

# PROGRAMME

## HIGH NORTH DIALOGUE 2015

Arctic in a Global Perspective

*“Arctic Business & Security”*

*High North Centre for Business and Governance, Business School, University of Nordland*

### Wednesday, March 18th: at the University of Nordland, Knut Hamsun (A1)

- 09:00 – 09:30      *Registration*
- 09:30 - 10:20      **Welcome, introduction and practical information**  
Moderator: **Frode Mellemvik**, Director and Professor, High North Center, Business School at University of Nordland  
  
Rector **Pål Pedersen**, University of Nordland  
Dean **Bjørn Olsen**, Business School, University of Nordland  
Mayor of Nordland County, **Sonja Steen**, Nordland County
- 10:20 – 11:00      **Session 1: Opening**  
  
Moderator: **Frode Mellemvik**, Director High North Center  
  
**Bård Glad Pedersen**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway  
  
**Artur Wilczynski**, Canadian Ambassador to Norway  
  
**Mikhail Noskov**, Russian Federation Consul General in Kirkenes.
- 11:00 - 11:30      Moderator: **Frode Mellemvik**, Director High North Center  
Presentation of the book: **“International Arctic Petroleum Cooperation. Barents Sea Scenarios”**, by Professor **Anatoli Bourmistrov**, Business School, University of Nordland
- 11:30 – 12:30      *Lunch*
- 12:30 – 14.00      **Session 2: International Law & Business (Shipping) session**  
Arctic development is dependent on governance regimes, operating frameworks and international law. How do the different actors adhere to these existing regimes? Which disputes exist, and what is the future conflict potential? And how well are current frameworks suited for the specificities of Arctic operations?

Moderator: **Malte Humpert**, Executive Director, The Arctic Institute ([www.thearcticinstitute.org](http://www.thearcticinstitute.org))

- **Michael Byers**, Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver Canada: *“Arctic Straits: Russia/Canada vs USA”*.
- **Willy Østreng**, Norwegian Academy of Polar Research: *“The Northern Sea Route: A Double Legal Challenge?”*
- **Aki Tonami**, Researcher, Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, University of Copenhagen: *“East Asia and Arctic Shipping: An overview & the role of regional ports”*.
- **Felix Tschudi**, Chairman and owner, Tschudi group. Business Perspective.

14:10 – 14:40

**Session 3: Who owns the North Pole? Understanding Denmark's submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf.**

Moderator: **Michael Byers**, Canada Research Chair in Global Politics and International Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver Canada

- **Christian Marcussen**, Senior Adviser, Geophysicist, Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland (GEUS)

14:40 – 15:10

*Coffee break*

15:10 – 16:40

**Session 4: Arctic economic and political cooperation: Between global and regional driving forces**

The expanding scope of regional political and economic cooperation in the Arctic over the past 20 years has been remarkable. Multilateral actions, such as the Ilulissat Declaration of 2008 and the binding agreements on search and rescue and oil spill preparedness negotiated under the auspices of the Arctic Council have served to counteract the notion that the Arctic was ungoverned and the imminent site of geopolitical – or, worse, military – conflict.

The 2013 welcoming of major Asian powers into the Arctic Council as permanent observers was an important gesture on behalf of the Arctic states, indicating an understanding of the importance of the Arctic to non-regional actors. In other words, the Arctic is not a region apart. It is also influenced by – and influences – global politics and frameworks.

This panel will discuss evolving cooperation/coordination and current challenges in the Arctic Council, the Arctic Economic Council, and amongst business and firms active in the extractive industries.  
How is economic and political cooperation/coordination in the Arctic affected by global driving forces and issues?

How will key economic and political forums develop further in the near and medium-term future?

Moderator: **Elana Wilson Rowe**, Senior Research Fellow, NUPI and High North Center, UiN

- **Mia Bennett**, PhD candidate, UCLA, *"The changing shape of the Arctic Region"*
- **Terry Fenge**, Senior Policy Advisor, Arctic Athabaskan Council: *"The Arctic Council now and in the Future"*.
- **Erling Kvadsheim**, Director, environment and industry policy, Norsk Olje & Gass
- **Emma Wilson**, Energy Team Leader, Sustainable Markets Group, International Institute for Environment and Development: *"Rights and responsibilities: Implementing international CSR standards in oil and gas projects in the Russian North"*.

16:45 – 17:45      **"High North Hero" lecture: Arctic Race of Norway – an adventure!**  
**Knut-Eirik Dybdal**, Director Nordic and Managing Director Arctic Race of Norway

17:45 – 19:15      *Dinner at the University Kantine*

19:20                Buses to city center – to Stormen concert Hall

**20:00**                ***Cultural event – classical piano concert with Håkon Austbø in Stormen.***

### **Thursday, March 19th: at the University of Nordland, Knut Hamsun (A1)**

08:00 - 08:30      *Registration for Day two*

08:30 – 09:00      **Opening of day 2**  
Moderator: Rector **Pål Pedersen**, University of Nordland  
**Bjørn Haugstad**, State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Research

09:00 – 09:45      **Key Note Speech with Q&A**  
**Laurence Smith**, Visiting Professor UiN, Professor and Chair of Geography, UCLA; Author, "The New North", USA – *"Arctic opportunities and challenges"*.

09:50 – 11:20      **Session 5: Security in the High North**

Security in the High North has multiple dimensions, ranging from traditional hard security to the softer dimensions of human security. How does the perception of Arctic security differ amongst the northern countries? How are Arctic states investing in capabilities and preparedness? And what does this entail for Arctic cooperation?

Moderator: Andreas Østhagen, Coordinator of Security and Defence in Northern Europe (SNE), Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies (IFS)

Introduction: **Norway and security in the High North:**

- **Håkon Tronstad**, Rear Admiral, Deputy Commander Norwegian Joint Headquarters, Norwegian Armed Forces

Question: **what defines the country's approach to security in the Arctic?**

- USA: **Heather A. Conley**, Senior Vice President and Director of Europe Program, Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC
- Russia: **Alexander Sergunin**, Professor of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University
- Denmark/Greenland: **Kristian Sjøby Kristensen**, Director, Centre for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen
- Canada: **Michael Byers**, Professor, University of British Columbia
- Norway: **Frode Nilssen**, Professor, University of Nordland/SARINOR

11:20 – 12:20

*Lunch*

12:20 – 13:45

**Session 6: Asia's Arctic Engagement: Does the North Really Matter to Asia?**

This panel examines the importance of the Arctic to East Asian actors, in particular China, Japan and South Korea. Although the arrival of Asian oil and shipping companies, icebreakers, economic partnerships, scientists and naval military policies have received much attention in the Arctic countries, actually how important is the Arctic in the broader Asian foreign policy picture? Are Western actors exaggerating Asian interest in the Arctic, and if so, what prompted this process? To answer this question, it is necessary to examine both the specifics of Asia's developing Arctic policies, as well as the ways in which Asia's presence in the Arctic has been 'magnified'. Examples of these ways include increased bilateral contacts between Arctic and Asian governments, and also through multilateral mechanisms, especially via the Arctic Council and various Track II groups, which are playing catch-up with the idea of

the Far North as an international sphere, with Asian governments taking the lead on redefining the Arctic identity as global rather than regional.

Moderator: **Indra Øverland**, Senior Researcher, Head of Research Group for Russia, Eurasia and the Arctic, NUPI

- **Lee, Byug-Hwa**, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Norway (invited)
- **Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen** – Professor, Barents Chair in Politics, University of Tromsø: *“The Arctic nexus in Asian-Nordic+ Relations”*
- **Ping Su**, Assistant Professor, Tongji University, Shanghai, China: *“Long term cooperation: China's involvement in the Arctic affair”*
- **Marc Lanteigne** – Senior Research Fellow, NUPI, *“Not Stopping Cold: The Formalisation of China's Arctic Policies”*
- **Wrenn Yennie Lindgren**, Junior Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI): *“Japan's Arctic Engagement”*.

13:45 – 15:05

### **Session 7: Oil and Gas Resources**

The world demand for energy will increase significantly in the future, and oil and gas will play an important role in the energy mix for decades to come. Large part of the remaining petroleum resources are located in arctic areas. This session will address the challenges and opportunities in exploring and extracting these resources in a sustainable way.

Moderator: **Petter Nore**, Chief Energy Analyst, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Associate Professor, High North Center, UiN

- **Nathan Frisbee**, International Energy Agency (IEA), *“Arctic Oil and Gas in a global energy outlook”*
- **Torstein Sanness**, Managing Director, Lundin Norway *“Norway perspective”*
- **Børre Paaske**, Group Leader for Safety Risk Management, DNV GL Oil & Gas, *“Risks/Technology needs”*
- **Karen Sund**, Partner, Sund Energy

15:05 – 15:20

*Coffee break*

15:20 – 16:50

### **Session 8: Fast-Changing High North**

The Arctic is changing fast. Climate change is especially prominent in this region, leading to ecosystem changes, increased accessibility and new business opportunities. The presentations will explore future possibilities for shipping, fish farming, petroleum and tourism. Further, implications of change for the people living in the North will be addressed. What are the societal consequences, benefits and costs? The

session aims at indicating likely development patterns for “the new Arctic”.

Moderator: **Jan Gunnar Winther**, Director Norwegian Polar Institute

- Climate: **Kristin Halvorsen**, Director, CICERO
- Shipping: **Hanna Lee Behrens**, Director security, environment and innovation, Norwegian Shipowners’ Association
- Fisheries – fish farming: **Geir Ove Ystmark**, CEO, Norwegian Seafood Federation
- Industry, People, Barents cooperation: **Claus Bergersen**, Adviser, Barents Secretariat in Kirkenes
- Energy: **Runi Hansen**, Head of Arctic Unit, Statoil
- Tourism: **Daniel Skjeldam**, CEO Hurtigruten

**16:55 – 17:25**

**Session 9: Former students - mentor**

**Moderator: Bård Borch Michalsen**, Senior Information Advisor, High North Center

- **Ekaterina Sukharchenko**, Procurement specialist for environmental solutions business unit, Schlumberger
- **Elin Østensen**, Marine Aluminium
- **Johan Snefugli Røe**, Gas Revenue Accountant, ConocoPhillips - Norway Finance – Revenue & Asset
- **Magnus Gudim**, Consultant Estimation and Risk Management, Statnett SF

**17:25 – 17:40**

**Summing up HND2015 - Arctic Business & Security**

**Anne Kari Ovind**, Deputy Director General, Head of Department for Security Policy and the High North, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway

17:40 – 17:50

Wrap up HND2015 – Information about High North Dialogue 2016

17:50 – 18.00

Bus to city center and to the airport – transport to the airport at other times may be arranged.