experience in organising not only anthropological but multidisciplinary schools and big international conferences.

The University publishes more than a dozen of journals in different fields of social sciences, including a Siberian Historical Research journal, a Tomsk State University Journal of Philology, and Journal of Lexicography Questions all indexed by Scopus, where many papers in social anthropology, sociology, archaeology, philology and other related fields appear.

This year the University was one of the initiators of the national Arctic Research and Education Con-

sortium creation, and it is still playing a leading role in the research part of this organization.

Over the years, the university has produced more than 120,000 professionals, and it is hard to find a university or institution in Siberia, which has not worked with the graduates of Tomsk State University: they lead institutes and departments, laboratories and innovative companies. They become successful and extraordinary business leaders and employers offering work to future graduates of Tomsk State University.

The University has its own facilities to accommodate, especially in the summertime, up to 1000 guest scholars. There are also many accommodation options available in the city of Tomsk including two- to four-star hotels. All this would allow the TSU to successfully deal with the accommodation issue.

Finally, I would like to point out, that Rector of the Tomsk State University Professor Galazhinsky gives his full support of the idea to become host to the next IASSA secretariat, and to organize and host ICASS X in 2020 (a letter of support is attached).

Sincerely,

Dmitriy Funk



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## IASSA President Bid - Andrey Petrov University of Northern Iowa & Northern (Arctic) Federal University



**IASSA President (2017-2020):** Andrey N. Petrov (USA)

**IASSA Secretariat location:** ARCTICenter, University of Northern Iowa, USA

**ICASS X Co-Conveners:** Elena Kudryashova, Alexander Pelyasov (Russia), and Andrey N. Petrov (USA)

**ICASS X location:** Arkhangelsk, Russia (2020)

**Host institution:** Northern (Arctic) Federal University.

### **IASSA: From Growth to Prominence**

*Dear IASSA members!* I am writing to put forward my candidacy for the **next IASSA President** and asking for your support. As a two-term IASSA Council member, over the last six years I have had an opportunity and a privilege to be a part of an unprecedented growth in Arctic social sciences. Our collective disciplines have been successful in articulating our role in the diverse family of Arctic sciences, active in developing cutting-edge theoretical and methodological frameworks, vocal in driving new research agendas, and instrumental in addressing the grand challenges faced by Arctic communities. Never since the establishment of IASSA the Arctic social sciences have been so substantial in volume and quality of research. We have also begun an active engagement with humanities and natural sciences, a work that is expected to continue in the future. It is my belief and my aspiration that Arctic social sciences are poised to translate this remarkable **growth to prominence** in the near future.

In the next three years I envision this Association and scholarship it represents to become a prominent voice in the global interdisciplinary and disciplinary conversations, a prominent contributor to theories and methodologies in social sciences and humanities, a prominent source of policy-relevant information, a prominent driver of research agenda and funding priorities, and a prominent source of inspiration and support for the next generation of Arctic social scientists. I hope that in the next three years we will work together to continue our growth and attain our goals.

**My academic background and personal dedication to international, circumpolar research**

**have motivated me to solicit your support this year.**

I am a social scientist with a 'circumpolar' career: I was born, raised and educated in Russia, received my PhD in Canada (Toronto) and now work as Associate Professor of Geography and Director of the ARCTICenter at the University of Northern Iowa, USA. In addition to my two terms on the IASSA Council, I serve as a U.S. Representative on the IASC Social & Human Sciences Working Group and as the Chair of the Polar Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers. My research primarily focuses on economic issues in northern communities and policies of regional development in the Arctic. I study human-environment relationships and Arctic socio-ecological systems as well. I lead a number of circumpolar research initiatives, most importantly the international research coordination networks in Arctic sustainability (Arctic-FROST) and coastal resilience (Arctic-COAST). I have also been a lead contributor to Arctic Social Indicators, Arctic Human Development Report, ReSDA, Arctic Horizons and other major international and interdisciplinary projects. In the IASSA Council I directed my efforts to promoting representative and transparent governance process in our thriving organization. I have been an IASSA representative on the ICASS VIII and ICASS IX organizing committees and obtained funding for ICASS through NSF and SSHRC grants. More than a hundred ICASS participants, mostly Indigenous and early career scholars, have been funded through these awards. I think my experience in international leadership, organizational management, external funding solicitation and a broad understanding of circumpolar issues, organizations and academic cultures make me a right candidate to lead the IASSA at this important moment.

My platform, **From Growth to Prominence**, includes eight priorities, which I think will be instrumental in bringing the IASSA to the next level of success. This transformation will culminate with the Association's 10th Congress in Arkhangelsk, Russia.

### *Priorities:*

- centralization of the IASSA's role as the flagship of Arctic social sciences among international professional organizations (e.g., the International Social Science Council) and national science institutions (funding agencies, academies of science, science ministries, etc.) to ensure an increased investment and continued development of our disciplines;
- expansion of the IASSA role in the Arctic Council, Arctic Economic Council (through observer and expert group mechanisms) and IASC (through elevating the position of the Social and Human Sciences Working group);
- consideration of options to develop IASSA internal structure with the potential to create new working or thematic groups, networks and regional nodes;

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- further engagement of humanities and arts;
- institutional and intellectual support for interdisciplinary connectivities through more active co-operation with professional associations in biogeophysical sciences (International Permafrost Association, International Geographical Union, American Geophysical Union, etc.), including cooperative agreements, co-organized conferences and shared networks;
- targeted, prioritized investment in the new generation of Arctic social scientists including financial support to early career scholars, sustained collaboration with APECS, IASC Fellowship Program, and research coordination networks with early career programming;
- consideration of a possibility to increase the number and geography of IASSA meetings between ICASS, such as annual regional or thematic meetings;
- expansion of our connections with social scientists working in non-Arctic regions, including Antarctica;

### IASSA Secretariat and ICASS X Locations

This bid for the next host of the IASSA Secretariat and ICASS X location represents a unique collaborative effort between two institutions in the United States and Russia. The new IASSA Bylaws adopted in 2014 make it possible to set up the location of the President and Secretariat in one institution, while host the ICASS in another. This opened up a remarkable opportunity to capitalize on long-standing experience and cooperation and propose to **host the IASSA Secretariat at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) in Cedar Falls, USA and hold the ICASS X at the Northern (Arctic) Federal University (NARFU) in Arkhangelsk, Russia.**



**The University of Northern Iowa is an emerging hub of Arctic social sciences:** the Arctic, Remote and Cold Territories Interdisciplinary Center (ARCTICcenter) has been established at the University in 2015 to recognize the rapid growth of Arctic research on campus. It now manages \$3 million in projects and serves as a home for two NSF Arctic social sciences research coordination networks (Arctic-FROST and Arctic-COAST), as well as multiple other research and cooperation initiatives. UNI has been a U.S. lead institution for ICASS VIII and IX funding applications designed to help early

career, Indigenous and Russian researchers to attend ICASS meetings. The University has a strong commitment to supporting Arctic research and IASSA Secretariat specifically through the ARCTICcenter. The Center's strategic vision focuses on interdisciplinary, integrative, international initiatives with the emphasis on Arctic social sciences, sustainability research and community well-being studies. Center contributed to such hallmark international projects as Arctic Social Indicators, Arctic Human Development Report, Arctic Resilience Report, ECONOR and others. ARCTICcenter serves as a U.S. Midwest hub for Arctic Horizons, a program designed to provide U.S. science funding authorities with investment priorities in respect to the Arctic social science research. The Center is directed by Dr. Andrey N. Petrov, who will be supported by the IASSA Secretary. ARCTICcenter staff has coordinated or organized multiple conferences, meetings and workshops in the USA, Russia and other locations. **The IASSA Secretariat will be hosted by the Center and will benefit from its experience and expertise, including securing and managing funding, while providing logistical support to the ICASS X in Arkhangelsk.**



**The City of Arkhangelsk (Archangelsk)** is the historical capital of the Russian Arctic. Arkhangelsk founded in 1584 was the starting point for the exploration of Russia's North. It is currently the largest city in the Arctic, a major historical, industrial, scientific, and cultural center. The city has a population of 357,000 and a plethora of historical and cultural amenities, hotels, conference facilities and supporting infrastructure. A large Arctic port, it is an easily accessible transportation hub with multiple daily flights from Moscow and St. Petersburg and a regular passenger train service.

**Russia is the only Arctic country that has never hosted or co-hosted an ICASS.** Given Russia's size and role in the Arctic, the large Russian membership in the IASSA, and the vast contribution of Russia's scholars to Arctic social sciences, it is only logical to set the tenth ICASS in a Russian city. It is especially critical to do this now, when



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collaborative efforts and meetings among scholars from the Arctic face challenges due political tensions and barriers. Holding ICASS X in Russia will highlight IASSA's commitment to circumpolar collaboration, engagement of researchers and communities in the Russian Arctic and support for social sciences and scientists working in Russia.



**Northern (Arctic) Federal University (NARFU)** will be the local host of ICASS X. University's Rector, Dr. Elena Kudryashova, a social scientist herself, will serve as a congress Co-Convener. She will be supported by Dr. Alexander Pelyasov, who will be a meeting Co-Convener alongside with the new IASSA President.



**NARFU is one of the largest Arctic universities with a long and proud history of Arctic-based research and education.** NARFU is a home for more than 20,000 students from 47 countries. The university has considerable experience in international collaboration (for example, serving as one of the UArctic and Barents Euro-Arctic Council education and research hubs) and congress organization. NARFU has been selected to hold multiple large meetings, including the "International Arctic Forum: The Arctic: Territory of Dialog" (in 2011 and 2017). Between 2011 and 2016 NARFU organized and hosted more than 400 international and national conferences and symposia. In 2016 alone the university welcomed 104 international meetings with 420 foreign participants. To accommodate a high volume of international visitors the university has established a streamlined visa support system.

The university has modern conference facilities, boasting a congress hall, exhibition center, modern conference rooms, and reception facilities.

The university has been a focal point of Arctic

research in Russia. This mission is supported by several institutes and centers in Arctic social sciences and humanities: Arctic Center for Strategic Research, Integrative Translation Studies in Sub-Arctic Dimension Center, Lomonosov Institute, Pomor Institute of Indigenous Minorities of the North, Center for Social and Economic Development in Northern Areas and Arctic Region, and Center for Ethnic and Cultural Studies and Humanitarian Geography of the Arctic. NARFU has been a top producer of PhD graduates in social sciences in the Russian Arctic with 77 PhD dissertations defended in the last five years in various social science disciplines. Currently more than 100 students are pursuing doctoral degrees in social sciences. University's principal research areas encompass sociology, political science, health studies, linguistics, human geography, history and anthropology.



Co-conveners will direct the ICASS X organizing committee to ensure that we provide a broad access to the Congress (in terms of affordability, transportation, financial support and logistical convenience) to all interested scholars in social sciences and humanities, including students, early career researchers, Indigenous scholars and knowledge holders, and participants from geographically remote areas.

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### Tackling the “gender gap”– New IASSA Working Group Gender in the Arctic (GIA WG)

**During the Ninth International Conference on Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS IX) the new IASSA Working Group on “Gender in the Arctic” will be launched.**

The “GIA WG” will kick-off with a roundtable discussion on 9 July 2017 where the relevance and state of the art in Arctic Gender and Intersectionality Studies will be addressed. This discussion follows the official launch of the Working Group where future activities and modes of boosting the theme in Arctic research are going to be discussed. Everyone who is interested to contribute and participate is warmly welcome to this kick-off.

Although gender is a topic in the fields of Arctic demography, political participation, and in studies on health, amongst other areas, gender-related research studies as a field of social sciences has thus far been conspicuously disparate, i.e. conducted in different parts of the Circumpolar North (Russia, Fennoscandia, North America) with hardly any inter-connection. There are no integrated approaches in this field as of yet, despite the obvious importance of gender for indigenous and other communities throughout the Arctic.

Moreover, the theoretical ambit of Gender Studies in the North is strongly underdeveloped. We pro-



pose that a gendered perspective could engage with questions of intersectionality, i.e. the ways in which multiple categories of dominance and marginality interact with each other. Owing to past and present practices of marginalization of indigenous groups in the Circumpolar North, an intersectional approach is of particular importance.

In addition, owing to the scarcity of gender perspectives in natural sciences, gendered research methods and designs, and the male dominance in the history of Polar research there is a need for identifying common ground between History of Science, Science and Technology Studies, and Gender Studies with regard to Polar research (including Antarctica), and for raising awareness within the scientific community for gendered perspectives on research design and research practice.

**A Working Group under the umbrella of IASSA has the potential to**

- Bundle existing activities, networks, institutions and research in the field of gender in the Arctic and increase the visibility of the topic
- Provide a platform for networking in order to foster knowledge exchange and developing research initiatives that are informed by Gender Studies' approaches
- Identify the state of the art in gender driven Arctic research and gender studies in the Arctic
- Identify research demands and research gaps
- Identify relations between global Gender Studies and gender themes in the Arctic
- Promote the topic and its relevance as a cross-cutting issue in social sciences, in the humanities and, in natural sciences
- Foster interdisciplinary dialogues in the field of Arctic social sciences and the natural sciences related to gender issues

The creation of an IASSA Working Group on Gender in the Arctic (GIAWG) in 2017 constitutes a fundamental move forward in Arctic social sciences that tackles the lack of gender perspectives in Arctic research. A website (<https://gender-arctic.jimdo.com/>) and mailing-list is in progress.

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### Update: Arctic-FROST Research Network in 2016

by Andrey N. Petrov, USA

#### Introduction

Research Coordination Network "Arctic-FROST: Arctic FRontiers Of SusTainability: Resources, Societies, Environments and Development in the Changing North" (NSF PLR #1338850) is an international, interdisciplinary, and collaborative network of environmental and social scientists, local educators, and community members from all circumpolar countries. Its primary purpose is to enable and mobilize research on sustainable Arctic development. The network aims to support improved health, human development, and wellbeing of Arctic communities while conserving ecosystem structures, functions and resources. The intellectual goal of the project is to contribute to conceptual, applied, and educational aspects of Arctic sustainability science by supporting the dissemination of knowledge and exchange of methodologies across the four Arctic-FROST themes: sustainable regions, economies, cultures, and environments. Arctic-FROST is based at the University of Northern Iowa's Arctic, Remote and Cold Territories Interdisciplinary Center (ARCTICenter).

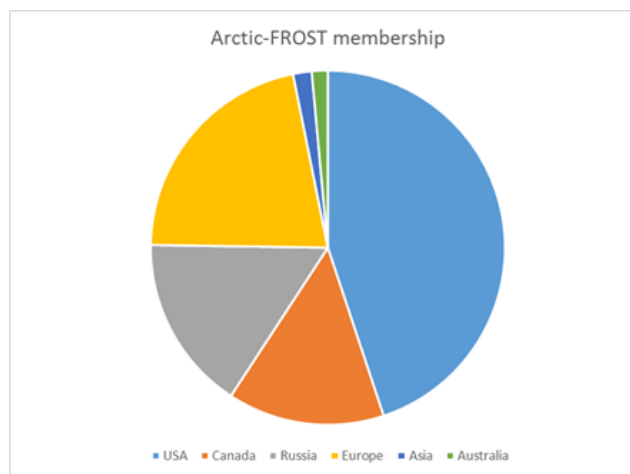


Arctic-FROST address three overarching questions: What does sustainable development in the Arctic mean, locally, regionally, and globally? How is sustainable development attainable in a changing Arctic? What are the best ways of measuring achievements towards adaptation, thriving and sustainable development in the Arctic?

Membership in Arctic-FROST is open to anyone with interests in sustainability and sustainable development in the Arctic. Since its inception in September 2013, the network has amassed more than 400 members from 20 countries including all Arctic jurisdictions with 45% coming from the U.S., 22% from Europe, 16% from Russia, and 14% from Canada. Alongside seasoned academics and community members more than half of the RCN members are early career scholars or graduate students. The network also involves Indigenous scholars and members of underrepresented groups.

The network has an extensive plan of activities for 2014-2018 consisting of annual meetings, early career scholar workshops, community workshops, the first Arctic Sustainability Education Forum in 2018, and multiple smaller theme-based conferences throughout each year. Earlier events included the inaugural Arctic-FROST meeting held in late 2013 at the University of Northern Iowa, the first annual meeting and early careers scholars workshop entitled "Sustainability and Sustainable Development

in the Arctic: Meanings and Means" held in Anchorage, Alaska on September 18-20, 2014, and the second meeting "Resources and Sustainable Development in the Arctic" in St. Petersburg, Russia on August 15-17, 2015.



#### 2016 General Events

**Annual Meeting.** In 2016 Arctic-FROST held its third annual meeting and early career workshop in Vienna, Austria on September 9-12, 2016. This meeting's theme was "Arctic Sustainability in the Global Context: What can we learn from or teach the rest of the world?" It gathered a unique group of researchers representing multiple disciplines, demographic groups and countries, including scholars who do not study the Arctic or study Arctic affairs from the perspectives of non-Arctic nations. The meeting was followed by the early career scholar's workshop. The meeting concluded that (1) Arctic social sciences occupy the leading edge of multi-, inter- and transdisciplinary research focused on complex coupled systems dynamics and multifaceted transitions; (2) the Arctic is emerging as a region of research interest on a par with other parts of the world, and possibly a critical region of inquiry; (3) the contributions of Arctic social scientists to "non-Arctic" conversations, journals, and debates often remain less visible than those from social scientists working in other regions; and (4) comparative research is key to bridging the knowledge gaps.

In addition to the Vienna meeting, Arctic-FROST hosted and co-sponsored domain and side meetings, as well as workshops. These include: five Polar sessions at the American Association of Geographers Meeting (San Francisco, CA); Arctic Science Summit Week 2016/Arctic Observing Summit (Fairbanks, USA), International Geographical Union Meeting (Beijing, China). Arctic-FROST also held workshops "Arctic Anthropology and Sustainability" in Sitka, Alaska (for early career scholars) and Mayo, Yukon (for Indigenous residents), both proposed by Arctic-FROST members. Arctic-FROST actively participated in the Arctic Horizons process, a multiyear initiative that aims at soliciting and synthesizing community input on research and funding priorities in the Arctic Social Sciences.



### Update: Arctic-FROST Research Network in 2016 continued

by Andrey N. Petrov, USA

**Community Workshops.** In 2015 Arctic-FROST launched a collaborative initiative with the Canadian as Resources and Sustainable Development in the Arctic (ReSDA) project to hold community knowledge sharing workshops “Sustainability that works”, where researchers and community members can exchange their practical experiences with sustainable development projects. The first workshop was in Kuujuaq, Quebec (October 2015) and the second took place in Nome, Alaska (March 2016). The third community workshop will be focused on the issue of Indigenous entrepreneurship, cultural and social economies as tools of sustainable development in Arctic communities. The event is organized in Moscow on the sides of the “Treasures of the North” Festival that brings together Indigenous artists and crafters from the Russian Arctic and beyond.

**Arctic-FROST Fellows Program.** The new dimension of the Arctic-FROST work in 2016 was a further development of our early career scholars programming. To date, almost 40 early career scholars attended Arctic-FROST meetings and received individualized and group mentoring. Starting in 2016 the Steering Committee decided to designate all Arctic-FROST annual workshop participants as Arctic-FROST Fellows. The Fellows are expected to be active throughout the year of designation, develop suggestions for the network activities and represent the network wherever appropriate. The Steering Committee works with the Fellows to provide financial support to the proposed events and, together with the mentors, maintain academic advisement to the Fellows. This program will continue through the reminder of the Arctic-FROST RCN, and we expect two more cohorts of scholars to join the Fellows ranks.

**2016 Fellows:** *Amanda Boyd (USA), Anastasya Kornilova (Russia), Anna Varfolomeeva (Hungary), Audur Ingolfssdottir (Iceland), Barbara Padrtova (Czech Republic), Camille Escude (France), Davin Holen (USA), Hunter Snyder (USA), Jennifer Jones (Canada), Kathie Burkhart (USA), Max McGrath-Horn (USA), Nathan Cohen-Fournier (USA), Susanna Gartler (Austria).*

Arctic-FROST members are committed to deliver a number of key products, including two volumes devoted to sustainable development in the Arctic, a textbook on Arctic sustainability, other educational materials, academic publications, and a research plan for Arctic sustainability science for the next decade. Annual meeting proceedings are available at [www.uni.edu/arctic/frost](http://www.uni.edu/arctic/frost). The Arctic-FROST also prepared the first monograph “Arctic Sustainability Research: Past, Present and Future” (Routledge) expected for a release in 2017.

**Plans for 2017.** In 2017 Arctic-FROST will hold its annual science meeting in Narsaq, Greenland (September 13-17, 2017). The theme of the Annual Meeting is Community Sustainability in the Arctic: What sustainability theories and practices work and what fail in Arctic Communities? This includes: (1) sustainability and sustainable development in the Arctic or Sub-Arctic of particular relevance to the rest of the world, (2) comparative studies of sustainability between Arctic and other

regions, (3) studies from various geographic contexts, which provide valuable insights into Arctic sustainability, (4) studies that analyze the role of outside actors in arctic sustainable development. See [www.uni.edu/arctic/frost](http://www.uni.edu/arctic/frost)

In addition, other events are in the plans at the International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS IX, 2017) where Arctic-FROST leads the Sustainability Theme, Arctic Science Summit Week in Davos (2018), and Arctic Circle 2017.



2016 Arctic-FROST Annual Meeting, Vienna, September 9-12, 2016

#### Other 2016 highlights:

**Annual meeting abstracts.** Abstracts were produced for the Annual meeting and made freely available on Arctic-FROST’s website. A fancier version of abstracts/proceedings is coming shortly. Abstracts and selected paper for side and domain workshops were published by respective conferences.

**Other publications.** A book “Arctic Sustainability Research: Past, Present and Future” is in print by Routledge. Selected members published peer-reviewed articles and book chapters including a keynote paper in Polar Geography of research priorities in Arctic sustainability science.

**Peer-reviewed volumes.** Work has continued on the first peer-reviewed volume “Arctic Sustainability: A Synthesis of Knowledge”. A reporting workshop was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico as a part of the Western Regional Science Association meeting.

**Arctic-FROST web** portal is operational. Facebook page was launched. These are primary tools for publication, rapid circulation and dissemination of network activities. [www.uni.edu/arctic/frost](http://www.uni.edu/arctic/frost)

**Collaborative research proposals.** Arctic-FROST members developed a number of successful collaborative interdisciplinary and international proposals, which benefited from Arctic-FROST activities in 2015-2016: “Arctic Horizons: Social Science and the High North” and “PIRE: Promoting Urban Sustainability in the Arctic.” Finally, a group of Arctic-FROST collaborated with RCN Arctic-COAST and CACCON network to hold a coastal community resilience workshop in Murmansk-Teriberka, Russia.



### Highlights for IASSA from the Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials meeting, March 2017

by Diane Hirshberg

The Arctic Council Senior Arctic Officials (SAO) met March 8-9, 2017 in Juneau, Alaska. As the last working meeting for the Arctic Council Ministerial, where the chairmanship of the Arctic Council will transfer to Finland, much of the meeting was spent discussing whether reports and products were ready for approval by the council.

The SAO approved the [Sustainable Development Working Group \(SDWG\) 2017 Strategic Framework](#). This document provides the SDWG priorities for projects and initiatives from 2017-2030, and is useful to Arctic social scientists considering whether your work might be of interest to the Arctic Council. This also will be a roadmap for IASSA engagement with SDWG over the next decade and a half.

Other reports that were discussed and approved are listed in the [official press release](#). Also of interest to IASSA members, the One Health program will continue under Finland's Chairmanship of the Arctic Council.

There was a discussion of the terms traditional, local and Indigenous knowledge. It was pointed out that researchers often use TLK, or traditional and local knowledge, when what they really mean is Indigenous knowledge. Indeed, there was some concern expressed that local knowledge, defined as non-indigenous knowledge garnered through life experience by local people of the north, often isn't included as much as it should be in research being done in the Arctic. It seemed that there was general agreement that the preferred term for the knowledge held by the Indigenous peoples of the

north is Indigenous Knowledge, but that there would be continuing discussion about how to make sure the terms Local Knowledge and Indigenous Knowledge are used consistently and properly.

[The Arctic Resilience Report](#) was launched November 25, 2016, and there was discussion at the Arctic Council about the need to disseminate the report.

The Finland SAO presented an overview of the priorities for the Finland Chairmanship, which include environmental protection, meteorological co-operation, connectivity, and education. Of particular interest to IASSA were comments about education; they feel this is an area where Arctic Council should engage or the benefit of our arctic populations including Indigenous arctic peoples. While they have a focus on equal access to good basic education, they don't intend that to be a restriction, but rather that it is the basis for other education such as career and technical or postsecondary and tertiary education. They plan to work through teachers and educators networks, and partner with the UArctic on this. Indeed, the project "Teacher Education for Diversity and Equality in the Arctic," an initiative of the new UArctic Thematic Network on Teacher Education for Social Justice and Diversity in Education, was approved as a new project for the Arctic Council's Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG).

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### Attention: Conference & Workshop Participants

The editors of the *Northern Notes* always want to hear from participants who have attended conferences and workshops relating to the international social sciences. If you've recently attended a workshop or conference and want to tell us about your experiences, please e-mail **Gabriella Nordin**, IASSA Secretary at [gabriella.nordin@umu.se](mailto:gabriella.nordin@umu.se)

June 8 - 12, 2017

### **The International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences ICASS IX**

Umeå, Sweden

[www.iassa.org/icass-ix](http://www.iassa.org/icass-ix)

The International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS) is held every three years and is hosted by the university holding the IASSA Secretariat. 2014 - 2017 The Arctic Research Centre (ARCUM) at Umeå University is holding the IASSA Secretariat and will consequently host ICASS IX at Umeå University Campus. ICASS IX's theme is *People & Place*.

June 19 - 22, 2017

### **2017 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM)**

Umeå, Sweden

[Conference website](#)

International Association for Society and Natural Resources arranges the International Symposium on Society and Resource Management (ISSRM) June 19-22, 2017 in Umeå, Sweden. Symposium Theme: *Contested Spaces: Bridging Protection and Development in a Globalizing World*.

November 13 - 14, 2017

### **Polar Law Symposium 2017**

Rovaniemi, Finland

[www.rovaniemiarcticspirit.fi/en/Polar-Law-Symposium](http://www.rovaniemiarcticspirit.fi/en/Polar-Law-Symposium)

The Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law (NIEM) at the Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland is pleased to announce that the 10th Polar Law Symposium will be organized by NIEM at the Arctic Centre in Rovaniemi, Finland. The symposium is integrated with the bi-annual Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit Conference, to be held from 14–16 November 2017

November 14 - 16, 2017

### **Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit 2017**

Rovaniemi, Finland

[www.rovaniemiarcticspirit.fi/EN](http://www.rovaniemiarcticspirit.fi/EN)

The Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit Conference is pleased to announce that our biannual Arctic conference will be held on 14–16 November 2017 in Lappia Hall, in Rovaniemi, Finland. The Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit Conference is integrated with the Polar Law Symposium.



## Up Coming Conferences, Events & Workshops continued

June 15 - 26, 2018

### **POLAR2018**

Davos, Switzerland

[www.polar2018.org](http://www.polar2018.org)

POLAR2018 is a joint event from the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research SCAR and the International Arctic Science Committee IASC. The SCAR meetings, the ASSW and the Open Science Conference will be hosted by the Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research WSL under the patronage of the Swiss Committee on Polar and High Altitude Research. The WSL Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research SLF is organising POLAR2018.

June 22 - 28, 2018

### **INTERNATIONAL POLAR TOURISM RESEARCH NETWORK (IPTRN) 6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND STUDY TOUR 2018**

Yukon Territory, Canada

For more information about the IPTRN go to: [www.facebook.com/IPTRN27](https://www.facebook.com/IPTRN27)

The IPTRNs 6th International conference – “Creative Forces in Polar Regions: Tourism, Culture, Innovation, and Change” – will explore issues and opportunities in Polar tourism in relation to: the cultural sector, economic diversification, planning, community development, Indigenous sovereignty and reconciliation processes, globalization, and environmental innovation (e.g., management, problem-solving, climate change).

## Announcements / Other News

### **ERC CONSOLIDATOR GRANT - ARCTIC CULT, 2017-22**

In December 2016, Dr. Richard Powell was awarded an European Research Council (ERC) Consolidator Grant for ARCTIC CULT (€1,996,250). The full title of the five-year project is 'ARCTIC CULTURES: SITES OF COLLECTION IN THE FORMATION OF THE EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN NORTHLANDS'. The grant involves research at museums, archives, libraries and repositories across Europe and North America, as well as in Greenland and the Canadian Arctic. It brings repositories in colonial metropolises into dialogue with sites of collection in the Arctic by tracing the contexts of discovery and memorialisation. In doing so, it aspires to a new understanding of the consequences of forms of colonial representation for debates about the Circumpolar Arctic today.

The project will be hosted at the Scott Polar Research Institute and Department of Geography at the University of Cambridge, UK, 1 October

2017- 30 September 2022. A number of long-term positions, including four Post Doctoral Researchers and a Project Assistant, will be appointed through the grant. These will be advertised formally in the coming months, but interested potential applicants should contact the PI at [richard.powell@spri.cam.ac.uk](mailto:richard.powell@spri.cam.ac.uk) for further information.



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### VIU Yukon Territory Winter Tourism Field School

#### WANT TO EXPERIENCE AND LEARN ABOUT WINTER TOURISM IN CANADA'S ARCTIC?

VIU Yukon Territory Winter Tourism Field School  
Sunday, February 25 to Saturday, March 3, 2018

*Limited Spots Available*

#### Course Description:

Winter tourism is a fast growing niche segment in the global tourism market. There is an increasing interest in cold climate cultures and their environments around the globe. This experiential learning opportunity will include lectures, seminars, and guest speakers, and will investigate issues and opportunities through themes such as: tourism and climate change, northern cultures, winter tour operators and tourism entrepreneurship, winter tourism development, planning and strategies. Learners will also participate in signature Yukon visitor experiences including: dogsledding, aurora viewing, natural hot springs, and more. Fees include experiential activities, 6 nights' accommodations, and much more.

#### Field School Facilitator:

Dr. Suzanne de la Barre teaches Vancouver Island University's (VIU) Recreation and Tourism program, as well as the Master of Arts in Sustainable Leisure Management. Suzanne is an international Arctic tourism scholar with over 20 years of research and applied experience. She is passionate about the Yukon, her northern home, its wonderful communities and people, and looks forward to showcasing the outstanding learning opportunities it has to offer. For more information about Suzanne go to: <http://wordpress.viu.ca/sdelabarre/>

#### Accreditation Options

- Credit options – undergraduate and graduate level credit options available
- "Lifelong learning" non-credit participation is welcome

#### Cost:

Approx. \$1850 – NOTE: \$100 non-refundable deposit to hold your spot (CDN funds)

#### Included:

- Lectures, seminars, and guest speakers – Tourism and climate change, northern cultures, winter tour operators and tourism entrepreneurship, winter tourism development, planning and strategies; issues and opportunities
- Winter activities with local guides and experiential learning – dogsledding, aurora viewing, natural hot springs and more

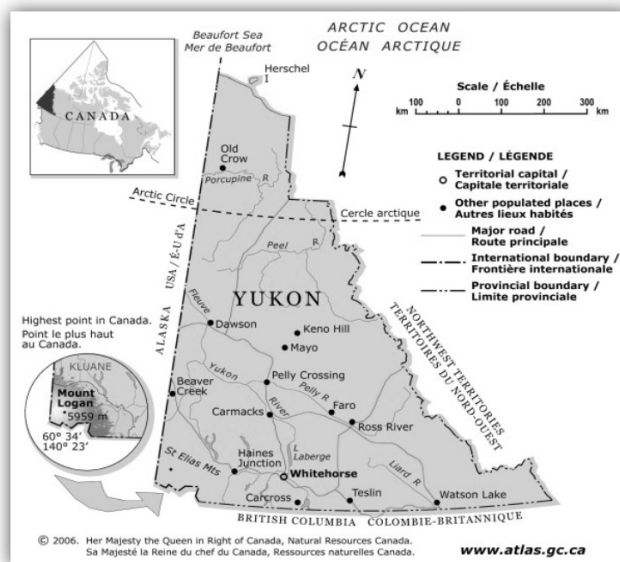
- 6 nights' accommodation (based on double occupancy)
- Transportation in Yukon
- Group meals – three dinners, two lunches
- Reading package and other learning resources

#### Not included:

- Airfare to and from Whitehorse (Air North approx. \$650 return from Vancouver)
- Meals on your own and personal spending money
- Travel / medical insurance
- Tuition (for credit option only)
- Any required Visas
- Other miscellaneous expenses

For more information about the tour or to indicate your interest, please contact Suzanne:

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### Seeking for a Leading Researcher

The Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation announced the 6th wave of an open competition for grants for state support of scientific research conducted under the auspices of leading scientists in Russian educational institutions of higher education, scientific institutions, and state scientific centers of the Russian Federation.

Grants of the Government of the Russian Federation are allocated in an amount of up to 90 million rubles (approx. €1,500,000) each for conducting scientific research over 3 years (2018 – 2020).

My colleagues from the North Federal University in Yakutsk (Russia) propose a collective research project aimed at deep (re)studying of the history of exploration of Siberia, Russian Far East and Alaska. What they need is a leading scholar who can shape the theme, help with the application, and – most important – be able to coordinate the project not just distantly, but physically as well for at least 120 days every year (incl. holidays and weekends, time in the field etc.).

A leading scholar must meet minimal requirements that include at least 3 articles or reviews or monographs in 2012–2017 that appeared in scientific issues indexed by the Web of Science Core Collection database, preferably in journals of the first (Q1) and second quartiles (Q2) of the corresponding research topic, a good record of academic achievements, have enough experience in getting grants and managing big projects, in organizing chairs or laboratories, high iH in Web of Science, prestigious awards etc.

At the same time a leading researcher has to guarantee the publication of at least 5 articles in the field of studies of the scientific research in scientific journals indexed by the Web of Science Core Collection database within the first 18 months of the beginning of the scientific research project and publication of at least 8 articles in the same data-

base within the first 30 months of the beginning of the scientific research project.

A complete set of documentation can be found at [http://p220.ru/images/Tender\\_documentation\\_stage\\_6.pdf](http://p220.ru/images/Tender_documentation_stage_6.pdf)

**Please be informed that applications for participation in the competition should be submitted before 18 hours 00 minutes (Moscow time) 14 July 2017.**

If you feel yourself strong enough to organize a good team in Yakutsk for the next 3 years, please get into contact with Ms Dr. **Natalia Struchkova** per email [struna2006@mail.ru](mailto:struna2006@mail.ru)

Sincerely,  
Dmitriy Funk  
(winner of the 3rd wave of the aforementioned competition, 2013)

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### Arctic and Antarctic Disasters Early Career Association (ADECA) the new network for early career researchers and professionals working on polar disasters

Interested in Arctic and Antarctic disaster management? The manifestations of contemporary climate change, increased pressure for resource extraction, and other social, economic, and environmental stressors put the polar regions at a heightened risk of disasters and thus the need to actively reduce risks. Disasters in this region include anything from oil spills to wildfires to ice surge. Remoteness and lack of social support only exacerbate these. Both the Arctic and Antarctic are globally important regions that are in need of more collaborative research, between both disciplines and generations of researchers and professionals.

Arctic and Antarctic Disasters Early Career Association (ADECA) is an interdisciplinary group of early career professionals and researchers that was created to share ideas and connect people working on polar disaster risk reduction and response. We believe that collaboration is at the heart of polar di-

saster management, and so we strive for open dialogue and discussion with all of our members, regardless of disciplinary background and expertise. This group provides members with news about opportunities, exciting webinars, unique projects members can be part of, the chance collaborative with peers, and more.

For more information: <https://www.adeca.net/>





### The Role of the CBSS Baltic Sea Science Day in Advancing the Regional and Global Dialogue on Research and Innovation

By: Zane Šime, Communication & Research Coordinator, Permanent International Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States

This brief overview is written with an aim to follow-up on the first introductory words regarding the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Science, Research and Innovation Agenda launched after the first CBSS Science Ministerial and discussed during the CBSS Secretariat's hosted meeting of the Four Regional Councils of the North outlined in the previous issue of [Northern Notes](#). Likewise, this column serves to inform wider research audiences regarding the upcoming policy debates which hold relevance also in the context of the advancement of science related to the northernmost areas.

In 2017, one of the most notable developments in the framework of the CBSS Science, Research and Innovation Agenda was the first CBSS conference [Baltic Sea Science Day](#) which was organised on 8 February 2017 in St Petersburg, Russia, by the CBSS, the Council of the Rectors of St. Petersburg and the Russian Academy of Science. The conference facilitated exchange of views not only between the stakeholders of the CBSS Science, Research and Innovation Agenda but also other relevant foras of the Northern areas. Namely, the discussion panel dedicated to the regional science agendas also helped the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) actors to familiarise with the developments of the **Russian Chairmanship of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council**. Furthermore, the St Petersburg discussions paved way for further exploration of differences and commonalities of regional science agendas which will be elaborated in the upcoming **CBSS report on smart specialisation and innovation governance in the Baltic Sea Region**.

Baltic Sea Science Day was held in light of the [International Day of Women and Girls in Science](#)

[2017](#). The CBSS contribution in advancing the values enshrined in this UN observance was presented in the statement ["Celebrating Baltic Sea Science Day Ahead of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science"](#) of Ambassador Maira Mora, Director General of the Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat.

In order to further promote the goals of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science and strengthen the discussions revolving around the equality priority of the [Icelandic CBSS Presidency](#), Ambassador Maira Mora will be engaging in the [High Level Panel](#) "Women in Innovation and Connectivity: the Role of the Private Sector" on 15 May 2017 during the United Nations (UN) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Science, Technology and Innovation Forum at the UN Headquarters in New York. The parties interested in attending the event are invited to contact the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT).

Further discussions on [Baltic Science Network](#), the cornerstone project endorsed during the first CBSS Science Ministerial, will be organised in the framework of the [8th Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region](#) in Berlin, Germany. Namely, on 13 June 2017, the seminar ["Creating the future of the Baltic Sea Region: Better competitiveness through joint research cooperation?"](#) will help to engage macro-regional audiences in a dialogue on Baltic Sea Region-wide researcher mobility and model potential solutions for existing mobility challenges.

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### "Change, conformity and practices of resistance in the "cold world" in Berlin, October 2017

The **Circumpolar and Siberian Working Group** at the German Anthropological Association (DGV) will host a workshop at the Association's bi-annual conference in Berlin between **4th and 7th of October**

**2017**. The session "Change, conformity and practices of resistance in the 'cold world'" will feature papers on topics such as Arctic disasters, religion,

business, infrastructure, extractive industries and being gay in the North. We are honoured that Piers Vitebsky will contribute a keynote.

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## New Publications

### Tourism and Indigeneity in the Arctic Edited by:

**Editors:** Arvid Viken & Dieter K. Müller

**ISBN:** 9781845416096

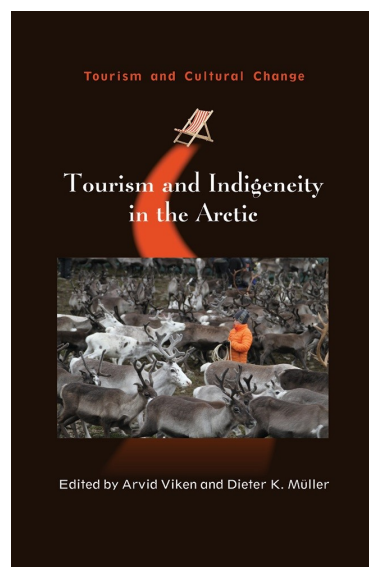
**Published:** 03 May 2017

**Publisher:** Channel View Publications

#### Summary:

This is the first book to exclusively address tourism and indigenous peoples in the circumpolar North. It examines how tourism in indigenous communities is influenced by academic and political discourses, and how these communities are influenced by tourism. The volume focuses on the ambivalence relating to tourism as a modern force within ethnic groups who are concerned with maintaining indigenous roots and traditional practices. It seeks to challenge stereotypical understandings of indigeness and indigeneity and considers conflicting imaginaries of the Arctic and Arctic indigenous tourism. The book contains case studies from Canada, Greenland, Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia and will be of interest to postgraduate students and researchers of tourism, geography, sociology, cultural studies and anthropology.

[Find out more here](#)



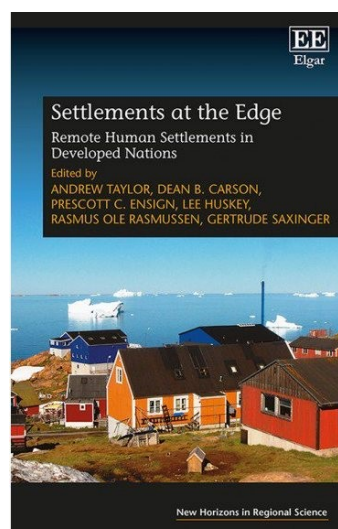
### Settlements at the Edge: Remote human settlements in developed nations

**Editors:** Andrew Taylor, Dean B. Carson, Prescott C. Ensign, Lee Huskey, Rasmus Ole Rasmussen, Gertrude Saxinger

**Publisher and other details:** Edward Elgar Publishing, 30 Sep. 2016 - Social Science - 488 pages

Settlements at the Edge examines the evolution, characteristics, functions and shifting economic basis of settlements in sparsely populated areas of developed nations. With a focus on demographic change, the book features theoretical and applied cases which explore the interface between demography, economy, well-being and the environment. This book offers a comprehensive and insightful knowledge base for understanding the role of population in shaping the development and histories of northern sparsely populated areas of developed nations including Alaska (USA), Australia, Canada, Greenland, Norway, Russia, Sweden, Finland and other nations with territories within the Arctic Circle.

**Available:** As an e-book from Google Books [https://books.google.com.au/books/about/Settlements\\_at\\_the\\_Edge.html?id=HvQCDQAAQBAJ&redir\\_esc=y&hl=en](https://books.google.com.au/books/about/Settlements_at_the_Edge.html?id=HvQCDQAAQBAJ&redir_esc=y&hl=en) or in hard-copy from <http://www.e-elgar.com/shop/settlements-at-the-edge>



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## New Publications

### The incorporation of traditional knowledge into Alaska federal fisheries management

**By:** Julie Raymond-Yakoubian, Brenden Raymond-Yakoubian, Catherine Moncrieff  
**In:** Marine Policy 78 (2017): 132-142

#### Abstract:

Fisheries policy and management processes for federal waters off western Alaska currently lack consistent and considered integration of traditional knowledge (TK), TK holders, social science of TK, and subsistence information. The incorporation of these into fisheries work can lead to more informed, equitable and effective policy and management practices. This paper includes information and recommendations derived from previous work by the authors as well as from two community workshops with indigenous TK holders and fisheries experts. Discussions of TK and related concepts, TK research in the

Bering Strait and Yukon River regions, and Alaska federal fisheries management-related institutions and processes as pertains to TK are presented. Substantive recommendations are provided for improving processes, increasing tribal representation, capacity building, effective communication, outreach and relationship-building, the incorporation of indigenous concerns and values, and regarding the development of a Fisheries Ecosystem Plan for the Bering Sea.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.marpol.2016.12.024>



### Heritage and Change in the Arctic: Resources for the Present – and the Future

**Editors:** Robert Chr. Thomsen and Lill Rastad Bjørst

**Publisher:** Aalborgs Universitetsforlag

**Published:** 2017

**Pages:** 242

**ISBN:** 978-87-7112-624-2

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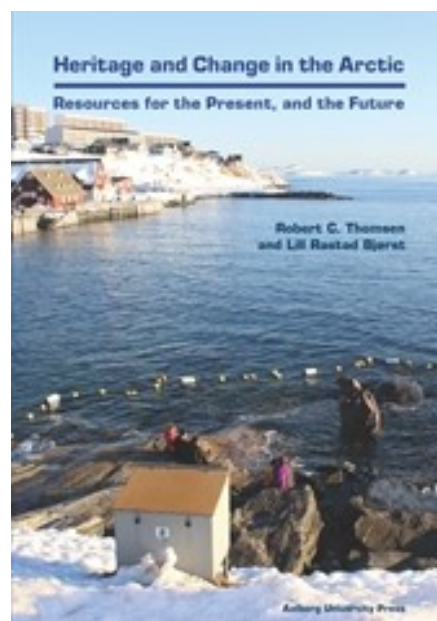
#### Description:

In recent years, rapid changes to Arctic environments and conditions have spurred much analysis into the melting of sea and inland ice, the opening up of new sea routes, impacts on flora and fauna, and increased access to globally desired resources. In this book the focus is directed at a more rarely considered aspect of climate-induced change in the region: the Arctic cultures and societies that both affect and are themselves affected by the changes.

For the people of the Arctic, change provokes and reemphasises positions as rights- and land-holders, as well as ambivalent positions as stakeholders, developers and wardens of resources. In times characterized by such change and ambivalence, heritage offers itself as a means by which a community can meaningfully relate to both past and future; but its use (and the inclusion and exclusion of particular identity-building elements) must also be continuously negotiated.

In *Heritage and Change in the Arctic* scholars from the social and human sciences explore change and transformation from two resource-inspired angles: it keeps a constant focus on the impact of change on tangible and intangible heritage, as well as on some of the cultural and social heritage features that must themselves be considered as resources in an environment characterised by change.

With contributions from Suna Christensen, Karina M.

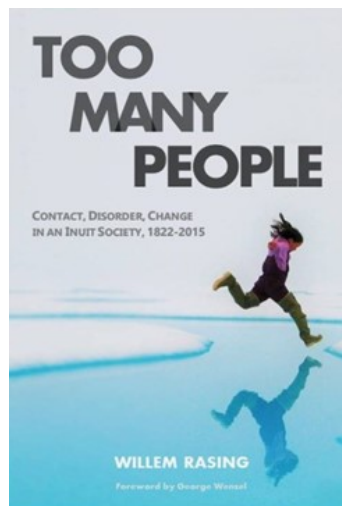


## New Publications continued

### Too Many People: Contact, Disorder, Change in an Inuit Society, 1822-2015

**By:** Willem Rasing  
**Pages:** 568 pages  
**Language:** English  
**Published:** April 2017  
**ISBN** 978-1-897568-40-8

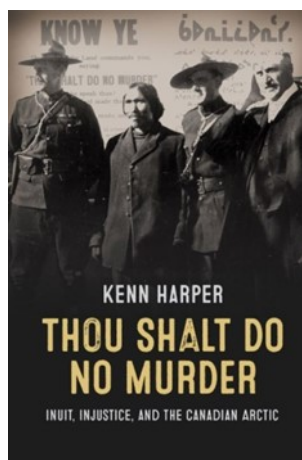
NAC Media is excited to announce the release of our newest book – Willem Rasing's *Too Many People: Contact, Disorder, Change in an Inuit Society, 1822-2015*. This is a sweeping and rigorous socio-historical examination of the contact between the outside world and a group of Inuit, the Iglulingmiut, living in Canada's Eastern Arctic. The nature of these encounters and their impact is described and analyzed from 1822 to 2015. Seeking to understand how order was brought about and maintained during this period of nearly two centuries, the ongoing historical narrative that evolves displays a pattern of interconnected social, economic, political, cognitive, and volitional changes in Iglulingmiut society. *Too Many People* will be available for purchase at the Publications Table at the Book Expo. [Learn more about Too Many People here.](#)



### Thou Shalt Do No Murder: Inuit, Injustice, and the Canadian Arctic

**By:** Kenn Harper  
**Publisher:** University of Washington Press  
**Pages:** 400 pages  
**ISBN:** 978-1-897568-49-1  
**Format:** Hard Cover  
**Language:** English

Kenn Harper's *Thou Shalt Do No Murder: Inuit, Injustice, and the Canadian Arctic* will be released in September 2017. This is a story of fur trade rivalry and duplicity, isolation and abandonment, greed and madness, and a struggle for the affections of an Inuit woman during a time of major social change in the High Arctic. Doubts over the validity of Canadian sovereignty and an official agenda to confirm that sovereignty added to the circumstances in which a guilty verdict against the leader of the Inuit accused was virtually assured. The show trial that took place in Pond Inlet in 1923 marked a collision of two cultures with vastly different conceptions of justice and conflict resolution. It marked an end to the Inuit traditional way of life and ushered in an era in which Inuit autonomy was supplanted by dependence on traders and police, and later missionaries.



### Inuit Oral History and Representation: Essays in Memory of Leah Aksaajuq Otak

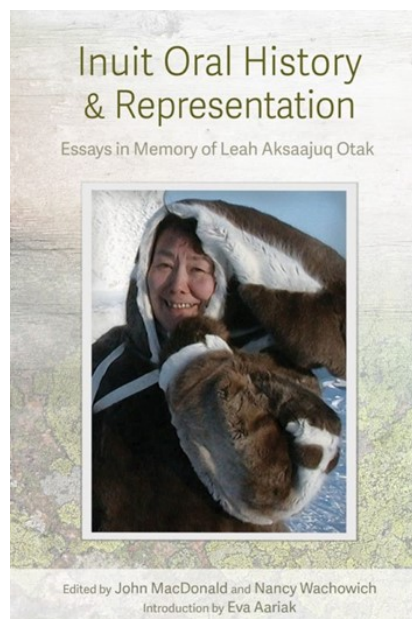
**Editors:** John MacDonald and Nancy Wachowich

**Year:** October 2017

310 pages

**ISBN:** 978-1-897568-41-5

*Inuit Oral History and Representation: Essays in Memory of Leah Aksaajuq Otak* will be available in Fall 2017. This is an eclectic collection of essays edited by John MacDonald and Nancy Wachowich in recognition of Leah Aksaajuq Otak. Leah was a skilled oral historian and linguist from Igloolik, whose essential contribution to scientific research in Nunavut inspired those who knew and worked with her. During the last two decades of her life, Leah Otak worked at the Igloolik Research Centre, where she played a crucial role facilitating the fieldwork of visiting researchers from near and far. Her collaboration with researchers, particularly in the social sciences, together with her extensive work documenting Inuit oral histories, ensured that Inuit traditional knowledge and perspectives informed and were reflected in much of the resulting research. Contributors to the volume include Eva Aariak; George Qulaut; Hugh Brody; Kenn Harper; Louis-Jacques Dorais; Susan Rowley; Claudio Aporta; Jack Hicks; Sheena Kennedy Dalseg; Bernadette Driscoll Engelstad; Jonathan King; Sylvie LeBlanc; John MacDonald; Birgit Pauksztat; Willem Rasing; Noah Richler; and Nancy Wachowich.



### National Identity Politics and Postcolonial Sovereignty Games

**By:** Ulrik Pram Gad

**Format:** 148 pages, 3 color plates, 3 halftones, 5 figures

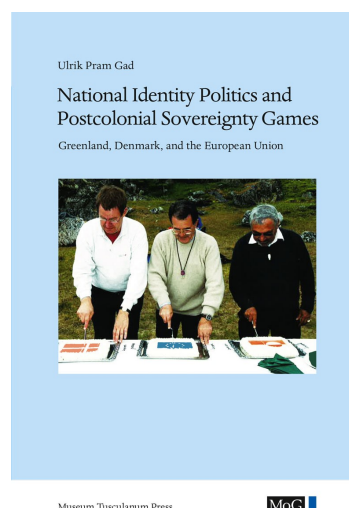
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politics; interviews with key actors; and analysis of legal texts as a frozen outcome of various sovereignty games. The book concludes with a series of scenarios for the slow motion decolonization of Greenland.

#### Description:

Though it's many miles away from tiny Denmark, Greenland is administered as an autonomous country within the Danish Realm. It's a relationship that at first glance appears unusual, and, as Ulrik Pram Gad shows, that relationship is quietly predicated on a general assumption that Greenland is on a path toward eventual independence. In both nations, he shows, discussion of Greenland invokes the idea of the "community of the realm" while recognizing Greenland's continuing reliance on aid as it moves toward independence. As climate change is beginning to open up new areas of Greenland to potentially profitable resource extraction, Greenland is increasingly imagining that sources other than Denmark can provide the assistance needed. Throw in the EU, which facilitates "sovereignty games" played to allow Greenland a surprising measure of independent agency, and the complexity of the overall situation becomes quite clear. Gad explores the issue through four lenses: discourse analysis to determine the core concepts of Danish and Greenlandic identity; a reading of political debates as identity



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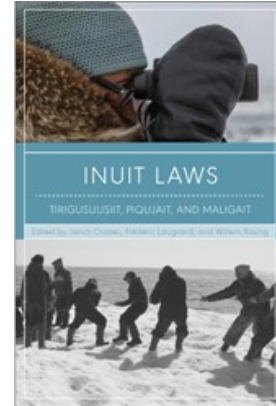
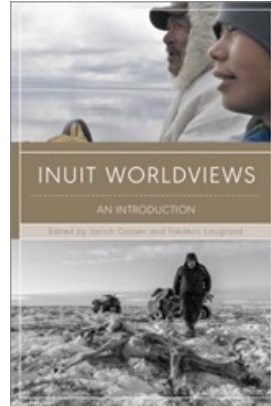
### New films from NAC Media

NAC Media is publishing two new editions from our enduring Interviewing Inuit Elders Series. ***Inuit Laws: Tirigususiit, Piqujait, and Maligait*** (formerly Vol. 2 -*Inuit Perspectives on Traditional Law*) will be available in July 2017. ***Inuit Worldviews: An Introduction*** (Formerly Vol. 1 – *Introduction*) will be available Fall 2017. Through the voices of Inuit elders, these unique volumes engage the reader in Inuit concepts relating to law, everyday living, and Inuit epistemologies and ontologies. These are required reading for anyone interested in learning more about Inuit perspectives and ways of knowing.

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Visit [nacmedia.ca](http://nacmedia.ca) to view the films of our Hunter Education Series – ***Hunting Seal in the Summer***, and ***Hunting Caribou in the Fall***. The Hunter Education series facilitates the transmission of knowledge regarding proper hunting techniques, safety, and animal behaviour.

The films also include information about traditional Inuit hunting beliefs and taboos, and reflections on how to keep animal populations stable and healthy. The films contain actual hunting footage and interviews with hunters and Elders. Forthcoming editions in the Hunter Ed series include Hunting Polar Bear in the Winter, Marine Safety, and Hunting Narwhal in the Summer.



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