A. Publications


Timo Koivurova and Waliul Hasanat (eds.), Current Developments in Arctic Law (University of the Arctic Thematic Network on Arctic Law, 2013).


Hossain, Kamrul (2013). The UNCLOS and the US-China Hegemonic Competition over the South China Sea. 6 Journal of East Asia & International Law, 1, pp. 107-133.


Sébastien Duyck, “Don’t blackball the proposal to clean up carbon”, *The Hindu*, 25 September 2013

Kamrul Hossain and Anna Gremsperger, ‘A project on Sustainable Mining, Local Communities and Environmental Regulation in the Kolarctic Area (SUMILCERE)’ in *Current Developments in Arctic Law* (eds. Timo Koivurova, Waliul Hasanat), University of the Arctic Thematic Network on Arctic Law (2013)


Joonas, Tanja, Ihmisoikeusnäkökulma ILO-sopimukseen No. 169. AGON (filosofiyhdistyksen julkaisu), kevät 2013.


B. Activities

03-31.01: Kamrul Hossain attended a research fellowship at the Walter Duncan & Gordon Foundation within the framework of Munk-Gordon Arctic Security Program.

14.1. Anna Gremsperger attended the Symposium “Plurality of Pluralisms – Understanding Legal Pluralism (Rovaniemi)“.

15.01: Kamrul Hossain has participated in a seminar held at York University (Robert Centre for Canadian Studies), Canada, within the seminar series: Indigenous Peoples and Environment. Professor Gabrielle Slowey gave the talk. The title of the talk was “Fracking in the Free World? Resources Extraction and Implication for Indigenous Peoples”.

16.01: Kamrul Hossain has participated at the talk on Canadian Arctic Policy, arranged by Prof. John English at the University of Toronto where among others, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bill Graham was present.


28.1. – 31.1. Tanja Joona participated to the UArctic Thematic Networks meeting in Arkhangelsk, Russia.

29-30.01. Kamrul Hossain has attended the annual Arctic conference entitled “Arctic People and Security” held at the Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Canada.

30.1. Anna Gremsperger participated SUMILCERE meeting for the Finnish team
31.1. Anna Gremsperger participated : SUMILCERE skype meeting with the partners from Sweden, Norway and Russia

8-10.2. Timo Koivurova interviewed all 9 applicants for the Barents EIA project
11.14.02. Kamrul Hossain taught at the MiCLaw Program – International Environmental Law in the Arctic
11-13.2. Timo Koivurova and Anna Gremsperger participated in the first kick-off meeting of the sumilcere sustainable mining project, where the NIEM is a partner.

12.2. Pirjo Kleemola-Juntunen attended the Barents Regional Cooperation - the First Twenty Years, Arktikum Building, Rovaniemi.

12.2. Tanja Joona gave a presentation and introduced her new project in the ELY-centre, Rovaniemi. The project got funding of 130.000 EUR and deals with traditional livelihoods, other land use and ILO 169.

16-17.2 Sebastien Duyck attended UNEP Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum, Nairobi

18.2. PYVI meeting in Borealis

18.2. Tanja Joona gave a lecture to the international students on reindeer herding and EIA process in Finland. Arctic Centre.

18-22.2 Sebastien Duyck attended UNEP Governing Council and Ministerial Meeting, Nairobi

20.2.-24.2. Timo Koivurova, Nikolas Sellheim, Tanja Joona (via skype) and Waliul Hasanat participated in the the Battle for the North Conference in East Lansing Michigan (USA), where all of them made presentations

22.2.2013 Tanja Joona gave a Skype-presentation to Michigan, USA.


27-28.2. Timo Koivurova gave a presentation in the fourth conference of Canadian aboriginal land claims coalition in Ottawa Canada.

27-28.02. Kamrul Hossain has attended and actively took part in the Workshop on Environment, Climate Change and Security in the Arctic, organized by European Environment Agency held on 28 February 2013 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

4.3. Timo Koivurova presented the globalization project for the University board in Rovaniemi

06-13.03. Kamrul Hossain has attended a week long academic visiting fellowship at the Muroran Institute of Technology in Japan. During his stay in Japan he gave two presentations on the theme of human security.

11.3. Timo Koivurova participated in the Nordforsk’s programme work Noria-Net in Oslo
12.3. Tanja Joona participated to the Arctic Seminar organized by the Italian Embassy, Arktikum, Rovaniemi. She gave a presentation on the current Sámi issues.

12.3. Timo Koivurova participated in the Economist's Arctic summit in Oslo

15.3. Timo Koivurova participated in the steering committee meeting of the Geopolitics North

18.3. Tanja Joona participated to the Sámi Research meeting in the University of Lapland

19.3. Timo Koivurova took part in Barents EIA skype meeting, and, subsequent to that, skype of the Imperia project

25.3. Tanja Joona participated to the ASP seminar in the University.

2-6.4 Timo Koivurova attended the American Society of International Law 117th Annual Meeting – International Law in a Multipolar World, Washington DC, USA. Timo co-chaired a session titled International Environmental Law, also presented a paper.

8.4 Timo Koivurova presented the NIEM at a meeting of Norwegian Parliamentarians at the Arctic Centre, Rovaniemi.

08.04. Kamrul Hossain along with Leen Heinämäki and Juha Joona has welcomed European Master’s students from the University of Turku and presented PYVI’s on-going and previous projects.

08.04. Kamrul Hossain has submitted a project application to Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils for the Humanities and the Social Sciences as the lead applicant. Other partners include in the project are Mid-Sweden University and the University of Tromsø.

8-12.4. Tanja Joona gave lectures at the University on Sámi issues in OLAW2006.

10-12.4 Leena Heinämäki attended the Workshop: Beyond the individual: the notion of group in human rights research, Human Rights graduate school, Åbo Akademi and Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland. Chairing roundtable on collective rights in the Sami culture, keynote lecture on the legal status of indigenous peoples in international law.


16-17.04. Kamrul Hossain has participated as a member of expert panel in the evaluation of funding applications under NORRUSS program of the Research Council of Norway.
19.4.2013 Tanja Joona was invited to Inari, Sajos and was heard by the Constitutional Committee of the Finnish Parliament

22.4. PYVI meeting in Borealis

23.4. Tanja Joona had a Steering Committee meeting of her own Project at the Arctic Centre with Timo Tolvi, Hannu Linjakumpu, Aimo Guttorm and Tarja Koski.

23-24.4. Anna Gremsperger attended the Conference on Best Environmental Practices in the Mining Sector in the Barents Region (Rovaniemi)

24-25.4. Anna Gremsperger attended SUMILCERE meeting with the Swedish team in Luleå, Sweden

30.4-5.5. Tanja Joona participated to the 20th Saami Council meeting in Murmansk, Russia and gave a presentation on the Sámi definition in Finland – current challenges.

16.05. Kamrul Hossain has presented SUMILCERE project and relevant issues on Mining in Lapland at the Callotte Academi organized by Northern Research Forum at the University of Lapland.

29.4-3.5 Sebastien Duyck attended Meeting of the UNFCCC Ad-hoc Working Group, Bonn

6-8.5 Leena Heinämäki attended the Workshop at Umeå University arranged by the Tromsö-Umeå-Archantelsk-Canada Network on Gender and Law (TUAC). Expert member on indigenous issues.

17.5. Anna Gremsperger attended the Seminar on Finnish Environmental Impact Assessment (Rovaniemi)

17.5. Arctic EIA project - Invited Seminar - Ismo Polonen

20-22.5. Anna Gremsperger attended SUMILCERE meeting with the Russian team in Apatity, Russia

22.5. Tanja Joona gave lectures at Kemijärvi and Rovaniemi in "Ikääntyvien yliopisto".

23.5. Arctic EIA steering group Meeting

23.5. Anna Gremsperger participated the seminar "Testing Improvement Processes of Finnish Environmental Impact Assessments and the Modes for Application in Arctic Regions of Finland and Russia" (Rovaniemi)

27.5. 27 PYVI development day observed in Leena’s place where many of NIEM attended (Timo Koivurova, Kamrul Hossain, Anna Gremsperger, Tanja Joona, Adam Stepien, Leena Heinämäki, Pirjo Kleemola-Juntuen, Wallilul Hasanat).

28.5. Sonja Bickford attended Imperia Project Seminar at SYKE, Helsinki
25.8 - 1.9. Sonja Bickford made Arctic EIA project related Benchmarking trip to Reykjavik, Iceland and Nuuk, Greenland. Interviews conducted for project.

30-31.05. Kamrul Hossain has presented a paper as one of the speakers in the First EU-Russian Energy Law Conference held in Groningen. The title of the presentation was “EU approach to energy development in the Arctic”.

3-14.6 Sebastien Duyck attended Meeting of the subsidiary bodies of the UNFCCC (Bonn)

12.06. Kamrul Hossain has given a presentation to the delegation team from Brookings Institution led by Dr. Charles Ebinger at the Arctic Centre.

19-21.6 Sebastien Duyck attended Meeting of the Working Group of the parties to the Aarhus Convention, Geneva

23-26.06. Kamrul Hossain has presented a paper at the conference - The Impact of Collective Cultural Rights on General International Law – Relocating the Third-Generation Human Rights – held in Warsaw, Poland where the presentation title was “protection of community cultural rights as part of human rights in international law.”

04.08. Kamrul Hossain has reviewed two articles, and recommended publication, for the Arctic Yearbook.

16-18.9. Sonja Bickford made Arctic EIA project related Benchmarking trip to Lulea, Sweden. Interviews conducted for project.

26.8. Anna Gremsperger attended LecTRa (doctoral school of the University of Lapland) Seminar on Islamic Law.

27.8-30.9 Sebastien Duyck made a research Visit at the Schulich School of Law, University of Dalhousie

28-29.8. Leena Heinämäki and Anna Gremsperger attended the International Conference on Sami Customary rights in Modern Landscapes, Indigenous Peoples and Nature Conservation, Luleå University: Leena presented a paper entitled ‘Presentation: The Sacredness of Natural Sites: Synergies between Spiritual, Cultural and Natural Heritage for Supporting Landscape Management and Nature Conservation at Local Level in the Circumpolar Arctic’. Anna presented ‘An introduction to the project on Sustainable Mining, Local Communities and Environmental Regulation in the Kolarctic Area’.

2.9. PYVI meeting

3.9. Anna Gremsperger attended SUMILCERE meeting for the Finnish team.

8-9.9 Sebastien Duyck attended Informal consultation of Committee of Permanent Representatives and Major Groups and Stakeholders

10.9.2013 Timo Koivurova acted as an opponent in a doctoral defence at the University of Tromsø, Norway.
11-13.9. Leena Heinämäki attended the International Conference: Protecting the Sacred: Recognition of Sacred Sites of Indigenous Peoples for Sustaining Nature and Culture in Northern and Arctic Regions, Rovaniemi and Pyhätunturi, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, University of Montréal, University of Arctic. Acting as a main organizer, together with prof. Thora Herrmann from the university of Montréal. Acting as a chair of the scientific committee.

14.09. Kamrul Hossain has submitted a project application to the Academy of Finland in response to its Joint Call between JSPS and Finnish Academy.


23-24.9. Leena Heinämäki attended the NORSIL 3rd research seminar, University of Lapland, faculty of Law and Arctic Centre, Rovaniemi. Presentation. Presenting the planned book chapter on indigenous peoples’ status and Saami people in Finland. Anna Gremsperger participated and organized the seminar, also introduced A project on Sustainable Mining, Local Communities and Environmental Regulation in the Kolarctic Area (SUMILCERE).

23-24.09. Kamrul Hossain has participated, and chaired on the second day, at the NORSIL seminar held in Faculty of Law and in the Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland.


25.09. Kamrul Hossain and Anna Gremsperger attended the conference “Oovtâst – Together. New concepts, theories and methodologies on Saami studies” in Inari, Finland.

26.9. Arctic EIA steering Group meeting.


25-27.9 Leena Heinämäki attended the International Conference: Oovtâst, Together: New concepts, theories and methodologies on Saami studies, Inari, Finland. Presentation: Rapidly evolving status of indigenous peoples: how is Finland responding to the Saami people?

28.9.2013 Timo Koivurova gave a Live Speech in YLE Television, Helsinki, Finland.

28.9.2013 Timo Koivurova and Waliul Hasanat attended the Helsinki Climate Forum – Arctic Urgency, Helsinki, Finland, 28 September 2013. Prof. Koivurova acted as a panelist of the session – Superpowers Vs. Stakeholders ? and Hasanat as a panelist of a session titled ‘Natural Resources or Environmental Protection?’

28.09-01.10. Kamrul Hossain and Anna Gremsperger attended the SUMILCERE project meeting held in Apatity, Russia.
1-10.10 Sebastien Duyck made a research/teaching Visit at the Law Faculty of the University of Reykjavik.

09.10. Kamrul Hossain has taught at the Arctic Studies Program in the course – Arctic Politics and Law.


10-14. Kamrul Hossain has participated at both the Polar Law Symposium and the Arctic Circle conferences held in Akureyri and Reykjavik, respectively. At the Polar Law Symposium he has given a presentation entitled – “Does International Human Rights Law Effectively Guarantee the Protection of the Collective Right to Culture of Indigenous Peoples?”


21-25.10. Sonja Bickford made Arctic EIA project related Benchmarking trip to Alaska, USA. Interviews conducted for project.

22.10 PYVI meeting

22.10. Anna Gremsperger attended SUMILCERE meeting for the Finnish team

23.10. Kamrul Hossain in cooperation with Researcher Anna Gremsperger submitted a network project application to Nordic-Russia cooperation in education and research program within the scheme of Nordic Council of Ministers.

30.10. Tanja Joona gave a presentation for the Eurooppatiedotuksen virkamiehet in the Arctic Centre

31.10-1.11. Waliul Hasanat attended International Symposium on “How to Establish Sustainable Society and Risk Management in the Boreal Coastal Zone – Biodiversity, Sustainability, and Ecosystem Service” 31 October 2013 - 1 November 2013, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan. And presented a paper titled “Strengthening the Arctic Council Aiming to a Sustainable Legal Regime in the Arctic”

11-22.11 Sebastien Duyck attended 19th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, Warsaw

31.10. Tanja Joona participated to the Indigenous epistemologies seminar in Helsinki.

16.11 Sebastien Duyck attended Yale & UNITAR workshop on Human Rights, Climate Governance & Environmental Justice, Warsaw.


25.11. Timo Koivurova attended “Status quo after Kiruna – The role of the EU in the Arctic” 25th November 2013, Ecologic Institute, Berlin, Germany.

25.11. Sonja Bickford made Arctic EIA project business visits in Helsinki. VTT and Ilmastotieteellinen laitos visits and meeting with Tekes.

23.11. Tanja Joona was invited to Inari, Sajos and was heard by the Chairman of the Finnish Parliament Mr Eero Heinäluoma and the other Committee Chairmen.

26-27.11. Sonja Bickford attended Imperia project Seminar in Oulu, Finland.


2.12. Arctic EIA steering group meeting.


9.12. PYVI meeting

10.12. Anna Gremsperger attended SUMILCERE meeting and lunch for the Finnish team.


14.12. Kamrul Hossain has submitted a network project application to Nordic Council of Ministers within the framework of Arctic Cooperation Program.

16.12. Kamrul Hossain along with Researcher Anna Gremsperger submitted a research project application to Academy of Finland.

19-20.12 Timo Koivurova evaluated 8 applications to the Doctoral Network on Realizing Human Rights.