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Announce

The Second Akureyri Polar Law Symposium 2009

University of Akureyri, September 10-12, 2009

Location: Sólborg, room L 201

Day 1: September 10 (Thursday) -15:30 Opening address

Dr. Stefàn B. Sigurðsson, Rector, University of Akureyri, Iceland

The President of the Republic of Iceland, His Excellency Dr. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson

Moderator: Dr. Guðmundur S. Alfreðsson, University of Akureyri, Iceland

16:10-16:15 break

Theme I: New Shipping Routes and Environmental Implications for the Polar Regions

Panel: Jurisdictional Questions on Land and at Sea; Management of Risks to the Environment Posed by Shipping in the Polar Regions

16:15-17:55

Mr. Ragnar Baldursson, Senior Official for Arctic and Energy Affairs, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, Reykjavik, Iceland

Topic: Trans-Arctic Shipping-New Opportunities and Emerging Challenges

Dr. Timo Koivurova, Research Professor, Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland

Topic: What has the Arctic Council done in terms of Shipping?

Dr. R. Douglas Brubaker, Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway

Topic: Jurisdictional matters of shipping in the Arctic

Mr. Mead Treadwell, Chair, U.S. Arctic Research Commission and Senior Fellow of the Institute of the North, Anchorage, Alaska, USA

Topic: How should we respond to an accessible Arctic ocean? Ideas for research, cooperation and administration

Discussion

Break 17:55-18:05 break

Panel: Global, Regional or National Regulation

18:05-19:00

Dr. Louis W. Pauly, Director, Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto. Canada Research Chair in Globalization and Governance, Toronto, Canada

Topic: The Increasing Complexity of Global and Regional Governance

Prof. Alyson Bailes, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland

Topic: Potential Roles of NATO and the EU in Northern Security

Discussion

19:30 – reception (tbc)

Day 2: Friday September 11

Theme II: Effective Environmental Governance

Panel: Environmental Governance in the Polar Regions – challenges and perspectives (International environmental treaties, pollution, and marine environmental law issues)

9:05-12:00

Dr. Kees Bastmeijer, Faculty of Law, Tilburg University, The Netherlands. Topic: Effective Environmental Management of the Polar Regions – Protected Areas in the Arctic and Antarctic

H.E. Victor Tatarintsev, Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Iceland. Topic: The Russian Strategy in the Arctic –current developments

10:05-10:15 break

Dr. Rasmus Ole Rasmussen, Senior Research Fellow, Nordic Centre for Spatial Development, Stockholm, Sweden

Topic: Environmental Governance: Perspectives of the Nordic Council and the EU

Dr. Tavis Potts, Centre for Coastal and Ocean Governance, Scottish Association for Marine Science, Argyll, Scotland

Topic: CCAMLR and Antarctic Fisheries: Can it offer a Solution for an Arctic Fisheries Agreement?

Mr. Niels Einarsson, Director, Stefansson Arctic Institute

Topic: Whaling, whale-watching and adaptation to marine governance and environmental change in Iceland

Discussion

12:00-12:55 lunch

Panel: Climate Change, Harbors and other Infrastructure
(13:00-13:55)

1. Dr. Trausti Valsson, School of Engineering and Natural Sciences, Environmental Planning Division, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland

Topic: Harbors and infrastructure in Iceland: Their role in the advancement of Arctic shipping

2. Dr. Lassi Heininen, Chair of the Northern Research Assembly, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi, Finland

Topic: Security Implications of Climate Change in the Arctic

Break 13:55-14:05

Theme III: The Exploration and Exploitation of Resources

Panel: The Continental Shelf in the Arctic Ocean, Minerals, Oil, Gas and Renewable Resources
14:05-16:10

Mr. Ron Macnab, Geological Survey of Canada

Topic: Nationalizing the Arctic Maritime Commons: UNCLOS Article 76 and the Polar Sea

Dr. Mark Nuttall, Henry Marshall Tory Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, and Academy of Finland Distinguished Professor, Thule Institute, University of Oulu, Oulu, Finland

Topic: Resource Frontier or Extractive Periphery?: The Political Ecology of Oil, Gas and Minerals in the North

Mr. Lars Kullerud, President, University of the Arctic, UNEP GRID-Arendal, Norway.

Topic: UNCLOS –Art.76 and its implications for oil and gas resources in the Arctic

Discussion

Break 15:15-15:25

Ms. Elisa Burchert, Department of Political Science, University of Hildelberg, Germany

Topic: Arctic energy governance: oil and gas security

Dr. Björn Gunnarsson, Rector, RES: The School FOR Renewable Energy Science, Akureyri, Iceland

Topic: Renewable Energy Use in Iceland: Lessons Learned

Discussion

Break 16:10-16:20

Theme IV: Human Rights and Polar Regions

16:20-17:40

Mr. Mininnguaq Kleist, Foreign Affairs Directorate, Greenland Government, Nuuk, Greenland

Topic: Greenland's self-governance

Dr. Kári a Rogvi, M.P. and lecturer of law, Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

Topic: Faroese Constitutional Developments

Ms. Galina Diatchkova, Ph.D. student in legal anthropology, Anadyr' Chukotka, the Russian Federation

Topic: Chukotka Indigenous Peoples' Rights and Prospects

Break 17:40-17:55

Discussion, Conclusions and Recommendations 17:55- 18:45

19:00 reception and presentation of the Association of Polar early career scientists (room L 201)

September 12 (Saturday)

9:30 -13:00 location: University building at Þingvallastræti, room 16

A meeting of the Northern Research forum's working group on legal and political issues in the Arctic

Chair: Dr. Natalia Loukacheva, Director, Polar Law Program, University of Akureyri, Iceland

Topic: Legal and Political Change in the Arctic

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