



10—15 November 2025

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PROGRAMME

Sunday, 9 November in Rovaniemi

18.00—22.00 Come together & welcoming at DAS Kelo Clubroom (address: Yliopistonkatu 21, 96300 Rovaniemi)

Monday, 10 November in Rovaniemi

08.30—08.45 *Driving from Guesthouse Borealis and Rovaniemi Bus Station (address: Lapinkävijäntie 2, 96100 Rovaniemi) to the University Campus. **Have your luggage ready!***

1st Session: “Europe vis-à-vis Neighboring Areas from Eurasia to the Arctic”

09.00—12.00 University of Lapland’s Campus, room A141 (map at the end)

- Opening words by Lassi Heininen
- Matti Nojonen, “Sino-Russian relations – Ukraine war the stress test of ‘no-limits friendship’ and the last frontier – the Arctic”
- Martina Timmermann, “Democratic steering capacity for the 21st century – Exploring Arctic resonance”
- Laura Junka-Aikio, “New geographies of Arctic militarization: On military land use and Indigenous rights in Sápmi”

12.00—13.30 Lunch break

2nd Session: “Energy Policy and Green Transition”

13.30—14.45 University of Lapland’s Campus, room A141 (map at the end)

- Jillian Rebecca Archer, “Colonial legacies of Ontario energy policy: Historical influences and contemporary impacts”
- Ekaterina Kundele Sofroneeva, “Greenland: Actors’ engagement towards the renewable energy ecosystem”

1st Round of the Role Play Game: “The Future of Europe between Green Transition and Militarization - Learned Lessons from Arctic Cooperation”

Introduction & short presentations (max 2 min.) by each actor on its main interests and aims

15.00—16.00 University of Lapland’s Campus, room A141 (map at the end)

16.00—17.00 Visiting Santa Claus Village

17.00—21.00 *Driving from Rovaniemi to Luleå*

Tuesday, 11 November in Luleå

3rd Session: “The European Union and the Arctic”

09.30—12.00 Luleå Technical University, Room TBC

- Welcoming words by Athanasios Migdala, ETS Institute at LTU
- Hasan Akintug, “Nordic territorial autonomy and the European Union: Winds of change?”
- Alexandra Paris, “Analysis of EU-Arctic relations: Understanding the past to contextualise the present”
- Jonathan Michael MacDonald, “Enhancing Arctic Security in an Age of Climate Change Using Semi-Autonomous USVs: A Study of the Potential Benefits for Mapping Shifting Sea Lanes for Improved Security of Circumpolar Nations”

12.00—13.00 2nd Round of the Role Play Game

13.00—14.15 Lunch

4th Session: “Europe vis-à-vis North America”

14.15—16.30 Luleå Technical University, Room TBC

- Heather Nicol, “The North American North and circumpolar borderlands”
- Taylor Clifford Hawk Hoggarth, “We are the Medicine: Two-Spirit, Indigiqueer, Queer and trans-Indigenous people’s kinship, healing, and belonging on the North American land”
- Zhanna Anshukova, “Is the Arctic Shaping Sexuality?”

16.30—17.00 Visiting Gammelstad Church Town (UNESCO World Heritage Site) (TBC)

17.00—22.00 Driving from Luleå to Hetta

Wednesday, 12 November in Hetta & Kautokeino

08.30—09.00 Driving from Hetta to Kautokeino

5th Session: “Indigenous Peoples and Europe – the Case of the Sámi”

09.30—12.30 UArctic EALÁT Institute, Kautokeino

- Welcoming words by a representative of EALAT (TBC)
- Oula-Antti Labba, “Indigenous governance and the case of Sápmi”
- Barrett Thor Zimmerman, “Legacies and lessons: Indigenous knowledge, colonial histories, and Europe’s Arctic future”
- Eleni Kavvatha, “Indigenous perspectives and EU policy: Navigating mining, the Sámi, and Arctic futures in the context of the Green Deal”
- Natalie Janel Smith, “Youth, homelessness, and hope in Nunavut and the Western Arctic”

12.30—14.30 Lunch & Excursion to Čoarvemáttá (Sámi National Theater, Sámi High School, Reindeer Herding School, and NOMAD Indigenous Food Lab) (TBC)

14.30—16.30 3rd Round of the Role Play Game

17.00—19.00 Driving from Kautokeino to Hetta

Thursday, 13 November in Hetta & Ivalo

6th Session: “Industry and the European ‘Green Deal’”

09.00—11.30 Town Hall of Enontekiö, Hetta

- Welcoming words by a representative of Enontekiö Municipality (TBC)
- Jenikka Kirkland, “Indigenous reindeer herders and the oil and gas industry: Triumphs and failures”
- Urban Wråkberg, “A Green Transition of Euro-Arctic Industry: The Swedish experience in global context”
- Gerald Zojer, “The social force of Big Tech: Economic imaginaries and the everyday life”

11.30—12.30 Visiting Enontekiö Airport (TBC)

12.30—16.30 Driving from Hetta to Ivalo

- Tatiana Petrova, “Save the Calotte Academy!” workshops (TBC)

16.30—18.30 Visiting UTAC

- Janne Seurujärvi, “Introduction to car and tyre testing”

18.30—19.30 Driving from Ivalo to Inari (Vasatokka Youth Centre)

Friday, 14 November in Inari

08.30—10.00 Juutua Trail and Laavu (BBQ) at the Jäniskoski Rapids

7th Session: “Russian perspectives” (in-person & on-line)

10.00—13.00 Lassinkota (SAKK, Sámi Education Institute)

- Welcoming words by a representative of SAKK (TBC)
- Lialko Zakharova, “Legal regulation of the status of the official language in the places of compact residence of Indigenous peoples of the North in the Yakut Arctic”
- Sophie Baxter, “The “Green Deal” – Will Europe be climate-neutral by 2050?”
- Yulia Zaika, “Shifting objectives: How International Polar Year has shaped the international science environment”
- Lassi Heininen, “The strategic partnership between Western Europe / the ‘West’ and Russia – behind a bright future!”

13.00—15.00 Lunch & Visiting Siida—Sámi Museum and Nature Center (TBC)

8th Session: “Global Commons”

15.00—17.00 Lassinkota (SAKK, Sámi Education Institute)

- Doaa Abdel-Motaal, “Key differences in the geopolitical profiles of the Arctic and the Antarctic”
- Tom Gabriel Royer, “Conceptual paradoxes of Arctic & Space sustainability, between promised eco-futures and ecological realities re Europe’s Arctic spaceports”
- Thorsten Van Der Kooij, “The European Union between blue justice and maritime security: The Ocean Pact and its implications for the Arctic”

17.00—18.00 4th Round of the Role Play Game

18.00—19.00 Visiting PaPaNa pub (TBC)

20.00—23.00 Sauna & ice hole

Saturday, 15 November in Sodankylä

09.00—11.45 Driving from Inari to Sodankylä

12.00—14.00 Visiting Sodankylä Town Hall & Sodankylä Geophysical Observatory (TBC)

9th Session: “A role of sub-national governments and regions for the Future”

- Welcoming words by a representative of Sodankylä Municipality (TBC)

14.00—15.30 Final Round of the Role Play Game

15.45—18.00 Driving from Sodankylä to Rovaniemi (arrival at the airport by 17.30)

Map of the University of Lapland's campus

