PEOPLE AT

High North Dialogue

Innovations in the Arctic

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Staff

FRODE MELLEMVIK

DIRECTOR

High North Center for Business and Governance

Frode Mellemvik is a Professor and PhD, and has written a number of books and articles within the fields of accounting, management, government, education, research and industry cooperation. Several of his topics are directly related to the High North. Mellemvik has worked at academic institutions in both Europe and the United States. He is an Honorary Doctor and Honorary Professor at several universities.

ANDREAS RASPOTNIK

SENIOR RESEARCHER

High North Center for Business and Governance / The Arctic Institute

Andreas Raspotnik is the project leader for the AlaskaNor Project at the High North Center and a Senior Fellow and Leadership Group member at The Arctic Institute. Further research includes, among others, the European Union's interests in the Arctic. His book on The European Union and the Geopolitics of the Arctic was published by Edward Elgar in January 2018.

ANDREAS ØSTHAGEN

RESEARCH FELLOW

Fridtjof Nansen Institute / The Arctic Institute

Andreas Østhagen, from North Norway, is a research fellow at the Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) in Oslo, while also obtaining his PhD at the University of British Columbia with Professor Michael Byers as his supervisor. He is additionally affiliated with the High North Center at Nord University in Bodø, as well as The Arctic Institute in Washington D.C. Østhagen works on aspects pertaining to geopolitics and security of the Arctic, with a particular emphasis on maritime boundaries, resources and conflict management at sea.

BÅRD BORCH MICHALSEN

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

The Arctic University of Norway

Michalsen is currently working as an Associate Professor at The Arctic University of Norway (UiT). Besides working as an Associate Professor, he is a Project Advisor at the High North Center. Michalsen has a cand. polit degree from the University of Bergen, and has primarily experience from the Media Industry.

TRINE JONASSEN

COMMUNICATION ADVISER

High North Center for Business and Governance

Trine Jonassen is the communication adviser at the High North Center for Business and Governance. She studied journalism at Nord University and has her background from media. She is an experienced columnist and photographer.

ELENA DYBTSYNA

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Nord University Business School

Elena Dybtsyna holds a position of Associate Professor in Business Administration at Nord University Business School and the High North Center for Business and Governance. She is also Program Coordinator for the Joint MSc Degree in Energy Management. She has a PhD from Bodø Graduate School of Business. Dybtsyna is academic coordinator of the Master course "High North Dialogue: International perspectives on business and governance in the High North" and the PhD course "Governance in the High North: Implications for Arctic private and public sector", both of which are organized in connection with High North Dialogue conference.

ELENA ZHUROVA

ADVISER

High North Center for Business and Governance

Elena was born and raised in Saint Petersburg, Russia and graduated from Baltic State Technical University. She has diverse work experience from the fields of consulting and education. Elena holds a PhD in Business Economics from Nord University.
She now works as an adviser at the High North Center for Business and Governance, Nord University.

ANDREY KAZAKOV

PROJECT MANAGER / ADVISER

High North Center for Business and Governance

Andrey Kazakov is Advisor and Project Manager at the High North Center for Business and Governance, Nord University. Here he works with projects connected to cooperation between Norway and Russia in the fields of research, education and business. Kazakov has extensive experience of doing business in Russia since 1996, including seven years (from 2003 till 2010) of work as business consultant running projects for Russian and foreign companies.

ANDERS C. EDSTRØM

ADVISER
High North Center for Business and Governance

Anders Edstrøm is an adviser at the High North Center for Business and Governance. He recently graduated from the Joint MSc Degree in Energy Management from Bodø Graduate School of Business and MGIMO, Russia. He wrote his master thesis at East China Normal University (ECNU) in Shanghai.

Wednesday 3rd of April 2019

Welcome to High North Dialogue 2019

EIRIK SIVERTSEN

HEAD OF THE STORTING'S DELEGATION
FOR ARCTIC PARLAMENTARY COOPERATION

Eirik Sivertsen is a Norwegian Member of Parliament representing the Labor Party and the County of Nordland. Sivertsen was elected to parliament the first time in 2009 and was re-elected in 2013 and 2017. In 2013 Sivertsen was elected Chair of the Norwegian parliament's delegation to the Arctic Parliamentary Cooperation. Since 2014 he has chaired the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region, and was re-elected to this position at the Arctic parliamentary conference in Finland in September 2018. In the Norwegian parliament he serves as Second Vice-Chair of the Committee on Local Government and Public Administration.

HANNE SOLHEIM HANSEN

RECTOR
Nord University

Hanne Solheim Hansen (56) has entered her 24th year in service of Nord University. The first chapter of this story was written in 1995 when she started as Associated Professor at the University College of Nord-Trøndelag (HiNT). Since then, she has held the position of dean, deputy rector, program director, deputy rector for education, and now as acting rector for Nord University. Hanne was born and raised in Nysted, Lolland in Demark. She moved to Norway at an early age of 23, and is currently living in Steinkjer, Norway.

Opening Speech

ERNA SOLBERG

PRIME MINISTER OF NORWAY AND CO-CHAIR OF
THE HIGH LEVEL PANEL FOR A SUSTAINABLE OCEAN ECONOMY

Erna Solberg was born in Bergen in 1961. She led the Bergen Conservative Youth organization from 1980, and was elected to parliament in 1989. Between 2001 and 2005, she served as the minister of local government and regional development. Now in her second period as the Prime Minister of Norway, she came to power after the elections in 2013. She is also chair of the High-level Panel for Sustainable Ocean Economy.

Sustainable Blue Economy

LIV MONICA STUBHOLT

PARTNER
Selmer Law Firm

Liv Monica Stubholt has more than 20 years of experience with negotiations, strategy- and business development as well as change process management within the energy sector and environmental technologies. In addition to her practice as a lawyer, she has held management positions in the Norwegian holding company Aker ASA, as well as been state secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy. Stubholt has a solid understanding of the energy and seafood sector, and its regulation by central authorities. In addition the High North, Arctic, European Economic Area as well as the European Union are all fields of her expertise.

VIDAR HELGESEN

NORWAY'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE OCEAN

Vidar Helgesen (born 21 November 1968) currently serves as Norway's Special Envoy for the Ocean. Prior to this, Helgesen was Minister of Climate and the Environment (2015-2018), Minister of EEA and EU Affairs (2013-2015) and Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Erna Solberg (2013-2015). Helgesen was Secretary-General of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance from 2005 to 2013 and State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2001 to 2005. He graduated from the University of Oslo with a Master of Law.

BJØRN OTTO SVERDRUP

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
Equinor

Bjørn Otto Sverdrup is Equinor's Senior Vice President for Sustainability and member of the management committee in the Global Strategy and Business Development business area. Sverdrup has extensive leadership experience in Equinor (formerly Statoil). Since 2007 he has been a Vice President and member of several of Equinor's top Management Committees, including Exploration and Development Norway, Development and Production International and most recently for the company's North American operations in Houston, Texas. Following the 2011 terrorist attacks in Norway, Sverdrup served as chief of staff for the government-appointed commission investigating the attacks.

TERO VAURASTE

CHAIR
Arctic Economic Council

Tero Vauraste serves as Chair of the Arctic Economic Council (AEC), an independent organization established in 2014 that facilitates Arctic business-to-business activities and responsible economic development through the sharing of best practices, technological solutions, standards, and other information. The AEC promotes free trade and provides advice and a business perspective to the work of the Arctic Council. Vauraste's educational background includes a Master of Science in Risk, Crises and Disaster Management from Leicester University and a naval officer exam from the Finnish Naval Academy

NINA JENSEN

CEO
REV Ocean

Nina Jensen is the CEO of REV Ocean, aiming to improve understanding and search for more sustainable and environmentally responsible solutions for the world's oceans. She started this position in 2018 after 15 years in World Wildlife Fund Norway (WWF), CEO since 2012. Jensen has a burning commitment and passion for oceans, conservation and sustainable solutions. She holds a Master's degree in Marine Biology from the University of Fishery Science in Tromsø, and has a background in communications and marketing from Ogilvy and Mather.

Blue Business in the Arctic

INGELIN NORESJØ

EXECUTIVE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Nordland County Government

Ingelin Noresjø is a politician in Christian People's Party (KrF) from Fauske. She is now the Executive of Economic Development for Nordland County and has previously been the county administrator for culture. Noresjø was recently proposed as the second deputy chairman of KrF before the party's national congress in July. Noresjø graduated from the University of Nordland with an MBA with specialization in management in the public sector and change management. She has been a parliamentary candidate for KrF and has also been employed as the county secretary and organizational advisor for the party.

MEAD TREADWELL

LT. GOVERNOR (2010-2014)
Alaska, USA

Mead Treadwell was the 11th Lieutenant Governor of Alaska (2010-2014) and Chair of the US Arctic Research Commission (2006-2010) under Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama. In advancing Arctic cooperation and sustainable development, he chairs the satellite firm Iridium's Polar Advisory Board, co-chairs the Washington, DC based Woodrow Wilson Center's Polar Initiative, chairs the Iceland-based Arctic Circle's Mission Council on Shipping and Ports, and is a member of the International Advisory Board of the UK-based Polar Research and Policy Initiative. In business, he is principal at Treadwell Development, a investment and advisory firm helping to establish Arctic infrastructure projects in energy and transportation.

AILI KESKITALO

PRESIDENT OF THE SAMI PARLIAMENT OF NORWAY

Aili Keskitalo is the fifth President of the Sami Parliament of Norway. She represents the Norwegian Sámi Association (NSR), and was elected from the district of Ávjovárri. In 2005, she became the first female President of any Sami Parliament, and served for two years. Later in 2013, she once more assumed the presidency. She holds a Master in Public Administration from the Copenhagen Business School.

OTTO GREGUSSEN

SECREATARY GENERAL
Norwegian Fishermen's Association

Otto Gregussen is originally from Bodø, and has had several roles in business and politics on a national level. He was political advisor, state secretary and Minister of Fisheries from 1992 to 2001. Gregussen has led the Norwegian Seafood Federation, Norshell and the Norwegian Fishermen's Sales Organization for Pelagic Fish. He has also been the regional director of the Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise (NHO) in Trøndelag, and led the Directorate of Fisheries in Trøndelag.

ANDREY KRIVOROTOV

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Shtokman Development AG

Andrey K. Krivorotov was born in 1964 in Moscow. He holds degrees in international economics and civil law. His career record includes diplomatic missions in Spitsbergen and Oslo (Norway), the Russian parliament and Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. Since 1997, he has worked in the petroleum industry or journalism, including Gazprom since 2003 and Shtokman Development AG since 2008. His main interests include social and economic development of the High North (with a strong focus on Russia and Norway), oil and gas industry in Russia and the Caspian region, Arctic shelf development.

TORSTEIN DALE SJØTVEIT

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN
Empower New Energy AS

Torstein Dale Sjøtveit was the Group Chief Executive Officer of Sarawak Energy Berhad (SEB), in the State of Sarawak, Malaysia, between 2009 and 2017. SEB is a fully integrated State-owned utility company, responsible for development, generation, transmission, distribution, and retail of electricity, to serve 600,000 industrial, commercial and domestic customers throughout Sarawak. Prior to SEB, Sjøtveit was the President & CEO of Europe's biggest shipbuilding group, Aker Yards. Previous to Aker, Sjøtveit held various executive management positions at Norsk Hydro, the last position Sjøtveit held in Hydro was Executive Vice President and member of Corporate Management with responsibility for global upstream business from Bauxite via Alumina and smelters to casthouses and remelters. Sjøtveit holds a number of directorships and Advisory roles.

Blue Economic Growth

PETTER NORE

PROFESSOR
High North Center / Nord University Business School

Currently, Petter Nore is working both as a senior consultant at Norad and as a professor at Nord University. Nore has previously worked as a Senior Advisor for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Until the end of 2013, he was Director of the Energy Department and Oil for Development (OFD) initiative in Norad. Nore has broad experience from the Norwegian and international petroleum sector, and previous positions include being President of Hydro Russia, Senior Energy Economist in the World Bank's Energy Division, as well as Division Chief in the Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy.

JAN-GUNNAR WINTHER

DIRECTOR
Center for the Ocean and the Arctic

Jan-Gunnar Winther earned his PhD from the Norwegian Institute of Technology in 1993. From 2005, he was the Director of the Norwegian Polar Institute. Winther also worked as an Adjunct Professor at the University Centre in Svalbard from 2002-2007. Winther serves on a number of national and international committees and delegations including deputy chair of the Norwegian Government`s Expert Committee on Northern Regions Policies.

SIRI ESPEDAL KINDEM

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS NORTH
Equinor

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MARIUS YTTERSTAD

CEO
Ytterstad Fiskeriselskap

Marius Ytterstad is the CEO of the family owned fishing company founded in 1907. Located in Lødingen, the company, amongst other activities, runs and own the three purse seiners, M/S M.Ytterstad, M/S Rødholmen and M/S Svensgam. Ytterstad is the chairman of the northern chapter of the Norwegian fishing vessel owner association, board member of the Norwegian fishing vessel owner association, and Norges Sildesalgslag.

SUZANNE LALONDE

PROFESSOR
University of Montreal

Suzanne Lalonde is a Professor of Public International Law and the Law of the Sea at the Law Faculty of the Université de Montréal and a research associate with the ArcticNet network of excellence in Canada. She holds a B.A. from the University of Ottawa, an LL.B. from Queen's University and a Ph.D. in Public International Law from the University of Cambridge. Her research and publications focus on core international legal principles with a particular emphasis on the Arctic. She was the Canadian member of the International Law Association Committee. She is also co-editor of the journal Ocean Development and International Law.

ANU FREDRIKSON

DIRECTOR
Arctic Economic Council

Anu Fredrikson has previously worked with foreign and security policy, issues related to energy and economy, climate and development policies as well as the Arctic. Prior to joining the Arctic Economic Council (AEC), Fredrikson worked as an Advisor in Political Affairs and Arctic Policy at the Embassy of Finland in Oslo. Fredrikson is originally from Oulu, Finland. She has a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Tampere in Finland and holds a Certificat d'Etudes Politiques from Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Lille in France. She has also studied in the United States and Norway.

Arctic Transport and Infrastructure

MALTE HUMPERT

FOUNDER AND SENIOR FELLOW
The Arctic Institute

Malte Humpert is a Senior Fellow and Founder of The Arctic Institute. In addition to providing strategic direction for the organization, his research focuses on Arctic geopolitics, Northern Sea Route shipping and shipping scenarios, and China's political and economic interests in the region. Humpert also works as an energy consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank, where he assesses countries' energy sectors, describes their legal and regulatory framework, and issues policy recommendations.

KJELL STOKVIK

MANAGING DIRECTOR
Centre for High North Logistics

Kjell Stokvik is the Managing Director of the Centre for High North Logistics (CHNL) with their headquarter located in Kirkenes, Norway. Stokvik has previously worked with finance, logistics, foreign policy issues related to humanitarian aid and development aid. He have also gained experience managing NGO's in complexed relief operations both in the field and at the headquarter. Prior to joining the CHNL Stokvik worked as Humanitarian director for CARE International in Oslo. Stokvik is originally from Leknes in Lofoten, Norway He has a Master's degree in Business and Administration from the Nord University in Bodø Norway. He has also studied in Sweden and at other universities in Norway.

BENT-OVE JAMTLI

GENERAL DIRECTOR
Joint Rescue Coordination Center of North Norway

Bent-Ove Jamtli has a background from The Norwegian Air Force as a Fighter Controller, and has held several staff and command positions. He studied at the Norwegian Air Force Academy from 1983 to 1986. He has an Executive Course from the Norwegian Defense University College from 2011, as well as a Masters' degree from 2012 in Political Science from the University of Nordland, Bodø. Today, he is General Director for the Joint Rescue Center of North-Norway.

ANDREAS HILDENBRAND

COMMANDER / PROGRAM DIRECTOR
EUROPEAN SECURITY SEMINAR NORTH
German Navy / George S. Marshall Center

Andreas Hildenbrand is a military Professor in the College of International and Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. He has been the deputy director of the Program in Applied Security Studies, the Center's largest and most comprehensive resident program, for several years. Since 2018, he is the program director of the Center's newest resident program, the European Security Seminar North. His primary focus is Arctic security policy, security implications of climate and environmental changes, the European Security and Defense Policy, as well as modern leadership and gender related topics. Between 2009 and 2017 he was a member of the Partnership for Peace Consortium Educators Working Group and as well the combined Educators and Security Sector Reform Working Group that wrote a handbook on Teaching Gender in the Military.

LISE KRISTIANSEN FALSKOW

PRESIDENT / CEO
Alaska World Affairs Council

Lise Kristiansen Falskow was born and raised in Alaska from parents who immigrated from Norway. She holds a degree in Economics and Accounting from Claremont McKenna College. She worked as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Seattle, Washington and Zurich, Switzerland. She then helped establish a Financial Analyst Group for the Energy Division of Norse Hydro in Oslo, Norway. As a dual Norwegian and US Citizen, her interest in world cultures has taken her to many exciting places, including her return to Anchorage, Alaska where she is the Royal Norwegian Honorary Consul for Alaska and the President and CEO of the Alaska World Affairs Council. Falskow has a passion for sports and music including playing the piano at various events and participating in Ironman Triathlon Competitions.

ELISE CHEN

MANAGING DIRECTOR
Norwegian Chinese Chamber of Commerce

Elise Chen has more than 25 years of international experience with a special focus on cooperation between Norway and China. She was chairman of the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce (NCCC) for eight years, and is currently Managing Director of NCCC. She also works in Schjødt Law Firm as China Desk Manager, focusing on marketing and communication work, including assistance to authorities and organizations involved in Norwegian / Chinese business development. She has been strongly engaged in cultural cooperation between Norway and China since the 90s and has led a number of projects in this field. She was the initiator and producer of the Chinese Culture Festival in Norway established in 2004.

Conference Dinner

ROLF KÅRE JENSEN
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Bodø Municipality

Rolf Kåre Jensen is the Chief Administrative Officer of Bodø Municipality.

Thursday 4th of April 2019

Perspectives from Mary Simon, High North Hero 2018

MARY SIMON
HIGH NORTH HERO 2018

High North Hero of 2018, Mary Simon, is a Canadian Inuk, born in Kangiqsualujjuaq in Arctic Quebec in Canada. Throughout her life, she has worked tirelessly for the development of indigenous affairs. She has fought to improve social and economic Arctic policy and has been commitment to raising international awareness of the High North. Simon was also one of the driving forces behind establishing the Arctic Council.

High North Scenarios

ANATOLI BOURMISTROV
PROFESSOR
Nord University Business School

Anatoli Bourmistrov holds a position of Professor, and is Head of the Department of Economic Analysis and Accounting at Nord University Business School. He is also project manager at the High North Center for Business and Governance. He has a Master of Science degree in Space Technology from Baltic State Technical University, a degree in Business Administration from Bodø Graduate School of Business, and a PhD from NHH – Norwegian School of Economics.

Business Index North

ERLEND BULLVÅG

DEAN
Nord University Business School

Erlend Bullvåg is educated within Economy and Engineering. He has worked with social analysis for many years, and holds lectures within areas such as entrepreneurship and innovational management at Nord University. He is currently working closely with the Business Index North project, Nord University.

Regional Economic Development

ELANA WILSON ROWE

SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW / ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) /
High North Center

Elana Wilson Rowe is a Senior Research Fellow at NUPI and an Adjunct Professor at Nord University. She holds a PhD in Geography/Polar Studies from the University of Cambridge (2006). Her areas of expertise include international relations in the Arctic, science and expert knowledge in global governance, climate politics and Russian foreign and northern policy. She is head of the Research group on emerging powers and international development at NUPI.

ANN KARIN OLLI

STATE SECREATARY
Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Modernization

Ann Karin Olli has been State Secretary for the Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Modernization since 2014. Until 2014, she was the Mayor of Måsøy municipality, representing the Conservative Party. Olli is a trained nurse, and she worked as a nurse and leader before becoming Mayor. Olli has chaired the Conservative Party's Sami Policy Committee. She was the First Substitute Member for Finnmark Conservative Party in Parliament between 2009 to 2013.

ANDERS OSKAL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry

Anders Oskal is the Executive Director of International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry. As a reindeer herding Sámi from Northern Norway with a Business Degree, Oskal has worked extensively with indigenous issues, innovation and business development on international and national levels. Oskal represents the Association of World Reindeer Herders at the Arctic Council, is a Board Member of the Arctic Economic Council, and a co-author of the fifth Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report. Oskal also takes part in his family's reindeer herding.

GRETE HOVELSRUD

PROFESSOR / RESEARCHER / VICE PRESIDENT

Nord University / Nordland Research Institute and CICERO / Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research

Grete Hovelsrud is Professor in Environmental Sociology, Nord University, Bodø, Norway. She is an arctic anthropologist focusing on interdisciplinary studies of adaptation to changing climatic and societal conditions. She has extensive fieldwork experience from communities and primary sectors, such as fisheries, agriculture, reindeer herding, aquaculture, and municipalities in the Arctic and sub-Arctic. She has led several long-term research projects and published extensively in scientific peer reviewed journals and books. Hovelsrud is the new president of the Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research.

BENEDICTE SOLAS

ADVISOR TO THE CEO

The Norwegian Oil and Gas Association

Benedicte Solaas is working as advisor to the CEO, and has previously held the position as industry policy advisor in the Norwegian Oil and Gas Association. Solaas also has experience from Nordland County Council, the North Norway European Office in Brussels and the Institute of World Economy and International Relations in Moscow. Solaas holds an international double award MA in international relations from University of Kent, UK and Higher School of Economics in Moscow, Russia and holds a BA in political science from the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim and Sciences Po Toulouse, France.

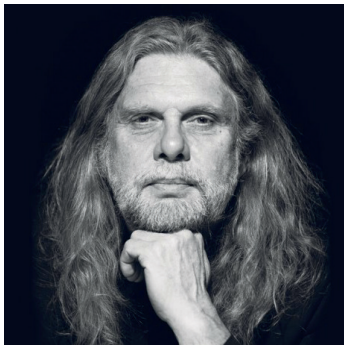
MICHAEL SFRAGA

DIRECTOR

Polar Institute and the Wilson Center

Mike Sfraga is the director of the Polar Institute and the Global Risk and Resilience Program at the Wilson Center. As a geographer, his work is focused on the changing Arctic and Antarctic landscapes, Arctic policy, and the impacts and implications of a changing climate on social and political regimes in the Arctic. Sfraga previously served as Vice Chancellor at the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) and associate dean in the UAF School of Natural Resources and Extension. He also serves as Co-Director of the University of the Arctic's Institute for Arctic Policy, he is an affiliate faculty member at the International Arctic Research Center at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Sfraga served as board member and chairman of the Institute of the North.

Ambassadors' Panel



ARNE O. HOLM

SPECIAL ADVISOR / CHIEF EDITOR
High North Center for Business and Governance / High North News

Arne Holm is a former director of Arctic Think Tank, now working as Special Advisor at the High North Center for Business and Governance, Nord University. He is also the Chief Editor of High North News. Holm has been working with High North issues for several years.

AUDUN HALVORSEN

STATE SECRETARY
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Audun Halvorsen is State Secretary to the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs. In the past he has served as Political Adviser to the Minister of Defence, Political Adviser on defence policy and foreign affairs for the Conservative Party, Parliamentary Group, Political Adviser on defence policy, scrutiny and constitutional affairs for the Conservative Party, Parliamentary Group and Research assistant at the University of Oslo, Department of Political Science. Halvorsen has a degree in Public Law and Private Law from the University of Oslo.

KENNETH MACARTNEY

CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES
Embassy of Canada to Norway

Born in Vancouver, B.C. Canada, Kenneth Macartney graduated from the University of Victoria in 1982. Macartney began his diplomatic career with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1982. Since then he has served in a variety of positions at headquarters and abroad, dealing with both bilateral and multilateral issues. Macartney served at the Embassy of Canada in Oslo, Norway, where he was also accredited to Iceland. From 1987 to 1990, he supported Canada's anti-apartheid efforts as a member of the Southern Africa Task Force. He subsequently served in Japan, India and Sweden before returning to the Canadian Embassy in Oslo in November 2018.

MARIE-ANNE CONINSX

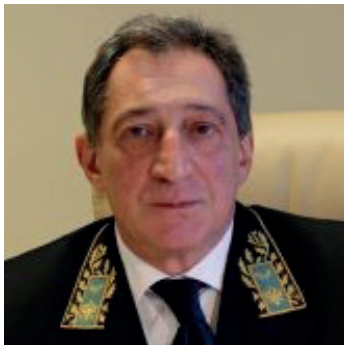
AMBASSADOR AT LARGE FOR ARCTIC AFFAIRS
European Union

Marie-Anne Coninsx is Ambassador at Large for the Arctic, since September 2017. She previously was the European Union' Ambassador to Canada where she extensively visited the Canadian Arctic. She is an EU official since 1984 with a vast experience in EU external policies and multilateral affairs. She has a Law Degree from Gent University (Belgium) and Masters' Degrees from Cambridge University (UK) including Law of the Sea, and from the European University Centre in Nancy (France). She is a proud European of Belgian nationality and speaks five languages fluently.

MIKAEL ANTELL

AMBASSADOR
Finnish Embassy to Norway

Mikael Antell has had a long career within Nordic relations and Nordic Foreign and Security Policy. Antell has worked at the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs since 1995. During 2013-2018 he served as Minister and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in Stockholm. Between August 2016 and January 2017 he functioned as Chargé d'affaires a. i. During 2010-2013 he served as Deputy Director for the Unit for Northern European at the Ministry for Foreign affairs with a particular responsibility for the Nordic countries. During 2008-2010 he served as Counsellor and Deputy Director at the Unit for general EU-affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.



TEIMURAZ RAMISHVILI

AMBASSADOR
Russian Embassy to Norway

Teimuraz Ramishvili was in November 2016 named Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Kingdom of Norway. The ambassador graduated from Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), and joined the diplomatic services in 1981. He has since then held various diplomatic posts in the central office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at different foreign missions. He has served as the director of the Department for Humanitarian Cooperation and Human Rights of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, ambassador at large, as well as the ambassador to the Republic of Korea and the Kingdom of Denmark.

KRISTER BRINGÉUS

AMBASSADOR
Swedish Embassy to Norway

Krister Bringéus is the Swedish ambassador in Norway, starting last year. He has previously worked at the embassies in Moscow, London, Bonn and Washington, and has been ambassador in Belgrade and for the Arctic. He has also led Sweden's delegation to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

KENNETH J. BRAITHWAITE

AMBASSADOR
U.S. Embassy to Norway

Rear Admiral Kenneth J. Braithwaite, United States Navy (Retired) is the 31st U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway. Ambassador Braithwaite recently concluded his service as the Regional Chief Executive of VHA/Vizient MidAtlantic and New England, LLC a member-owned hospital group purchasing organization serving hospitals and health systems throughout the greater eastern seaboard. He assumed those duties in November of 2011. In 2014, he completed the current construct of the enterprise by leading the merger of VHA Empire-Metro, LLC into the greater VHA Mid-Atlantic Region.

Summary

LAURENCE C. SMITH

PROFESSOR
University of California

University of California Laurence C. Smith is Professor and Chair of Geography and Professor of Earth, Planetary, and Space Sciences at UCLA. His research interests include the Arctic, hydrology, satellite remote sensing technologies and climate change. He has published over 80 peer-reviewed articles, essays and books in journals such as Science, Nature, and PNAS, and won more than $7M in research funding from the National Science Foundation and NASA.

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