



## ***ARCTIC ACADEMY FOR SUSTAINABILITY 2023***

### **Just Energy Transitions, Indigenous Rights and Stakeholder Engagement in the Arctic: Canadian Experiences and Perspectives**

**Prince George, Northern British Columbia  
22-26 May 2023**

CALL for APPLICATIONS from PHD and GRADUATE STUDENTS

We are pleased to announce the second Arctic Academy for Sustainability, a cutting-edge initiative incorporating a travelling interdisciplinary Summer School in northern British Columbia, Canada to be held May 22-26, 2023. The Academy is supported by a grant from the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and organized through the UArctic Thematic Network on Arctic Sustainable Resources and Social Responsibility

The course will provide students with a deeper understanding of the issues raised by the energy transition in the Arctic. Based on the Academy's traveling itinerary as well as its focal point – the energy transition and its socio-ecological corollaries in northern British Columbia – it offers a unique opportunity for analysing how the challenge of sustainability is being addressed in the region.

The Academy will focus on four salient and inter-related areas: (I) Energy and the Green Transition; (II) Indigenous Rights; (III) Stakeholder Engagement Principles and Processes; and (IV) Emerging Issues. The course will start in Prince George (Northern British Columbia) and includes guest lectures by international scholars (from Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Norway and the U.S.) on these themes, meetings with practitioners and local stakeholders, and poster presentations by all students selected for the Academy. Students will be able to interact and engage scholars from many disciplinary backgrounds and will have the opportunity to share and develop their knowledge with them. The program will include a Special Guest Lecture by Chief Joe Alphonse (T̓silhqot' in National Government) on Aboriginal Title. The second part of the course will be centred on a field visit to Fort St. John, with a visit to Doig River First Nation Reserve (in northeastern BC) to participate in, and experience [Doig Day](#), the annual cultural camp, which offers a window on decolonisation and an opportunity for cross-cultural learning. There will also be a visit to, and presentation on, the Tse'K'wa caves a unique archeological site with human

habitation going back over 10,000 years. Students will have the opportunity to discuss with local First Nation's managers land use planning, ecological grief, cumulative effects and sustainability issues in this region dominated by oil and gas and a new large hydroelectricity project.

The Academy is geared towards advanced Master's and Doctoral students and open to students from any part of the world with demonstrated interests in the Arctic and one or more themes of the Academy.

Students will be assessed based on a poster presentation of their research, a short reflective essay on the implications of the Academy week for their research, and the production of blog posts during the course. All students will receive a Certificate of Participation. European students requiring credit will be awarded 5 ECTS upon successful completion of the course. North American students will receive a course grade for a 3 SCH graduate level course; students choosing this option may register for a UNBC course or may enroll on a Letter of Permission from their home institution. Credit arrangements may also be made for students from other geographical areas as appropriate. Students are strongly encouraged to contact their study abroad office or academic department in advance to learn more about their credit transfer policy. The language of instruction is English. More details about the course methods of completion can also be found on our webpage.

A C\$100/75 Euro fee will be charged for participation in the Academy and payable upon acceptance into the course. All of other costs including transportation (to Prince George and locally during the Academy), accommodation, and meal expenses will be covered. The itinerary will begin in Prince George, Canada and from there students will travel together by bus through the region and will share accommodation during the entire event. When thinking about applying, please take these logistical issues into careful consideration. The bus travel and accommodation is organized by the Academy/UNBC.

Master's or Doctoral students who wish to be considered for the 2023 Academy must apply before the deadline of **January 15, 2023**. The application should contain a cover letter which outlines your research interests in the Arctic including which of the four themes identified above best reflects these interests (max 2 pages), a CV (max 2 pages) and an estimate of travel costs to and from Prince George, BC. The Scientific Committee will review all applications and notice of acceptance will be sent to applicants by January 31, 2023. All applications must be submitted to [ceyanna.meroniuk@unbc.ca](mailto:ceyanna.meroniuk@unbc.ca) with Arctic Academy Application in the subject line.

Further information on the programme can be found on our [webpage](#).

If you need any further information, please contact Professor Paul Bowles at [arcticacademy2023\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:arcticacademy2023(at)gmail.com)

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Photos from the first Academy held in Finland and Sweden in 2022.



Lectures at the Arctic Centre,  
University of Lapland, Finland



Tour of Kiruna mine, the world's  
largest underground iron ore mine,  
Sweden



Visiting the wind farm at Piteå, Sweden,  
site of over 1000 wind turbines