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
1930 dinner reservation at The Fish Market in the Byward Market area

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

0905 flight to Iqaluit
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 Kivalliq 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-Hilla:
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 Sörlin, 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

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
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 Nattaq, Municipal Councillor  
- Elisapee Sheutiapik, Mayor of Iqaluit  
- 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”

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 20th 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

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**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