

The Faculty of Law at UiT the Arctic University of Norway, the K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea (JCLOS), and the research group for Sami Law are pleased to announce the program for the

Eleventh Polar Law Symposium October 2 – 4, 2018

13 July 2018

Tuesday October 2

08.30 Bus departs from downtown to the University

08.45 Arrival and registration

09.00 – 09.20 Welcome and conference opening

Rector of UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Professor Anne Husebekk,

Dean of the Faculty of Law, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Professor Lena L. Bendiksen, and

Centre Leader, K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea (JCLOS), Professor Tore Henriksen

09.20 – 10.15 Keynote speakers

President Aili Keskitalo, Sami Parliament of Norway

10.15 – 10.30 Refreshments

10.30 – 12.00 Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Arctic States (I) (simultaneous session)

“Natural Resources, indigenous rights and self-government: Denmark's obligations and the Greenlanders' rights regarding natural resources in Greenland”

Bent Ole Gram Mortensen, Department of Law, University of Southern Denmark

“Applying FPIC Where Indigeneity is Contested: the Case of Greenland”

Rachael Lorna Johnstone, Arctic Oil and Gas Studies, Ilisimatusarfik and University of Akureyri, Iceland



“Native Alaskan Children and the Indian Child Welfare Act: Unique Applications In Arctic Communities”

Grant Christensen, Faculty of Law, University of North Dakota, USA.

10.30 – 12.00 Arctic Marine Governance in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction, and Svalbard (simultaneous session)

“Svalbard’s ‘Snow Crab Row’: A Curtain-Raiser to future Norway-EU Arctic Relations?”

Robert C. Steenkamp, Institute for Environmental and Technical Law, University of Trier, Germany

“Shipping and Area-based measures in ABNJ”

Tore Henriksen, JCLOS, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

“Possible Interactions between a BBNJ Treaty and Arctic Marine Governance”

Kristine Dalaker Kraabel, JCLOS, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.00 Key note speaker

Nalân Koç, Research Director, Norwegian Polar Institute, Climate change in the Arctic

14.00 – 15.00 Climate law and the Polar Regions (simultaneous session)

“Climate Change Concerns in Judicial Decisions Regarding Management of Ocean Space”

Elise Johansen, JCLOS, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

“EU law on black carbon & Arctic climate governance”

Seita Romppanen, Law School, the Center for Climate Change, Energy & Environmental Law (CCEEL) University of Eastern Finland

14.00 – 15.00 Arctic Governance: Institutions (simultaneous session)

“The New Role of the Arctic Council Permanent Secretariats After Its Establishment in 2011”

Sakiko Hataya, Graduate school of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University, Japan

“Future Governance of the Arctic: Press, Policy, and the Arctic Council”

Yelena Yermakova, Cornell University, USA; University of Oslo, Norway

15.00 – 15.15 Refreshments



15.15 – 16.45 Transitional Justice, Energy Justice, and Environmental Justice (simultaneous session)

“This isn’t South Africa’ – on using the analytical tools of transitional justice in Greenland”
Astrid Nonbo Andersen, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark

“Bearing the Burden: Environmental Injustice in the Protection of the Polar Bear”
Sarah E. Mackie, Newcastle University, UK

“Energy Justice and the rights of indigenous peoples: The impacts of renewable energy on the rights of the Sámi people”
Dorothee Cambou, Faculty of Arts, University of Helsinki, Finland

15.15 – 16.45: Antarctica (simultaneous session)

“Antarctica: A Continent to Consume or Conserve? An inventory of strategic approaches for limiting the human footprint in Antarctica”
Kees Bastmeijer, Tilburg Law School, Tilburg University, The Netherlands

“A normative framework for claims over territory and natural resources in Antarctica”
Alejandra Mancilla, Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas, University of Oslo, Norway

“The Ross Sea MPA: Puzzles Arising from Rights and Interests Claims”
Leilei Zou, Polar Cooperation Research Centre, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University, Japan and Research Institute of Marine Policy and Law, Shanghai Ocean University

17.00 End of day one: bus leaves for downtown

19.00 Conference Dinner: Clarion Hotel The Edge

Wednesday October 3

08.30 Bus departs from downtown to the University

09.00 – 10.15 Keynote Speaker

Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples

10.15 – 10.30 Refreshments

10.30 – 12.00 Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Arctic States (II) (simultaneous session)



“Norms on coexistence between nation states and indigenous peoples contextualized”
Ánde Somby, Faculty of Law, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

“Arctic Investment and the Rights of Indigenous Peoples”
Brian McGarry, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

“The Application of International Criminal Justice in the Arctic”
Raphael Oidtmann, Department of Law, University of Mannheim, Germany

10.30 – 12.00 Sustainable Development Issues (simultaneous session)

“Achieving Sustainability in Arctic Resource Development: The Role of International Law”
Akiho Shibata, Polar Cooperation Research Centre (PCRC), Kobe University, Japan

“Human Rights to Food and Health and Food Security in Canada’s Eastern Arctic”
Natalia Loukacheva, University of Northern British Columbia, Canada

“Slow progress on a better regime for environmental impact assessments”
Gunnar Sander, The Norwegian College of Fishery Science, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

“Indigenous Women’s Health: Human Rights and Intersectionality Based Approach Comparing Canada and Finland”,
Leena Heinämäki, The Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland (NIEM), Finland, Thora Herrmann, The Université du Québec, Canada, and Laura Olsén, PhD candidate, NIEM, Finland.

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.30 Keynote Speakers

Don Rothwell, Professor of International Law, ANU College of Law, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, and Ambassador David Balton, Senior Fellow, Polar Initiative, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, USA

14.30 – 14.45 Refreshments

14.45 – 16.15 The Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries Agreement (CAOF Agreement) (simultaneous session)

“The Provisions for Participation of the CAOF Agreement: A Critical Analysis”
Valentin J. Schatz, Faculty of Law, University of Trier, Germany, Alexander Proelß Faculty of Law, University of Trier, and Nengye Liu, Faculty of Law, University of Adelaide, Australia

“The CAOF Agreement in the Broader Context of International Law”
Erik J. Molenaar, JCLOS, UiT The Arctic University of Norway



“The Treatment of Indigenous Rights in the CAOFA Agreement: Options and End Result”
Nigel Bankes, JCLOS, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

14.45 – 16.15 New challenges (simultaneous session)

“Floating Nuclear Power Plants in the Arctic: A Discussion of Advantages, Disadvantages, and the Regulatory Framework”

Maria Madalena das Neves, JCLOS, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

“The Worth of Water: Designing a legal regime to regulated iceberg harvesting”

Julia Jabour, Oceans and Antarctic Governance Research Program, Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania

“Examining China’s Ambiguous Relationship with the International Law of the Sea through a Comparative Analysis of Chinese Practice in the Arctic Ocean and the South China Sea”

David M. Ong, Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University, UK

16.15 – 17.30 Ten years of the law of the sea in an Arctic Context: celebrating the LLM program at UiT, The Arctic University of Norway, chair, Maria das Neves

“The negotiation of the mandatory Polar Code and decision-making at the IMO”

Dorottya Bogner, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education, UiT the Arctic University of Norway

“Step by Step: The European Union, an Arctic Actor?”

Andreas Raspotnik, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway and The Arctic Institute, Washington DC, USA

Reception 17.30 – 18.45 hosted by Faculty of Law and JCLOS

19.00 Bus departs for downtown

End of day 2: own arrangements for dinner

Thursday October 4

09.30 Bus departs for University

9.00 – 10.15 Keynote Speaker

“From Antarctic minerals to Arctic security concerns and much in between”

Marie Jacobsson, Ambassador, Principal Legal Adviser on International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden



10.15 – 10.30 Refreshments

10.30 – 12.00 Arctic Marine Governance and Environmental Protection (simultaneous session)

“Navigating the multi-level legal regime for protection of the Greenlandic marine environment”
Nana Amalie Harbo, Department of Law, BSS, Aarhus University, Denmark

“Arctic Marine Governance – quo vadis?”
Christian Prip, The Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway

“The Legal Requirements applicable to the Norwegian Ocean Management Plans”
Lena Schønning, JCLOS, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

10.30 – 12.00 Reflections on the “Seminars on the Small Nations of the North” convened by Professor Atle Grahl-Madsen (simultaneous session)

Guðmundur S Alfreðsson, University of Akureyri, Iceland

Other speakers to be confirmed.

12.00 – 12.15 Closing Remarks

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch

13.15 Bus departs for downtown (and/or the airport)