

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





- 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 (1 ECTS) Food security and sovereignty in the Arctic**
- **ASPB1109 (1 ECTS) Arctic: Home for people and animals**



ASP: Taught by the Arctic experts



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- 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: is not only accumulation of knowledge
- Relevance: Information has relevance



ASPB1101 Introduction to the Arctic (5 ECTS)



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Principal Tutor: Dr. Jukka Jokimäki

- **Arctic as space and place (concepts and practices). Where are the southern limits of the Arctic?**
- **What is the social life of climate change models?**
- **How can anybody live in the Arctic/North? -Dark-side of the globe during the winter, all-the-night shining sun during the summer...**
- **What are the special features of the Arctic areas?**
- **What are the main threats for the northern environment?**
- **How is the Arctic governed?**
- **Who is indigenous?**

Methods

Multidisciplinary lectures, excursion in Ounasvaara, visit in the Arktikum-house



Principal Tutor: Dr. Sari Stark

- 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





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**



ASPB1104 PEOPLES, CULTURE AND IDENTITIES OF THE ARCTIC (5 ECTS)



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Principal Tutor: Dr. Nuccio Mazzullo

- **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**



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 1106 (1) Sámi Religion, Cosmology and Spiritual Practices (5 ECTS)

Lecturer Dr. Francis Joy

- **What evidence is left of the pre-Christian cosmology and in what ways is this encountered in contemporary society?**
- **How animals, spirituality and art are related to each other in Sami 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?**



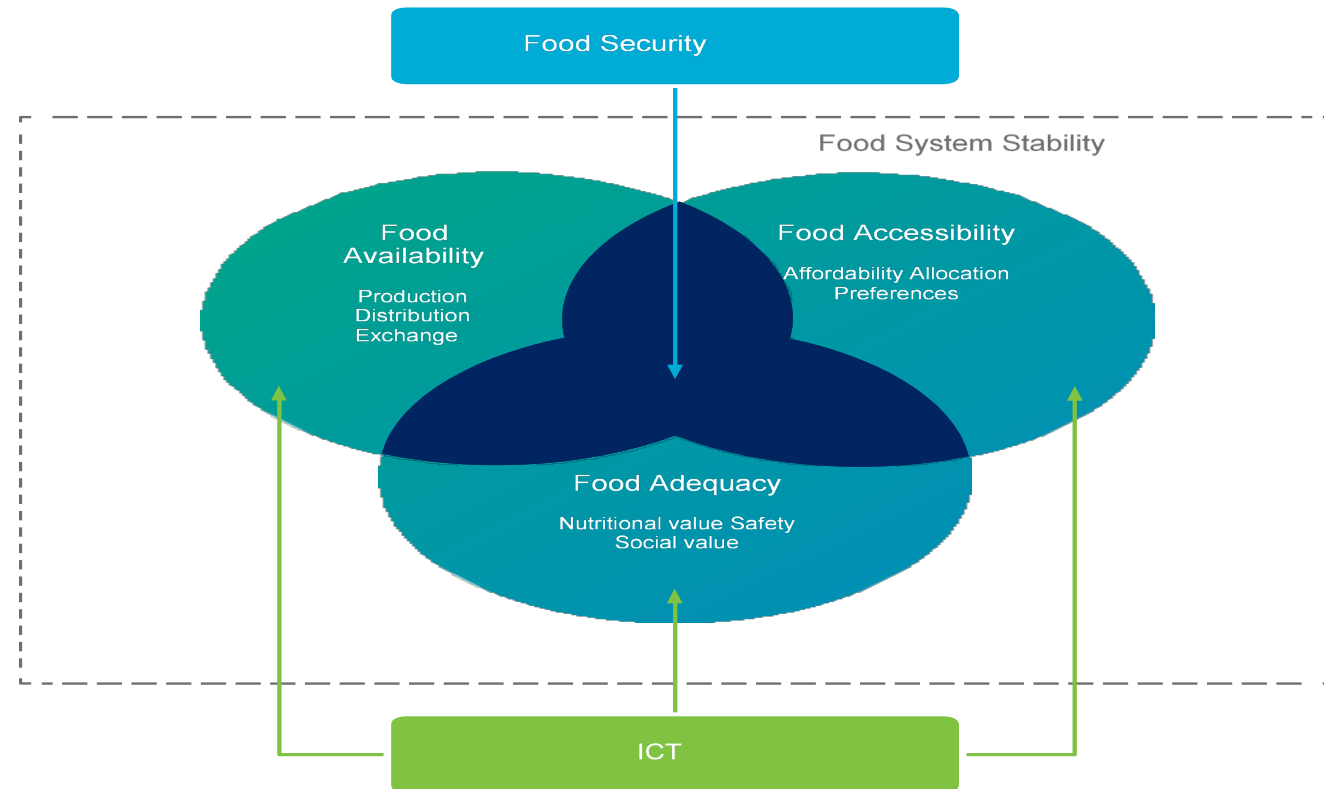
ASPB 1106 (2) FOOD SECURITY AND SOVEREIGNTY IN THE ARCTIC (1 ECTS)

▪ *Lecturer: Dr. Bamidele Raheem*



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- Innovations around the Arctic food system
- How the Arctic is influencing the global food system?
- What are the impacts of climate change on food security in the Arctic region?
- The role of local movements in driving the future food system



ASPB1106 (3) : Arctic: Home for people and animals (1 ECTS)

Lecturer: Terhi Vuojala-Magga, PhD candidate

- **Living with different animals in a remote place in Lapland**
- **What does it mean to be a reindeer herder?**
- **Human-animal interaction: cooperation, empathy, taming, slaughtering**
- **What does a freedom of animals mean?**
- **How to learn about Arctic animals behavior and personalities?**
- **Animals interaction: interaction between each other, learning process, behaviour according to sex, age and season, competition within animal groups, predator-prey relationship.**
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Warmly welcome to the ASP!

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