Northern political economy symposium 2022

Making sense of the Arctic world in turmoil

22–23 November, 2022 Rovaniemi, Finland (in hybrid mode)

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Tuesday 22 November 2022

13-14 Opening and introduction to the symposium

Monica Tennberg: The Arctic in 2022 - Introduction to the symposium theme

Marjo Lindroth & Heidi Sinevaara-Niskanen, University of Lapland: Problematisation and the value of critical research

14.00-15.30 Greening Europe/European Greening I

Chairperson: Hanna Lempinen

Özlem Terzi, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam: The European Green Deal as a New Regulatory Mechanism for the Arctic? Normative and Geopolitical Challenges to the EU's New Arctic Strategy

Tomi Tuominen, University of Lapland: "Power" and "Resistance" in the European Union's Green Deal: A Transnational Historical Materialist Perspective

Katarzyna Radzik-Maruszak, Maria-Curie-Skłodowska-University (UMCS) & Dorothea Wehrmann, German Institute of Development: How to disrupt "governance as usual"? The potential of knowledge partnerships for advancing sustainable urban development in the European Arctic

15.30-16.00 Coffee

16.00-17.30 Greening Europe/European Greening II

Chairperson: Adrian Braun

Magnus de Witt: Energy transition in remote Arctic areas

Kukka Ranta, University of Lapland: Green transition in the Sámi Homeland and Well-being of Sámi Indigenous People

Sohvi Kangasluoma, University of Helsinki: Understanding Arctic oil and gas: entanglements of gender, emotions and environment.

17.30-18.00 Break

18.00-19.00 Panel discussion: How to make sense of the Arctic in 2022

Chairperson: Monica Tennberg

Panelists are: Michael Bravo, University of Cambridge; Amy Lauren Lovecraft, University of Alaska, Fairbanks; Frank Sejersen, Copenhagen University; and Page Louise Wilson, University of Iceland

20.00 Symposium dinner (by invitation only)

Wednesday 23 November 2022

9.00-10.30 Relational Arctic 1

Chairperson: Hannah Strauss-Mazzullo

Ida Højlund Rasmussen, Oslo School of Architecture and Design: Making sense of a place in change

Joonas Vola, University of Lapland: ARCTIC VIVARIUM: Sense in Showcasing the World in Change

Eva La Court, University of Copenhagen: The figure of the Guide on Svalbard: Arctic Nature Guiding as productive behaviour.

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-13.00 Relational Arctic 2

Chairperson: Joonas Vola

Anna Ott, University of Lapland: Of clashing worlds and Sámi reindeer herders' fight for preserving and renewing – An analysis of forest conflicts in Sámi homeland

Assi Harkoma, University of Lapland: Developing Conceptual Framework for Human-nature Rights-based Approach

Magayo Alves, Federal University of Pelotass; Governance solutions in marine plastic in Nunavut, Canada (2019-2022)

Sanna Kopra, University of Lapland & Sohvi Kangasluoma, University of Helsinki: The Arctic Ocean: The last frontier of Capitalocene or a cherished rights holder in Planetocene?

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 Insights into the Arctic in 2022 I

Chairperson: TBC

Janne Mukkala, University of Helsinki: Special Military Operation - how was it welcomed in the North

Ana Belén López Tárraga, University of Salamanca: European Union Arctic Policy analyzed from the conventions theory approach: results and challenges

Mathieu Landriault, École nationale d'administration publique, ÉNAP: The Russia-Ukraine war and the Arctic: changing narratives online?

Dmitry Erokhin, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, IIASA: Future of shipping in the Arctic until 2050

15.20-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-16.30 Insights into the Arctic in 2022 II

Chairperson: Monica Tennberg

Gabriella Cricius, Colorado State University & Renato Fakhoury, University of Massachusetts Lowell: All Talk No Bite? Small States and Military Securitization in Norway and Finland

Valerintin Pfeffer, Brussels School of Governance: The Science behind the Near Arctic state

Dorothee Bohn, Umeå University: Path dependence and sustainability transformations of tourism in the European Arctic: a geographical political economy interrogation

16.30 Monica Tennberg: Closing words