

Arctic experts in the social sciences and humanities

14-15 May 2013 Sweden's chairmanship of the Arctic Council ends with a ministerial meeting in Kiruna. In connection to this there may be need of experts and scientists who knows about the Arctic in terms of society, politics, security, adaptation to climate change, regional and industrial development, exploitation of natural resources, and other current topics.

In the list below, we have brought together researchers in the social sciences and humanities, and together they cover many current Arctic issues. They are all part of the research programme *Mistra Arctic Futures in a Global Context*, funded by Mistra and hosted by the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat. Read more at www.arcticfutures.se.

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- The definition of the Arctic as a northern region
- Society and the forest industry adaptation to climate and socio-economic change and extreme weather events
- How do Arctic states and regions adapt?

Dieter Müller

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- Labour market issues in regional development: Mining or tourism?
- Sustainable tourism development in regions with high environmental values
- Sami tourism entrepreneurs

Albina Pashkevich

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- Socio-economic development in northern Sweden and Russian Arctic
- Indigenous entrepreneurs in Arctic regions
- Gender aspects of tourism development in the Arctic

Suzanne de la Barre (English speaking)

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- Social and cultural capital as part of sustainable development
- Development in Canada and Sweden's northern regions
- The contribution of tourism to the economic diversity in the Arctic

Sverker Sörlin

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- What voices and movements have influenced the Arctic historically and today?
- Policy for science, environment and climate change in the Arctic
- What is a positive development for the Arctic?
- How can decision makers understand and learn the mechanisms that drive the development of a region?

Nina Wormbs

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- What is the role of technical progress in a future Arctic?
- What scenarios the people in the Arctic expect?
- What can we learn from past visions on the Arctic's future?

Annika Nilsson

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- The relationships between science, politics and policy
- International politics and environmental change
- Resilience

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- Environment and society in a changing Arctic
- Connections between science, natural resource exploitation, policy and security
- Exploitation and industrial development in the Arctic in a historical perspective

Tore Söderqvist

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- When the Arctic's natural resources becomes more accessible to exploitation, how should this be handled in the best sustainable manner, for the economy and for the environment?
- Economic valuation of environmental and ecosystem services
- Consistency and multi-criteria of sustainable development

Gerda Kinell

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- Improved decision support and analytical models for the sustainable management of Arctic natural resources
- Economic valuation of environmental and ecosystem services
- Socioeconomic impact assessment

Scott Cole

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- Analytical support for environmental decision with economic impact
- Environmental impact assessments with an economic perspective
- Expertise in interdisciplinary methods to evaluate the cost of environmental damage and subsequent compensatory measures

Neil Melvin

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- Peaceful development in the Arctic based on political, military and economic cooperation

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- Emerging safety issues in the Arctic, particularly around Canada and the U.S.
- Military development in the Arctic region
- Canada's future presidency of the Arctic Council

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- Russian foreign and security policy in the Arctic
- Russian domesticated policy in its Arctic territory
- Russian perceptions of other states in the Arctic

Linda Jakobson

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- China's growing interest in the Arctic
- Japan, Korea, India and other Asian States' relationship with Arctic states and interest in the Arctic region