



## Invitation

### **Comprehensive Sustainable Development in Arctic Societies: Post-graduate summer school within the social and human sciences**

Jointly organised by UArctic, CIRCLA/Aalborg University, Ilisimatusarfik

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Climate change, melting ice, access to resources and shipping routes and national competition for influence in the region bring a number of challenges and opportunities. It is becoming clear that maintaining status quo in Arctic societies is rarely a viable, even if desired option. Development to make the best of the changes, however, is.

Change-induced processes hold the potential for comprehensive sustainable development in the Arctic – in areas defined as political, social, economic as well as cultural. Modernization and reinvention of existing industries and systems of administration and communication, and the development of new industries provide a chance to break with decades of economic dependency and, consequently, a renaissance of cultural output and pride in local abilities and traditions. As Arctic peoples seek to seize the opportunities that arise as a consequence of change, learning, knowledge creation and competence-building will be of utmost importance to the sustainable development of these societies.

From a broad palette of social science and humanities disciplines, the school aims to:

- Assist young/aspiring researchers in exchanging experience and ideas between each other and with established experts in relevant fields of study.
- Enlighten aspiring researchers about some of the challenges and opportunities the Arctic is facing, and how practice-based research can be anchored in real-life, social, economic, cultural and political situations and requirements.
- Inspire young/aspiring researchers to think sustainability in *comprehensive* terms, as more than just a matter of environmental importance.

The summer school will be reserved for 'post-graduates' – i.e. any young(ish) applicant studying towards a relevant Master's or Ph.D. degree within the social and human sciences.

The number of participants is limited to 15.

*Participants' travel costs, board and lodging will be fully  
or (if excessive) partially financed by the school*

The format will be a mixture of scholarly presentations, student presentations, workshops and plenary discussion.

Attending students will be expected to present work in progress or ideas for Ph.D. projects (30-minute presentations), and bring up theoretical and methodological concerns, questions, etc.

Participation is contingent on the acceptance of an application (including a 300 word abstract, and other submitted materials).

**The application form can be accessed via: [www.arctic.aau.dk](http://www.arctic.aau.dk)**

***Please submit your application no later than 15 December 2013.***

Apart from much fruitful exchange, inspiration and establishment of networks of cooperation, a result of the summer school will be a summarizing report including abstracts, main findings and suggestions regarding possible joint research projects and applications.

Attending students are encouraged to seek publication of their papers in the form of chapters in an anthology co-edited by students and organisers.

**Invited speakers:**

- *Birger Poppel*, Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland
- *Lassi Heininen*, Univ. of Lapland, UArctic Thematic Network on Geopolitics and Security
- *Gerlis Fugmann*, Association of Polar Early Career Scientists
- *Kåre Hendriksen*, ARTEK, Technical University of Denmark

**Facilitators:**

- Robert C. Thomsen, CIRCLA, Aalborg University
- Maria Ackrén, Ilisimatusarfik/University of Greenland
- Rasmus G. Bertelsen, CIRCLA, Aalborg University

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