



## THE TRANS ARCTIC AGENDA

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# PROGRAMME

**28-29 OCTOBER 2014**

CENTER HOTEL PLAZA, REYKJAVIK

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## Tuesday 28 October

### 15:00 Welcome and Opening Session

Main conference room

Dr. Kristín Ingólfssdóttir, 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

- i) Canada's Foreign Policy: Looking for the Arctic  
Joël Plouffe, Research Fellow, Center for Interuniversity Research on the International Relations of Canada and Québec (CIRRICQ)
- ii) The US in the Arctic: Superpower or Spectator?  
Dr. Michael Corgan, Associate Professor of International Relations, Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University
- iii) Russian Perspectives on the Arctic  
Dr. Jakub M. Godzimirski, Research Professor, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
- iv) Norway and the 'High North': Visions and Revisions  
Dr. Asle Toje, Research Director, Norwegian Nobel Institute
- v) Danish Strategy in the Arctic: Who gets to do what?  
Alexander Hviid, Research Assistant, Institute for Strategy, Royal Danish Defence College
- vi) 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
- vii) Staking a Claim or Claiming a Stake: Iceland's Interests and Actions in the Arctic  
Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir, Adjunct Lecturer, Faculty of Political Science, University of Iceland
- viii) 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

- i) The Arctic Policy of the European Union  
Ambassador Matthias Brinkmann, Delegation of the European Union to Iceland
- ii) The Arctic: Common Good or National Interests?  
Johannes Riber Nordby, Analyst, Royal Danish Defence College
- iii) New Voices of 'old' Observer States to the Arctic Council  
Malgorzata Smieszek, Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland
- iv) The UK and the Challenges of the High North  
Dr. Caroline Kennedy, Professor of War Studies, University of Hull and Admiral Nick Lambert
- v) Incentives, Practices and Opportunities for Arctic External Actors' Engagement with Indigenous Peoples: China and the European Union  
Adam Stepien, Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

### 10:30-10:45 Coffee and tea break

- vi) 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
- vii) China Looks North: Emerging Arctic Diplomacy and Economic Thinking  
Dr. Marc Lanteigne, Senior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)
- viii) Development of the East Asia-Nordic Cooperation in Arctic Affairs  
Dr. Michal Luszczuk, Post-doctoral NCN Fellow, Department of the Northern European Countries, Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce, Poland
- ix) 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 Business Developments and Environmental Protection in the Arctic

#### The West Nordic Region

Conference room I

Chaired by Auður H Ingólfssdóttir, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Science, Bifröst University

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

#### Polar Code and Law of the Sea

Conference room II

Chaired by Helgi Áss Grétarsson, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Iceland

- i) The Polar Code and the Law of the Sea  
Dr. Erik Røsæg, Professor, University of Oslo
- ii) Arctic Maritime Boundary Delimitations  
Dr. Coalter G Lathrop, Lecturing Fellow, Duke University
- iii) 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 Davíðsdóttir, Professor, Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Iceland

- i) The Value of Scenarios for Arctic Futures: Facilitating Expert Dialogue Across Scales and Interests  
Dr. Amy Lauren Lovcraft, Professor of Political Science, University of Alaska, Fairbanks
- ii) Environmental Aspects of Hydrocarbon Exploration in the Arctic  
Dr. Stephen Macko, Professor of Isotope and Organic Geochemistry, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Virginia
- iii) Safety and Security in the High North: Responsibilities and Opportunities  
Lt. Snorre Greil, 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, Department of Geography and Tourism Studies, University of Iceland

- i) Summaries from the three workshops by rapporteurs
- ii) 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
- iii) 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
- iv) What Does Sustainability Mean in the Arctic? Schisms between Canadian and Nordic Perceptions  
Dr. Heather Exner-Pirot, Strategist, University of Saskatchewan
- v) 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