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Tuesday 28 October

15:00 Welcome and Opening Session
Main conference room
Dr. Kristín Ingólfsdóttir, Rector of the University of Iceland
H.E. Mr. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, President of Iceland

15:30 First Plenary: Arctic and Foreign Policies of the Arctic States
Main conference room
Chaired by Alyson Bailes, Adjunct Lecturer, University of Iceland

- Canada’s Foreign Policy: Looking for the Arctic
  Joël Plouffe, Research Fellow, Center for Interuniversity Research on the International Relations of Canada and Québec (CIRRIQ)
- The US in the Arctic: Superpower or Spectator?
  Dr. Michael Corgan, Associate Professor of International Relations, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University
- Russian Perspectives on the Arctic
  Dr. Jakub M. Godziminski, Research Professor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
- Norway and the ‘High North’: Visions and Revisions
  Dr. Asle Toje, Research Director, Norwegian Nobel Institute
- Danish Strategy in the Arctic: Who gets to what?
  Alexander Hvid, Research Assistant, Institute for Strategy, Royal Danish Defence College
- Finland as an Arctic Nation, and its Contradictory Policy Interests in the Arctic
  Dr. Lassi Heininen, Professor of Arctic Politics, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Lapland
- Staking a Claim or Claiming a Stake: Iceland’s Interests and Actions in the Arctic
  Sílja Bárí Omarsdóttir, Adjunct Lecturer, Faculty of Political Science, University of Iceland
- Sweden’s Foreign and Arctic Policy
  Bosse Hedberg, Ambassador of Sweden to Iceland

17:30 Discussions

18:15 End of first day

Wednesday 29 October

09:00 Second Plenary: Arctic Council Observers, the “Near-Arctic” and the High North
Main conference room
Chaired by Dr. Lassi Heininen, Professor of Arctic Politics, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Lapland

- The Arctic Policy of the European Union
  Ambassador Matthias Brinkmann, Delegation of the European Union to Iceland
- The Arctic: Common Good or National Interests?
  Johannes Riber Nordby, Analyst, Royal Danish Defence College
- New Voices of ‘old’ Observer States to the Arctic Council
  Malgorzata Smieszek, Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
- The UK and the Challenges of the High North
  Dr. Caroline Kennedy, Professor of War Studies, University of Hull and Admiral Nick Lambert
- Incentives, Practices and Opportunities for Arctic External Actors’ Engagement with Indigenous Peoples: China and the European Union
  Adam Stepień, Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
- A Natural Experiment in Arctic Awareness: Media Coverage and the 2013 Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting
  Dr. Philip E. Steinberg, Professor of Political Geography, Durham University, Ingrid A. Medby, Doctoral Researcher, Durham University, and Johanne M. Bruun, Doctoral Researcher, Durham University
- China Looks North: Emerging Arctic Diplomacy and Economic Thinking
  Dr. Marc Lanteigne, Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
- Development of the East Asia-Nordic Cooperation in Arctic Affairs
  Dr. Michael Luszczyk, Post-doctoral NCN Fellow, Department of the Northern European Countries, Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce, Poland
- The Rise of Asia in a Changing Arctic: The View from Iceland
  Dr. Jesse Hastings, Lecturer, National University of Singapore

12:15-13:15 Informal lunch at the conference venue

13:15-14:45 Discussions in three parallel workshops:
The West Nordic Region, Polar Code and Law of the Sea, and The Balance Between Environmental Developments and Environmental Protection in the Arctic

The West Nordic Region
Conference room I
Chaired by Auður H Ingólfsdóttir, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Science, Bifröst University

- Local Government Institutions in the West Nordic Region under Pressure
  Dr. Beinta Jakubstovu, Associate Professor in Political Science, Molde University College, Norway
- Cooperation in a Nordic and West Nordic Context: The Case of Greenland
  Dr. Maria Ackrén, Associate Professor in Political Science, Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland
- Report on Economic West Nordic Arctic Cooperation
  Egill Þor Nielsson, Visiting Scholar, Polar Research Institute of China (PRIC)

Polar Code and Law of the Sea
Conference room II
Chaired by Helgi Þórar Grétarsson, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland

- The Polar Code and the Law of the Sea
  Dr. Erik Ræsæg, Professor, University of Oslo
- Arctic Maritime Boundary Delimitations
  Dr. Coalter G. Latthrop, Lecturing Fellow, Duke University
- The Pathway for the United States to Establish the Continental Shelf Beyond 200 Nautical Miles in the Arctic Ocean Without Becoming a Party to UNCLOS
  Dr. Bjarni Már Magnússon, Assistant Professor, University of Reykjavik

The Balance Between Business Developments and Environmental Protection in the Arctic
Conference room III
Chaired by Dr. Brynhildur Davidsdóttir, Professor, Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Iceland

- The Value of Scenarios for Arctic Futures: Facilitating Expert Dialogue Across Scales and Interests
  Dr. Amy Lauren Lovecraft, Professor of Political Science, University of Alaska, Fairbanks
- Environmental Aspects of Hydrocarbon Exploration in the Arctic
  Dr. Stephen Macko, Professor of Isotope and Organic Geochemistry, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Virginia
- Safety and Security in the High North: Responsibilities and Opportunities
  Lt. Snorre Grei, Icelandic Coast Guard

14:45-15:15 Coffee and tea break

15:15 Third Plenary: North-American Leadership in the Arctic Council
Main conference room
Chaired by Dr. Anna Karlsdóttir, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland

- Summaries from the three workshops by rapporteurs
- All Hands on Deck: US Leadership of the Arctic Council
  Dr. Michael Byers, Professor, University of British Columbia, Vancouver and Canada’s Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law
- Searching for a New U.S. Grand Strategy: Is There a Place for Arctic Cooperation?
  Dr. Steven L. Lamy, Professor and Vice Dean of Academic Programs, University of Southern California
- What Does Sustainability Mean in the Arctic? Schisms between Canadian and Nordic Perceptions
  Dr. Heather Exner-Pirot, Strategist, University of Saskatchewan
- Impact of Geography Affecting Security and Disaster Response Capabilities between the North American and European Arctic
  Harry Bader, Associate Professor of Security Studies, University of Alaska, Fairbanks

General discussion

17:30 Closing remarks

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