

## Draft Agenda for the Sixth Symposium on Polar Law

University of Akureyri, 11-12 October 2013

Arctic Circle at Harpa, Reykjavik, 12-14 October 2013

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Opening session, 9-10 AM, 11 October in Akureyri:

Chair: Gudmundur Alfredsson, Professor, University of Akureyri

- Timo Koivurova, Professor, University of Lapland: The Making of the Arctic Human Development Report II: the Relevance of Law in the Arctic
  - Michael Byers, Professor, University of British Columbia: Is International Law in the Arctic Fundamentally Different from International Law Elsewhere?
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Plenary session on Arctic Politics and Law - New Opportunities and the Role of the Arctic Council, 10.15-12 AM, Friday 11 October in Akureyri:

Session Organizer and Chair: Natalia Loukacheva, First Visiting Nansen Professor of Arctic Studies, University of Akureyri

- Stewart Wheeler, Ambassador of Canada to Iceland: Canada's Priorities and Perspectives during the Chairmanship of the Arctic Council
  - Dag Wernø Holter, Ambassador of Norway in Iceland: Norwegian Perspectives on the Arctic and the Arctic Council
  - Tomas Orri Ragnarsson, Counsellor, Arctic Affairs, Directorate for International and Security Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Iceland: Icelandic Perspectives on the Arctic and the Arctic Council
  - Magnús Jóhannesson, Director, Arctic Council Secretariat, Tromsø: New Developments – the Arctic Council Secretariat
  - Anton Vasiliev, Ambassador at Large, Senior Arctic Official, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation: Recent Agreements under the Auspices of the Arctic Council – a New Chapter in Polar Law
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Panel on the Arctic Council and Arctic Governance, 1.30-3.30 PM, Friday 11 October in Akureyri:

Chair: Agust Thor Arnason, Law Faculty Dean, University of Akureyri

- Alyson Bailes, Professor, University of Iceland: Small Nations in the Wider Arctic Space - Their Challenges, Options and Contributions
  - Maria Ackrén, Associate Professor in Political Science, Ilisimatusarfik - University of Greenland: Paradiplomacy in Greenland
  - Cécile Pelaudeix, Lecturer, Sciences Po, Lyon, and Research Associate PACTE-Sciences Po, Grenoble: A Critical Study of Arctic Governance Analysis
  - Yoshinobu Takei, Research Associate at the Walther Schücking Institute for International Law, University of Kiel: The Role of the Arctic Council in the Development of International Law - Past, Present and Future
  - Irina Zhilina, MA-graduate in Polar Law, University of Akureyri: Early Notification of Nuclear Accidents in the Arctic: Case-Study in the Barents Sea
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Panel on Management of Resources, 1.30-3.30 PM, Friday 11 October in Akureyri:

Chair: Kees Bastmeijer, Professor, University of Tilburg

- Kees Bastmeijer, Professor, University of Tilburg, and Tina Tin, Independent Polar Researcher: Antarctica – A Wilderness Continent for Science: The ‘Public’s Dream’ as a Mission Impossible?
- Bent Ole Gram Mortensen, Professor, Department of Law, University of Southern Denmark, Odense: Exploiting Hydro Power in Greenland - Climate, Security of Supply, Environmental Risks and Energy Incentive Industries
- Katja Göcke, Institute for International Law and European Law, Georg-August University of Göttingen: Co-Management of Renewable Natural Resources in the Arctic Regions of North America
- Antje Neumann, Researcher at University of Akureyri and PhD-Candidate at University of Tilburg: The Role of Indigenous Knowledge in the Context of Wilderness Protection and Management in the Arctic

- Alena Ingvarsdóttir: Known Unknowns and Unknown Unknowns in the Arctic Economic Development

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Panel on Civil-Military Operations in the Arctic - Past, Present, Future, 4-6 PM, Friday 11 October in Akureyri:

Since military officers began exploring the Arctic during the past few centuries, states have used deployed forces to establish sovereignty over the region. At the same time those military forces interacted with indigenous peoples and northern residents through such activities as relocating the Greenlandic Inuit village of Thule to creating economic development along the Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line in Canada and Alaska. This session seeks to examine past and current civil-military operations to understand how existing international laws and treaties influenced their nature. With Russia, Canada, Denmark, Norway and the U.S. expanding military presence in the Arctic to establish sovereignty such studies could provide models for how to reduce problems like cultural imperialism, environmental damage, and dependency.

Session Organizer and Chair: Robert Wheelersburg, College Professor, Elizabethtown College

- Stacey Fritz, Anthropologist/Subsistence Specialist, U.S. Bureau of Land Management: DEW Line Passage - Tracing the Legacies of Militarization in the Western Arctic

- Robert Wheelersburg, College Professor of International Studies, Elizabethtown College: Militarization in the Barents Region and its Effects on Indigenous and Northern Residents

- Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørsv, Professor of Political Science, Tromsø University: Security at the Poles – Civil Military Operations in the Arctic and Antarctic

- Kristian Sjøby Kristensen, Senior Researcher in Military Studies, Copenhagen University: Integration of Indigenous Peoples in Broader Notions of State Security in the Arctic

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Panel 4-6 PM on Friday 11 October in Akureyri: Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS), session organized by Michael Laiho, Ph.D candidate, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland and others: Developing an International Polar Research Team as an Early Career Scientist, with the following main themes: Experiences with Research Project Developing, National and International

## Cooperation, Funding Research and Activities, and Challenges of Research Projects in Practice

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Panel on the Implications of Private Investment in the Arctic, including Multi-Nationals and Navigation in the Many Domestic and International Legal Regimes, 8.30-11 AM, Saturday 12 October in Akureyri:

Chair: Director Arngrímur Johannsson

- Rutherford Hubbard, Integrity Promoting Officer, Senior Consultant, TISL: Risk Management Strategies and New Approaches to Corporate Compliance in the Arctic

- Nengye Liu, Marie Curie Fellow, School of Law, University of Dundee: The European Union, China and the Governance of Arctic Shipping - A Comparative Study

- Mark Stoller, PhD candidate, University of British Columbia: Energy Companies and the Development of International Cooperation in the Arctic

- Michael John Laiho, PhD candidate, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland: In the Absence of Law: What are the Current Systems of Rules regulating Arctic Oil and Gas Exploration and How do we Stop the Impending Crises?"

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Panel on Human Rights, 8.30-11 AM, Saturday 12 October in Akureyri:

Chair: Rachael Lorna Johnstone, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Akureyri

- Kári á Rógvi, Member of Parliament, Faroe Islands: West-Nordic Constitutional Review

- Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørsv, Associate Professor of Political Science, Tromsø University: Oil and Gas and Human Security/Human Rights

- Victoria Sweet, Executive Editor, Michigan State International Law Review, and Legal Fellow, Indigenous Law & Policy Center: Rising Waters, Rising Threats: Human Trafficking and Other Gender-Related Crimes in the Circumpolar Region of the United States and Canada

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Panel on Law of the Sea, 11.15-13 PM, Saturday 12 October in Akureyri:

Chair: Niels Einarsson, Director, Stefansson Arctic Institute, University of Akureyri

- Richard Caddell, Senior Lecturer in Law, Swansea University: Regulating the Whale Wars: Freedom of Protest, Navigational Safety and the Law of the Sea in the Polar Regions

- Martin Mennecke: Science or No Science - That is the Question - Australia, Japan and Whaling before the International Court of Justice

- Marta SOBRIDO, Senior Lecturer in Public International Law and European Union Law, University of A Coruña: The Spanish Fisheries on the Arctic Waters - the Allocation of New Fishing Opportunities

- Bianca Tiantian Zhang, LL.M-graduate in Polar Law, University of Akureyri: US Marine Enclosure in the Arctic and its Influence on Arctic Ocean Governance

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Panel on Indigenous Peoples' Rights, 11.15-13 PM, Saturday 12 October in Akureyri:

Chair: Kári á Rógvi, Member of Parliament, Faroe Islands

- Kamrul Hossain, Researcher, Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland: Does International Human Rights Law Effectively Guarantee the Protection of the Collective Right to Culture of Indigenous Peoples?

- Leena Heinämäki, Research Fellow, Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, and Thora Martina Herrmann, Associated Professor, Département de géographie, Université de Montréal: Reclaiming the Sacred - Sacred Natural Sites of Indigenous Peoples in the Circumpolar Arctic as a Right to Cultural Integrity in Human Rights Law

- Terto Kreutzmann, PhD Candidate, Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge: The Inughuit of Northwest Greenland - An Unacknowledged Minority

- Maxim Zadorin, International Law and Comparative Legal Studies Department, Law Institute, NArFU, Arkhangelsk: Limitations on Traditional Activities of Arctic Indigenous Numerically-Small Peoples in Russia

- Mara Kimmel, PhD Candidate, Central European University: Land, Governance and Well-Being - An Alaskan Case Study

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Saturday 12 October in the afternoon: Transfer from Akureyri to Reykjavik

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Plenary session on Law of the Sea, Sunday 13 October in Reykjavik:

Chair: Bosse Hedberg, Ambassador of Sweden to Iceland

- Tomas H. Heidar, Legal Adviser, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Iceland: The Icelandic Continental Shelf

- Larry Mayer, Director, Center for Coastal and Ocean Mapping, Co-Director, Joint Hydrographic Center, Professor of Earth Science and Ocean Engineering, University of New Hampshire: Mapping the Continental Shelf in the Arctic

- Bjarni Már Magnússon, Expert, School of Law, Reykjavik University: Is the United States Entitled to the Continental Shelf beyond 200 Nautical Miles in the Arctic?

- Erik Franckx, Professor, President of the Department of International and European Law, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law and Criminology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel: The Northern Sea Route Shipping Season 2013 - A First Assessment

- Phil Steinberg, Professor of Geography, Florida State University, Professor of Political Geography, Durham University (from October 2013): Political and Legal Implications of Designating the Northwest Passage as Canadian Territorial Waters

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Panel on Arctic Resource Development: Arctic Energy meets Polar Law, Sunday 13 October in Reykjavik:

Organizer of session and Chair: Betsy Baker, Associate Professor, Vermont Law School

Participants from the Arctic Energy Summit and the Symposium on Polar Law will compare their conference outcomes, including:

- Prioritizing the most pressing issues and research needs for their respective areas of Arctic resource development,

- Ensuring that the best and most relevant information is used in resource decisions by all parties,
- Integrating information about how energy development affects other Arctic resources, living and non-living, and
- Creating opportunities for cooperation and exchange between industry, regulators, legal counselors, local and traditional knowledge holders and academic researchers.

- Niels Einarsson, Director, Stefansson Arctic Institute, Iceland

- Ted Rockwell, Alaska Regional Coordinator, Business Development, Energy and Environment, Battelle Memorial Institute, Former Senior Advisor, US Environmental Protection Agency

- Mikhail Babenko, Oil & Gas Officer, WWF-Global Arctic Programme

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Panel on Antarctica, Monday 14 October in Reykjavik:

Chair: Gunhild Hoogensen Gjørsv, Associate Professor, Tromsø University

- Jeffrey Smith, PhD-Candidate, Faculty of Law, McGill University: Poles Apart: The State of International Law for Antarctica

- Julia Jabour, Leader, Ocean and Antarctic Governance Research Program, Institute for Marine & Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania: Report from the 36th Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting in Brussels in May 2013 - Current and Future Issues. Announcement concerning the 7th Symposium on Polar Law in Tasmania

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Panel on Environmental Law, including Access to Justice and the Aarhus Convention, Monday 14 October in Reykjavik:

Chair: Timo Koivurova, Professor, University of Lapland

- Simon Marsden, Associate Professor in Law, Law School, Flinders University, Adelaide: Developing the World Heritage Convention in the Arctic: Environmental Protection and Governance

- Rachael Lorna Johnstone, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Akureyri: Invoking Responsibility for Environmental Injury in the Arctic Ocean

- Adam Stepien, Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland: The EU and Arctic Mining Developments: Interests and Influence

- Sébastien Duyck, Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland: Short-Lived Climate Forcers, a (Missed) Opportunity for the Arctic Council to Address Climate Change