

**9th Polar Law Symposium
Akureyri & Reykjavík, Iceland
5th – 9th October 2016**

THE ROLE OF LAW IN POLAR GOVERNANCE

AGENDA

- 4th October 2016 Pre Symposium Reception at [Strandgata 53](#), Akureyri, Iceland
- 5th-6th October 2016: Symposium at the [University of Akureyri](#), Iceland
- 7th-9th October 2016: Three Breakout Sessions on Polar Law at the [Arctic Circle Assembly](#), [Harpa Conference Centre](#), Reykjavík, Iceland.

4th October 2016

2000 Reception for the exhibition, *Into the Arctic*, Strandgata 53, Akureyri.

5th October 2016

0700-0800

EARLY BIRD SWIM (optional: cost: 750ISK)

[Akureyri Swimming Pool](#) (next to [Icelandair Hotel Akureyri](#))

UNIVERSITY OF AKUREYRI

0900-1045

Opening Plenary: THE ROLE OF LAW IN POLAR GOVERNANCE

Room N101

Chair: Rachael Lorna Johnstone

- Eyjólfur Guðmundsson, Rector of the University of Akureyri, *Welcome*
- H.E. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, President of Iceland 1996-2016, *Introductory Address*
- Lassi Heininen, Professor, University of Lapland, *Tribute to Alyson Bailes*



- Madeleine Redfern, Mayor of Iqaluit, *Keynote Presentation, Inuit Governance in Nunavut*
- Erik Franckx, Professor of Law at Vrije Universiteit Brussel, *Awaiting the Entry into Force of the Polar Code*

1045-1100
MORNING COFFEE

1100-1245

Panel 1: DEFENDING INDIGENOUS RIGHTS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL LAW
Room N101

Chair: Gudmundur Alfredsson

- Eva-Maria Svensson, Professor, University of Gothenburg, Monica Burman, Associate Professor, Umeå University and Lena Wennberg, Lecturer, Umeå University, *The Role of International Human Rights Law in the Governance of the Arctic Regarding Women's Rights*
- Bassah Khalaf, Assistant Professor, University of Southern Denmark, and Ayo Næsborg-Andersen, Assistant Professor, University of Southern Denmark, *ILO Convention 169 in Greenland - From Assimilation to own Definition of Culture in Greenland*
- Jan Mikael Lundmark, LLM (Polar Law) Candidate, University of Akureyri, *Indigenous Peoples Rights of Property - Article 1 of Protocols No 1 to the ECHR*
- Romain Chuffart, MA Polar Law Candidate, University of Akureyri, *Minority Language Rights in the Arctic*

Panel 2: THE POLAR WILDERNESS
Room N102

Chair: Nigel Bankes

- Simon Marsden, Professor, Flinders Law School, *Arctic Best Practice Wilderness Protection under the Wetlands Convention*



- Kees Bastmeijer, Professor, University of Tilburg and Antje Neumann, Doctoral Candidate, University of Tilburg, *'Wild Tools for Polar Lawyers': An Inventory of Legal Tools for Protecting Polar Wilderness*
- Alexandra Carleton, Ashurst, Conflicts Lawyer and Adjunct Lecturer, University of Notre Dame, *Protecting the Common Wilderness: the Evolution of Sovereignty over Natural Resources in the Arctic*

Panel 3: FORA FOR COOPERATION
Room M101

Chair: Jessica Shadian

- Akiho Shibata, Professor, Director Polar Cooperation and Research Centre, Kobe University, Japan, *Legal Framework for Arctic Scientific Cooperation: Bilateralism, 'AC-ism' and Universalism*
- Andrew Jackson, PhD Candidate, University of Tasmania, *People, Penguins, Politics or Law? Processes that Drive Polar Governance*
- Sune Tamm, MA Polar Law Candidate, University of Akureyri, *Arctic Governance: An Analysis of International Fora for Cooperation and Indigenous Involvement*

1245-1345
LUNCH

1345-1530
Panel 4: MANAGING ACTIVITIES IN THE ANTARCTIC
Room N101

Chair: Kees Bastmeijer

- David Leary, Associate Professor, University of Technology Sydney, Australia, *Drones on Ice: an Assessment of the Legal Implications of the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in Scientific Research and by the Tourist Industry in Antarctica*
- Rachael Lorna Johnstone, Professor, University of Akureyri and Ilisimatusarfik, Julia Jabour, Professor, University of Tasmania and Sune Tamm, MA Polar Law Candidate, University of Akureyri, *Understanding Iceland's Accession to the Antarctic Treaty*



- Emil Grímsson, Chairman, Arctic Trucks, *The South Pole Ski Race: a Logistical Challenge*

Panel 5: THE LAW OF THE SEA: MARITIME BOUNDARIES

Room N102

Chair: Natalia Loukacheva

- Clive Symmons, Visiting Research Fellow, Trinity College, Dublin, *Problems in the Law of the Sea relating to Insular Formations in Ice-bound Seas and Polar Regions of the Arctic*
- Christoph Humrich, Assistant Professor at the Department for International Relations and International Organization, and Associated Researcher for Arctic Politics and Governance at the Arctic Centre, University Groningen, *Sovereignty, Right and Recognition in Arctic Law of the Sea Disputes*
- Bjarni Már Magnússon, Associate Professor, Reykjavík University and Svava Pétursdóttir, Lawyer at the Environmental Agency of Iceland, Reykjavík University, *The Icelandic Straight Baselines System*

Panel 6: PEACEFUL COOPERATION IN THE ARCTIC

Room M101

Chair: Ágúst Þór Árnason

- Lassi Heininen, Professor, University of Lapland, *Changes in Security Premises of the Global Arctic – an Opportunity for Disarmament?*
- Prithvi Raaj Choudhury, BA/LLB Candidate, National Law University Assam, Guwahati, India, *Arms Control Laws in the Arctic Region*
- Tina Hunter, Professor of Law and Larry Bakken, Professor of Law, University of Aberdeen, *A Conflict Prevention and Resolution Framework for Resource Development in the Arctic*
- Julia Gaunce, LLM Candidate, University of Calgary, *'Due Regard'* under UNCLOS

1530-1545

AFTERNOON TEA



1545-1730

Panel 7: IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Room N101

Chair: Timo Koivurova

- Nigel Bankes, Professor, University of Calgary and Adjunct Professor, KG Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, *The Status of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Canadian Law and Policy*
- Teresa Scassa, Canada Research Chair in Information Law, University of Ottawa, D.R. Fraser Taylor, Chancellors Distinguished Research Professor of International Affairs, and Amos Hayes, Technical Manager for the Geomatics and Cartographic Research Centre (GCRC) at Carleton University, *A Legal Framework for the Collection and Sharing Indigenous Knowledge of Northern Communities*
- Michaela Peykovska, PhD Candidate, University of Oxford, *A Critical Evaluation of the Nordic Sámi Convention and Its Potential Influence upon the Sámi*

Panel 8: LIVING MARINE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND BIODIVERSITY

Room N102

Chair: Gudmundur Alfredsson

- Jean Dominique Wahiche, Professor, Musée National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, *Polar Marine Genetic Resources at the Crossroads between Environment and Property Law*
- Elena Conde, Professor, Complutense University of Madrid and Zhaklin Yaneva, PhD Candidate, Complutense University of Madrid, *Sustainable Fisheries in the Arctic Marine Area: Mission (Im)possible?*
- Courtney Price, Communications Manager, CAFF, Programme Manager, CAFF, *Arctic Biodiversity: From Science to Policy*



Panel 9: RESPONSIBLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARCTIC
Room M101

Chair: Tony Penikett

- Karin Berentsen, Founder and Director of Kaisa Consulting AS, *Navigating Arctic Regulations” - Let the Stakeholders Validate Industry’s Social Licence to Operate with a Powerful and Objective Tool!*
- Karin Buhmann, Professor, Copenhagen Business School, *International Law and Corporate Social Responsibility: The Significance for Social Impact of Arctic Natural Resource Exploitation*
- Kamrul Hossain, Associate Professor, Director, Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland and Anna Petrétei, PhD Candidate, Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, *Resource Development and Sámi Rights in the Sápmi Region: Integrating Human Rights Impact Assessment in Licensing Processes*
- Ulrike Barten, Associate Professor, University of Southern Denmark and Bent Ole Mortensen, Professor, University of Southern Denmark, *Uranium in Greenland: Questions of Resources and Security in a Self-Government Setting*

1930:

CONFERENCE DINNER, Rub 23 (optional: cost 7290ISK plus drinks, to be paid at restaurant)



6th October 2016

0700-0800

EARLY BIRD JOG (optional)

Meet at front door of [Icelandair Hotel Akureyri](#)

UNIVERSITY OF AKUREYRI

0900-1045

Panel 10: THE ARCTIC COUNCIL IN CONTEXT

Room N101

Chair: Jessica Shadian

- Maria Ackrén, Associate Professor, Ilisimatusarfik, *Indigenous Voices in the Arctic Council*
- Marzia Scopelliti, PhD Candidate, Complutense University of Madrid, *The Arctic Council at Twenty Years from its Foundation: Decision-Shaping or Decision-Making Power?*
- Dorothea Wehrmann, PhD Candidate, Center for InterAmerican Studies, Bielefeld, Germany, *“Governing Polar Change”: Agenda-Setting in the Arctic Council and in the Antarctic Treaty System*

Panel 11: THE GLOBAL COMMONS

Room N102

Chair: Timo Koivurova

- Alan D Hemmings, Adjunct Associate Professor, Gateway Antarctica Centre for Antarctic Studies and Research, University of Canterbury, New Zealand, *Evolution of the ‘Greater Southern Ocean’ as a Regulatory Sphere*
- Constance Johnson, PhD Candidate, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources & Security, University of Wollongong, *When Worlds Collide: How the Antarctic Treaty System and a new United Nations Regime for Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction will Deal with Each Other*



- Adamaria Grilli, MA Polar Law Candidate, University of Akureyri, *The Wealth of the Arctic and the Antarctic: A Water & Ice World Beyond Market and State?*

Panel 12: COMPLIANCE, ENFORCEMENT AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT
Room M101

Chair: Rachael Lorna Johnstone

- Joseph DiMento, Professor, UC Irvine, *Arctic Environmental Governance: Implementation of Promising Initiatives*
- Daria Shapovalova, PhD Candidate, University of Aberdeen, *Regulatory Legacy of the Arctic Council: Assessing Effectiveness and Compliance*
- Sune Tamm, Lindsay Arthur and Romain Chuffart, MA Polar Law Candidates, University of Akureyri, *Antarctic Treaty Inspections: Good Governance or Rubber Stamp?*

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MORNING COFFEE

1100-1245

Panel 13: SOVEREIGNTY AND ITS CONTESTATION AT THE POLES
N101

Chair: Mary Durfee

- Peter Ørebeck, Professor, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, *Terra nullius, Inuit Habitation and Norse Occupation: with a Special Emphasis on the 1933 East Greenland Case*
- Grant Christensen, Assistant Professor, University of North Dakota, *Securing Title to the Arctic in North America: A Reexamination of the Doctrine of Discovery in Light of Obligations Undertaken in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*
- Sabaa A. Khan, Postdoctoral Researcher, Law School, University of Eastern Finland, *Navigating New Arctic Citizenship“s”: Sovereignty, Self-Determination & International Law*



- Gustavo Ramírez Buchheister, Chair of History of Law and of Public International Law, University of Magallanes, Punta Arenas, Chile, *Antarctic Toponymy*

**Panel 14: MANAGING INDIGENOUS RESOURCES
N102**

Chair: Natalia Loukacheva

- Tony Penikett, Visiting Professor, Public Policy School, Simon Fraser University, *An “Arctic Standard” for non-renewable resource extraction?*
- Michael Fakhri, Associate Professor, University of Oregon, *Seal Hunting, Arctic Sovereignty, and Indigenous Rights*
- Martin Mennecke, Associate Professor, University of Southern Denmark, *Integrating Indigenous Rights into “Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling”*
- Susanne Vars Buljo, BA Law Candidate, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, *The Continuous Process of Recognition of the Sámi People’s Right to Land and Natural Resources in Finnmark through the Norwegian Finnmark Act*

**Panel 15: NON-ARCTIC PERSPECTIVES
Room M101**

Chair: Ágúst Þór Árnason

- Seita Romppanen, Senior Lecturer, University of Eastern Finland, *The EU and regulatory approach on Short-Lived Climate Pollutants*
- Yuanyuan Ren, PhD Candidate, University of Wisconsin and Dan Liu, Associate Research Fellow and Associate Professor, Center for Polar and Deep Ocean Development, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, *A Rule Follower, a Challenger, or a Learner? Recasting China’s Engagement in Arctic Development*
- Lindsay Arthur, MA Polar Law Candidate, University of Akureyri and Researcher, Polar Cooperation and Research Centre, Kobe University and Sakito Hataya, LLM Candidate, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS), Kobe University, *The Role of Law in Japan’s Arctic Policy*



1245-1345

LUNCH

1345-1515

Plenary: POLAR LAW: NEXT STEPS

N101

Chair: Jessica Shadian

- Gudmundur Alfredsson, Professor at the University of Akureyri and the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, *Roundup of the 9PLS Part One*
- Ágúst Þór Árnasson, Adjunct, University of Akureyri, *Vote of Thanks*
- Kamrul Hossain, Associate Professor, Director, Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, *Invitation and Announcement of the Theme of the 10th Polar Law Symposium*

1515-1530

Afternoon Tea

1545

Travel to Reykjavík

7th-9th October 2016

Breakout sessions on Polar Law at the 4th Arctic Circle Assembly, Harpa Conference Centre, Reykjavík



**ARCTIC CIRCLE POLAR LAW BREAKOUT SESSION 1 (FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER: 1645-1815):
GLOBAL INFLUENCES ON POLAR GOVERNANCE**

LOCATION: ÞJÓÐMENNINGARHÚSIÐ (National Centre for Cultural Heritage) Main Hall
Please note, this is a building just outside of Harpa (about two minutes walk from the main entrance).

Chair: Gudmundur Alfredsson, Professor at the University of Akureyri and the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing

Speaker: Bertrand Ramcharan, previously Professor at the Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Chancellor of the University of Guyana, and Deputy and then UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Title: UN Protection of the Polar Regions

Speaker: Øyvind Ravna, Professor of Law, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

Title: Is Norway's arrangement with an investigating commission and a land tribunal suited to fulfill its obligations under ILO 169 to the Sámi?

Speaker: Tanja Joonas, Senior Researcher, University of Lapland

Title: The Rights of Sámi Children in the context of Subjectivity and Identity with special reference to ILO Convention No. 169, the Draft Nordic Saami Convention and UNDRIP

**ARCTIC CIRCLE POLAR LAW BREAKOUT SESSION 2 (SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER: 1530-1700):
ARCTIC SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

LOCATION: ÞJÓÐMENNINGARHÚSIÐ (National Centre for Cultural Heritage) Main Hall
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Chair: Natalia Loukacheva, Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Governance and Law, University of Northern British Columbia

Speaker: John M. Sky Starkey, Lawyer representing Alaska tribal organizations

Title: Colonialism of Arctic Indigenous Lands and Waters in the 21st Century

Speaker: Mary Durfee, Associate Professor of International Relations, Michigan Tech University

Title: Free Trade: The Expected Impacts of TTIP and CETA on the Arctic



Speaker: Romanov Oleg, lawyer (PhD from St Petersburg State University)
Title: A Review of the Legislation of Arctic States in the Field of Design and Construction

Speaker: Agnieszka Ason, Adjunct Professor, Technical University of Berlin
Title: International Arbitration as a Method of Resolution of Boundary Disputes in the Arctic

Speaker: Skúli Thoroddsen, Orkustofnun
Title: Resource utilisation in Iceland for energy production, legal regime and Master Plan

**ARCTIC CIRCLE POLAR LAW BREAKOUT SESSION 3 (SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER: 1600-1800): THE
LAW OF THE SEA: NAVIGATION
LOCATION: HÁLOFT in Harpa Conference Hall**

Chair: Timo Koivurova, Professor of Law, Director of the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

Speaker: Alexander Sergunin, Professor of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University
Title: Implementing the IMO's Polar Code: the case of Russia

Speaker: Valerii Konyshchev, Professor of International Relations at the St. Petersburg State University
Title: International legal status of the Northern Sea Route: discussions in the Western and Russian expert communities

Speaker: Suzanne Lalonde, Professor of Law, University of Montreal
Title: Cruising the Northwest Passage: What can we learn from the management of the *Crystal Serenity* voyage

Speaker: Dorottya Bogнар, PhD Candidate, UiT The Arctic University of Norway,
Title: *The "Elephant in the Room": Article 234 of the Law of the Sea Convention and the Polar Code as an incompletely theorized agreement*

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