



## CALL FOR PAPERS

### *Resource geopolitics – Sovereignty*

in Finland, Norway and Russia  
June 1 – 8, 2014

The Calotte Academy 2014 will be organized in June 1-8, 2014 in Rovaniemi and Inari, Finland; in Kirkenes, Norway; and in Murmansk and Apatity, Russia.

The theme of the 2014 Academy is '*Resource geopolitics - Sovereignty*' in the Arctic region, particularly the Barents Sea area. The focus is inspired by the fact that natural resources, options for them, and their governance play an important role in Arctic geopolitics and northern security in the early-21<sup>st</sup> century. Resource geopolitics together with energy (security) has a long history in shaping and impacting the Arctic and the entire North. Climate change, (flows of) globalization, the mass-scale utilization of fossils, and the opening of new sea routes - the combination of these represents some sort of Arctic 'paradox' - together with a growing global interest in the Arctic and its resources have caused a new kind of pressure for Arctic states and nations, and the people living there, to be(come) concerned with the state of the Arctic environment. Their direct physical impacts and indirect impacts related to the economy and development, as well as the uncertainty related to climate change, are seen and interpreted as a new challenge, or even a threat, to state sovereignty and national security of the littoral states of the Arctic Ocean.

Following from this, recourse sovereignty and governance, particularly access to energy sources, has become increasingly strategically important, and a part of the larger issues of (comprehensive) security in the Arctic, ranging from sovereignty (including boundaries, defence, economy) to governance (development, utilization, transport/shipping) to environmental issues (ecosystems, toxins, climate change, human health). Underlying drivers include the significant geopolitical, geoeconomic and environmental changes, and changes in the problem definition of security, that are happening at local, national, regional and global scales.

The 2014 Calotte Academy will discuss on resources and resource (geo)politics, and sovereignty in the Arctic of the 2010s, where two influential perspectives: regionalism/region-building with devolution of power, and globalization and its flows with environmental and security problems, as well as their interrelationship and related dualism, exist and influence. During the 2014 Calotte Academy, '*Resource geopolitics – Sovereignty*' will be discussed holistically from many angles and disciplinary approaches, from the perspectives of past(s), present(s) and future(s), and from global, or international, Arctic and local contexts in the Barents Sea area. In addition, sovereignty will be theoretically discussed, defined and reconceptualised, as will challenges of sovereignty (i.e. the traditional interpretation of state sovereignty), such as indigenous definitions of resource

sovereignty, sustainable development, climate change, and change(s) in security premises and paradigms.

The Calotte Academy is a sub-forum for the Northern Research Forum (NRF) and its Open Assemblies, as well as the main annual international seminar of the UArctic-NRF Thematic Network on Geopolitics and Security. The Calotte Academy events of 2013 and 2014 are financially supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers from its Arctic Co-operation Programme 2012-2014 (see Final Report of the Calotte Academy 2013 – [www.nrf.is](http://www.nrf.is)).

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This is a call for papers, for both established researchers and PhD students of different disciplines, to participate and present in the 2014 Calotte Academy on the theme '*Resource geopolitics – Sovereignty*'. The organizers will cover travelling costs (Rovaniemi-Inari-Kirkenes-Murmansk-Apatity-Rovaniemi) by bus and accommodation in each destination for those PhD students whose abstracts have been accepted (see funding application deadline).

We ask you to submit a title and brief abstract (250-300 words) of your paper, and your name, affiliation and e-mail address, and following information for Russian visa application: name, date and place of birth, nationality, citizenship, passport No and period of validity (from . to .), name, address, telephone and fax of the employer and position no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 2014. Notice of acceptance will be provided on April 1, 2014. The organizers will arrange visa invitations for all the participants, but will not cover the visa costs.

Abstract submission deadline: March 15, 2014  
Funding application deadline for PhD students: March 15, 2014

All proposals with an abstract as well as funding applications should be submitted to PhD student Jussi Huotari (e-mail: [jussi.huotari@ulapland.fi](mailto:jussi.huotari@ulapland.fi); tel. +358-50-5975 292); and PhD student Hanna Lempinen (e-mail: [hanna.lempinen@ulapland.fi](mailto:hanna.lempinen@ulapland.fi)), Faculty of Social Sciences at Lapland University, Finland.

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