



Call for Papers Fifth Polar Law Symposium 2012

Date: 06 - 08 September 2012
Venue: Arctic Centre, Rovaniemi, Finland

Abstract deadline: 31 March 2012

Please send your abstracts (up to 200 words) to Dr Kamrul Hossain (khossain@ulapland.fi)

Registration: (to Raija Kivilahti raija.kivilahti@ulapland.fi): 15 June – 15 August 2012
Upon registration please inform us about your dietary needs and any other special requirements.

We are pleased to announce that the Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law (NIEM) at the Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland hosts the 5th Polar Law Symposium to be held on 6-8 September 2012. We invite researchers, faculty members, young scholars, jurists, post-graduate research students, policy makers, stakeholders and others interested to submit abstracts (up to 200 words).

Symposium theme

The theme covers a wide variety of topics relating to the Arctic and the Antarctic:

- human rights issues, such as autonomy and self-government, self-determination, indigenous rights to land and natural resources; cultural rights and heritage, traditional knowledge;
- local and national governance issues;
- environmental law, climate change and its environmental and security implications, protected areas and species;
- regulatory, governance and management agreements, arrangements for marine environment, marine mammals, fisheries conservation and other biological/mineral/oil resources;
- law of the sea, the retreating sea ice, continental shelf claims; territorial claims and border disputes on both land and at sea; peace and security, dispute settlement; transportation law;
- exploration, exploitation and shipping of oil, gas and minerals, bioprospecting - jurisdictional and other issues;
- trade law, potential shipping lines through the northwest and northeast passages;
- the roles and actual involvement of international organizations in the Polar regions, such as the Arctic Council, the European Union, the International Whaling Commission, the Nordic Council, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the United Nations, as well as NGOs.

We look forward to welcoming you in Rovaniemi coming September!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timo Koivurova".

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