



Resources and Security in the Globalized Arctic

in Finland, Russia and Norway
May 31 – June 7, 2015

Draft Program

The Calotte Academy is an annual traveling symposium and international forum in Europe's North Calotte region, designed to promote interdisciplinary discourse and the interplay between senior and young researchers and to foster academic and policy-oriented dialogue among members of the research community and post-graduate students as well as a wide range of other northern stakeholders. It is a "school of dialogue" and participatory by nature with an idea to share knowledge and experiences with communities. On the other hand, it is an interdisciplinary brainstorming meeting to bring researchers and other experts from different fields, regions and countries together for to discover innovations and new methods and to inspire international research projects as well as plans and applications.

The 2015 Calotte Academy will be organized between May 31 - June 7, 2015 in Rovaniemi, Salla and Inari, Finland; in Apatity and Murmansk, Russia; and in Kirkenes, Norway. The overarching theme is 'Resources and Security in the Globalized Arctic' with a particular regional focus on the Barents Sea area.

Program and Schedule

The proposed route and schedule is the following:

- Sun. 31.5. Rovaniemi: Reception by the City Administration of Rovaniemi (at 5/6 pm.)
- Mon. 1.6. Rovaniemi sessions at the Campus of ULapland, depart for Salla (at 6 pm.)
- Tues. 2.6. Salla session (morning), depart for Apatity via Alakurtti (at 12 am.)
- Wed. 3.6. Apatity sessions
- Thurs. 4.6. Depart for Kirkenes via Murmansk and Petsenga Nikel (at 9 am.)
- Fri. 5.6. Kirkenes sessions, depart for Inari via Skogforss and Neiden (at 6 pm.)
- Sat. 6.6. Inari sessions and visit at Siida
- Sun. 7.6. Depart for Rovaniemi (at 10 am.) and stop in Santa Claus Office

About the Theme

Resources, geopolitics, energy and security have a long history in shaping and impacting the Arctic region. These crucial themes have been extensively discussed in previous Calotte Academies as natural resources and their governance continue to play an important role in Arctic politics and security concerns. In addition, a wide range of interconnected issues and developments – climate change, globalization, region-building and devolution of power, large-scale utilization of non-renewable resources, the opening of new sea routes, and local and global environmental concerns, among others – also pose challenges and (security) concerns to Arctic states and nations, their economies and the fragile Arctic environment. These developments also have implications on the manners in which key concepts such as sovereignty, security and geopolitics as well as their referent objects are understood in the regional context and in broader academic debates.



We warmly welcome contributions that discuss the annual theme 'Resources and Security in the Globalized Arctic' equally from conceptual/theoretical or empirical perspectives; from different angles and within different disciplines; from the perspectives of past(s), present(s) and future(s); as well as at different scales and levels. The Calotte Academy 2015 will consist of presentations by established researchers and PhD candidates with different academic backgrounds in the sessions of different locations of this year's annual symposium.

About the Procedure

The Calotte Academy is structured so that there are academic sessions with scientific presentations and brainstorming discussion in each location, as well as a public session, based on invitations, in one or two of the locations. Since dialogue and application of science are the most important goals of the Calotte Academy, it is recommended to remember and apply the open-ended nature of a dialogue and how to cross disciplines, sectors and other borders. A fundamental precondition for this is to have time enough for questions, comments and open discussion as well as enough patience for listening to others' argumentation. Following from these principles, the sessions will be structured so that each presentation will be allocated altogether 40-45 minutes out of which 15 minutes (maximum) will be reserved for the presentation and the rest for questions and comments, and open discussion.

The 2015 Academy is also an interdisciplinary brainstorming meeting for scholars and other experts from different fields and disciplines all over the circumpolar North to discover innovations and new methods and to make plan and possible applications for international research project(s). The sessions of the 2015 Academy in each location will be devoted to certain themes / topics under the overarching theme: In the Rovaniemi sessions ...; in the Salla session...; in the session in Apatity ... will be presented and discussed; in the Murmansk sessions...; and finally, in the Inari sessions will be presented and discussed. There will also be a few short brainstorming meetings of the TN on Geopolitics and Security.

After the Calotte Academy, a Final Report including the abstracts, and main findings, highlights and ideas for potential research questions and projects of the 2015 Academy's sessions will be produced (see Final Report on Calotte Academy 2014 in address: www.nrf.is/calotteacademy). The Report will be written by the presenters / participants who will choose the themes and sessions which they want to report on during the Calotte Academy tour.

About the Calotte Academy

The Calotte Academy is an annual traveling symposium in Europe's North Calotte region and an international academic forum in the Arctic, designed first, to promote interdisciplinary discourse and the interplay between senior and young researchers, and post-graduate students; and second, to foster academic and policy-oriented dialogue among members of the research community, as well as a wide range of other northern stakeholders, such as policy-makers, civil servants, community leaders and planners. It is a "school of dialogue" and participatory by nature with an idea to share knowledge and experiences with communities. During the first 20 years the Academy has built partnerships between researchers and community members and does community-based research as well as develops research models for community-based research.



The Calotte Academy is also an interdisciplinary brainstorming meeting to bring researchers and other experts from different fields, regions and countries together for to discover innovations and new methods, and produce international research projects as well as plans and applications.

In each session of the 2015 Academy - in Rovaniemi, Salla and Inari, Finland, in Apatity, Russia, and in Kirkenes, Norway - the overarching theme "*Resources – Security*" will be discussed holistically from many angles and disciplinary approaches, and from the perspectives of past(s), present(s) and future(s). As well as the theme will be discussed from global, Arctic and local context in the European North and North Calotte. This was already done at the three previous Calotte Academies: in May 28 – June 4, 2012 in Kiruna and Abisko, Sweden, Tromsø, Norway and Inari, Finland under the theme "*Water – globally and in North Calotte*"; in May 16-23, 2013 in Rovaniemi and Inari, Finland, Tromsø, Norway and Kiruna, Sweden under the theme "*Resource Geopolitics – Energy Security*"; and (See Final Reports of Calotte Academy 2012, 2013 and 2014).

Arranged for the first time in 1991, the Calotte Academy is an international platform for policy-oriented dialogue and dissemination of research. As a traveling symposium with an emphasis on both expertise and dialogue it is a post-modern academic stage and workshop that fosters interdisciplinary, knowledge(s), and dialogue-building, and implements the interplay between science and politics. Since 2002 the Academy has served as a sub-forum for Open Assemblies of the Northern Research Forum. And since 2010 it has also functioned as the main annual forum for the discussions and research planning of the Thematic Network on Geopolitics and Security. The Network is a joint international, academic network between the University of the Arctic and the Northern Research Forum (see www.nrf.is/Thematic Network on Geopolitics and Security), and consequently, its senior and student members are potential contributors of the Calotte Academy and this project.

The Thematic Network publishes *The Arctic Yearbook*, the first Arctic Yearbook was launched in November 2012 and the newest one in November 2014 (see www.arcticyearbook.com). It is a major forum for dissemination of the main findings and highlights of the Calotte Academy and the outcomes of the project as well as further discussion on the themes. Via *The Arctic Yearbook* a state of Arctic geopolitics and security will be documented, analyzed and contributed. For more information on the Calotte Academy see www.nrf.is.

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