Arctic Studies Programme (ASP):
About – By - Within

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Arctic Studies Programme: About-By-Within
Learn About the Arctic - taught By Arctic experts – being Within the Arctic

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ASP: About the Arctic

• A specialised comprehensive educational programme taught since 1992 about the Arctic: Nature, people, animals, plants, governance, laws, human rights
• Students learn about the current Arctic issues from the environmental, social, cultural and legal studies perspectives
• Arctic life of the big theoretical paradigms
 Compulsory courses (each 5 ECTS)
• ASPB1101 Introduction to the Arctic
• ASPB1102 Arctic Ecosystems and Adaptation of Species to Arctic Environment
• ASPB 1103: Arctic Governance and Law
• ASPB1104 People and Cultures of the Arctic
• ASPB1105 Human Rights and Security in the Arctic

Optional courses:
• ASPB1107 (5 ECTS). Indigenous (Sámi) spirituality and religious beliefs
• ASPB1108 (3 ECTS) Arctic Waste Utilisation: Concepts and Practices of Circularity
• ASPB1109 (5 ECTS) Human-nature relations in Arctic urban development
ASP: Taught by the Arctic experts

• We are around 30 passionate Arctic/Polar researchers from the Arctic Centre
• Different research fields, different teaching methods
• But what we have in common: experts’ knowledge about the Arctic
ASP: Within the Arctic

• Comprehension and relevance

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ASPB1101 Introduction to the Arctic (5 ECTS)

Principal Tutor: Dr. Nuccio Mazzullo

- Arctic as space and place (concepts and practices).
- Where is the Arctic?
- Living in a cold environment
- What is the social life of climate change models?
- What are the special features of the Arctic areas? (Excursion in Ounasvaara)
- What are the main threats for the northern environment?
- How is the Arctic governed?
- Who is indigenous?
In which ways are the Arctic ecosystems changing at the moment, and why is it so important to understand this change?

How Arctic animals and plants are adapted to the northern climate?

Interactions between marine and terrestrial ecosystems and threats to Arctic marine life.

Snow properties and snow in changing climate
ASPB1103: Arctic Governance and Law (5 ECTS)

Principal tutor: Punam Noor, PhD candidate

- How does Arctic climate governance have an impact on the rest of the world?
- How does climate change in the Arctic affect Indigenous Peoples' human rights?
- How Arctic living and non-living resources are governed?
- What is the role of external, non-Arctic actors in the governance of the region?
- Arctic cooperation – a new course in uncertain time

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- How northern peoples are adapting to contemporary issues such as globalization, industrial development and environmental changes.
- Relations between development projects and community’s social viability (forestry, oil and gas, fishery and tourism) and resource governing.
- Discursive understanding of the concepts of indigeneity, “tradition” and issues of traditional ecological knowledge.
- Why our anthropologists try to avoid the definition of ‘traditional knowledge’? What are the ways of learning ‘traditional’?
- Approaches to issues of shamanic beliefs

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Human Rights and Human Security in the Arctic

*Principal tutor: Dr. Bamidele Raheem*

- How do human rights and security relate to each other in the Arctic?
- What is security in a rapidly changing environment?
- Food Resilience and Sovereignty in the Arctic
- How to safeguard the cultures of the peoples in the Arctic?
- Introduction to Cultural Heritage Law and Heritage rights of Russian Arctic communities
ASP 1107 Sámi Religion, Cosmology and Spiritual Practices (5 ECTS)

Lecturer Dr. Francis Joy

• How animals, spirituality and art are related to each other in Sámi beliefs and practices?

• The value of cultural heritage and its role as an identity marker for continuity of culture and spiritual practices.

• What is the ‘function’ of the shamanic drum? Is it just an accompanying ‘tool’ or maybe more – a cognitive map and one of the keys to understanding the worldview of the Sámi people?
ASPB1108: Arctic waste utilization: Concepts and practices of circularity (3 ECTS)

- Lecturer: Dr. Bamidele Raheem

- Human – waste relations. How does society shape waste and how does waste, in turn, shape society?

- Rovaniemi - “Arctic Circular City”? EU policy plans and their local implementation in the one of the pioneer cities of Circular Economy in Finland

- The role of circularity in managing food resources in extreme polar regions and its global implications. The impacts of climate change on the food system

- Sustainable investments and financial instruments linked to societal needs of transition to from a linear economy to a circular economy
ASPB1109: Human-nature relations in Arctic urban development (5 ECTS) (for PhD and master students)

Lecturer: Prof. Monica Tennberg

• What makes a city ”arctic”? Main characteristics and problematics of urbanisation in the Arctic
• Human-nature relations and conflicts in Arctic urban development
• Arctic urbanism and its different manifestations in everyday life (inc. walking tours)
• Practice theory-based approaches in analysis of the arctic urbanism

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Warmly welcome to the ASP!

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