# Out of the Cold: Scientific Ways of Knowing in Histories of the Circumpolar Arctic

# **BOREAS - ESF Workshop**

# Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada, 4-9 September 2009

# FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER: flights to Ottawa

1830	meet in Delta Ottawa hotel lobby	
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1930 dinner reservation at The Fish Market in the Byward Market area

### **SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER**

0905	flight	to	lqa	alu	it		
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1215 arrive in Iqaluit, shuttle to Frobisher Inn: check-in and light lunch in Kivalliq Room

1430 tour of Iqaluit

1900 dinner at Frobisher Inn

#### SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER: All sessions will be held in the Kivallig Room, Frobisher Inn

#### 0900-0930 Session 1 Introduction to Working Sessions

(Chair: Ronald E. Doel, Florida State University)

- -Doubravka Olsakova, Science Officer, European Science Foundation, "What is the BOREAS Programme?"
- -Ron Doel, Florida State University (CEE Project Leader), "What is CEE?"
- -Astrid Ogilvie, University of Colorado at Boulder (NORSAGA PL), "What is NORSAGA?"
- -André Costopoulos, McGill University (SCENOP PL), "What is SCENOP?"

#### 0930-1030 Session 2 Keynote Address

(Moderator: Suzanne Zeller, Wilfrid Laurier University)

Introduction: Shari Gearheard, University of Colorado at Boulder

### **Keynote Speaker**

Lene Kielsen Holm, Director, Sustainable Development,

Environmental Issues and Research, Inuit Circumpolar Council, Greenland "Siku-Inuit-Hila:

The Dynamics of Human-Sea Ice Relationships: Comparing Changing Environments in Alaska, Nunavut and Greenland"

**1030-1100** coffee break

# 1100-1230 Session 3 Broad Perspectives

(Chair: Urban Wråkberg, Barents Institute)

- -André Costopoulos, McGill University, "Human Adaptation to Environmental Change in the North in a 6000-Year Perspective"
- -Daniel Chartier (Imaginaire Nord), Université du Québec à Montréal, "The Arctic as a Discursive Idea: The Cross-disciplinary and Multicultural Construction of the Representations of the North"
- -Dag Avango (LASHIPA), Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, "Constructing Polar Histories through Science and Industry"
- -Astrid Ogilvie, University of Colorado at Boulder, 'Narrating the North: Examples of Environmental Impacts on Social Change from Iceland, Norway and Canada"

1230-1400 lunch at Frobisher Inn

#### 1400-1530 Session 4 Narratives of Earth and Sky

(Chair: André Costopoulos, McGill University)

- -Carolyn Podruchny, York University, "Dreaming of Wooden Boats, Booming Thunder, and Castaways: Narratives of Cree and European Encounters on Hudson Bay"
- -Robert Marc Friedman, University of Oslo, "Making the Aurora Norwegian: The Cultural Politics of a National Research Tradition and Icon"
- -Kristine C. Harper, Florida State University, "Beyond Polar Lows and Arctic Highs: How Northern Scientists Influenced Meteorology"
- -Maiken Lolck, Aarhus University, "Greenland Ice Cores and the Discovery of Abrupt Climate Change"

**1530-1600** coffee break

### 1600-1730 Session 5 Geographers' Perspectives

(Chair: Sverker Sőrlin, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm)

- -Graeme Wynn, The University of British Columbia, "A Geographer's Thoughts on the Environmental History of Northern North America since 1900"
- -Tiffany Vance, San Francisco State University, "Geographic Techniques to Visualize and Explore Arctic History"
- -Shari Gearheard, University of Colorado at Boulder, "Developing the Exchange for Local Observations and Knowledge of the Arctic (ELOKA)"

**1900** dinner at Frobisher Inn

#### 0900-1030 Session 6 Welcome to/from Local Speakers

(Moderator: Suzanne Zeller, Wilfrid Laurier University)

- -the elder Inuapik will light the *qulliq* (seal oil lamp)
- -the elder Simon Nattag, Municipal Councillor
- -Elisapee Sheutiapik, Mayor of Igaluit
- -Alexina Kublu, Nunavut Languages Commissioner

## **1030-1100** coffee break

# 1100-1230 Session 7 Indigenous Voices in Scholarship

(Chair: Astrid Ogilvie, University of Colorado at Boulder)

-Esther Fihl, Copenhagen University, "The Native Voice in Ethnographical Fieldwork: A Case from South India"

-Karen Routledge, Rutgers University, "Inuit and American Stories of Survival, 1850-1920"
-Urban Wråkberg, Barents Institute, and Aileen Espíritu, University of Northern British
Columbia and Barents Institute, "Decolonising Technoscience in Northern Scandinavia:
The Role of Scholarship in Constructions of Indigenous Identity and Sámi
Self-Determination"

-Karin Granqvist, Independent Scholar, "Scientific Colonization of the Sámi in 19th-c. Sweden: A Postcolonial Case Study"

#### **1230-1400** lunch at Frobisher Inn

**1400-1600** *Qammaq* with local elders (community gathering)

#### 1630-1800 Session 8 Heroic and Modern Field Explorations

(Chair: Graeme Wynn, The University of British Columbia)

- -Michael Harbsmeier, Roskilde University, "Fieldwork avant la lettre in the Arctic and Other Places"
  - -Adam M. Sowards, University of Idaho, "Conceptualizing and Contextualizing Science, Nature, and Culture in the Arctic: Locating the Canadian Arctic Expedition, 1913-18"
  - -Suzanne Zeller, Wilfrid Laurier University; and Christopher Jacob Ries, Roskilde University, "Wild Men In and Out of Science: Negotiating the Professional- Popular Borderland in Arctic Canada and Greenland during the Early 20<sup>th</sup> c."
  - -Marionne Cronin, Imperial College of Science and Technology, "Mastering the Arctic Sky: Heroic Exploration in the Age of Polar Aviation, 1924-35"

-free time for dinner in town

#### **TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER**

#### 0900-1030 Session 9 Law, Diplomacy and War

(Chair: Christopher Ries, Roskilde University)

-Arn Keeling, Memorial University of Newfoundland, "Geographies of Mining and

Environmental Justice in the Canadian North"

-Julia Lajus, European University at St. Petersburg; and Sverker Sörlin, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, "Melting the Glacial Curtain: Scandinavian-Soviet Relations in Arctic Science, 1930-65"

-Ronald E. Doel (CEE PL), Florida State University, "Militarizing the Arctic: Empires of Environmental Knowledge"

-Philip E. Steinberg, Florida State University, "Territorial Imaginaries and Arctic Sovereignty Claims"

**1030-1100** coffee break

# 1100-1230 Session 10 Round Table Discussion: Public Policy and the Circumpolar Arctic (Moderator: Robert Marc Friedman, University of Oslo)

-Sverker Sörlin, Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, "Arctic --Region in Flux: A Perspective from the IPY"

-Urban Wråkberg, Barents Institute, "The Idea of a Special Economic Zone on the Russian-Norwegian Coast of the Barents Sea"

-Lene Kielson Holm, Inuit Circumpolar Council, "The View from Greenland"

-Graeme Wynn, The University of British Columbia, "The View from Canada"

12:30-1400 lunch at Frobisher Inn

**1400-1700** excursion to Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Reserve Park

**1900** dinner at Frobisher Inn

#### WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

0830-1000 CEE breakfast meeting

**1345** departures for Ottawa

1650 arrive Ottawa