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BARENTS SUMMER SCHOOL 3 ECTS

Towards Sustainable Communities in the Barents Region

The Barents Summer School is a collaboration between the universities of Umeå, Oulu, Tromsø and Archangelsk. It started in 2014. In 2016 it is hosted by the University of Oulu. The interdisciplinary course “Towards Sustainable Communities” covers the complexity of sustainability of the communities in the Barents Region. The region is scarcely populated, with large uninhabited areas and a few densely populated cities together with towns and smaller villages. The area is rich in natural resources: oil, diamonds, minerals, forests and wild nature. Oulanka Research Station, located almost in the middle of the Barents Region, thus provides an excellent place for the Barents Summer School 2016.

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Department	Oulanka Research Station, Kuusamo, Finland
Date	August 1 st - 6 th 2016 (+travel day July 31 st)
Place	Oulanka, Kuusamo, Finland
Language	English
Number of participants	Maximum 10 PhD students from Umeå university.

In total 40 PhD students from University of Oulu, Finland, UiT, the Arctic University of Tromsø, Norway, and Northern State Medical University, Arkangelsk, Russia.

Form of teaching

All the students are expected to prepare in advance a short article and an oral presentation of their work, which will be presented during the summer school. The students have the responsibility to read and comment at least one article from a fellow student. The organizer will send instructions in due time before the course, and publish and distribute the articles in a form of proceedings (in electronic form).

Knowledge test

The final exam will be a short essay or a learning diary, which will be evaluated by the lecturers of the course.

Costs

The student expenses, such as travel and accommodation, will be covered by the programme.

Travel

Travel arrangements for Swedish participants (Sunday July 31st and Saturday August 6th) will be coordinated by Arcum.

Application

An application including a short (maximum 400 words) motivation why you want to join the course, signed by you and your supervisor, shall be sent to Lena Maria Nilsson, Research Coordinator, Arcum, no later than May 30st. email: lena.nilsson@umu.se)

Tentative programme

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Introduction to the theme	Sustainability and ecosystem services	Sustainable use of natural resources	Societies and sustainability	Sustainable Barents Region	Towards home
8:00	From Oulu to Oulanka	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
8:30		Keynotes	Keynotes	Student exercises	Keynotes	Departure for Oulu
9:30	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee
10:00		Keynotes	Keynotes	Keynotes	Student exercises	
11:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Arrival in Oulu at 13
12:00	Arrival in Oulanka Lunch Introductions	Student presentations	Student presentations	Visit to the City of Kuusamo and study sites along the road...	Keynotes Group work	
14:00	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	Coffee	
15:30	Introduction to the sustainability concept	Student presentations	Student presentations	... continues	Sum-up	
17:00	Dinner (Oulanka)	Dinner (Oulanka)	Dinner (Oulanka)	Dinner (Kuusamo)	Course Dinner (Oulanka)	
	Sauna and mingling	Field / group work	Sauna and mingling	Field / group work	Sauna and mingling	