

**9th Polar Law Symposium**

**Akureyri & Reykjavík, Iceland**

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**THE ROLE OF LAW IN POLAR GOVERNANCE**

The theme of the 9<sup>th</sup> Polar Law Symposium is *The Role of Law in Polar Governance*. We particularly encourage submissions on the following topics:

- International environmental law at the Poles (including questions concerning transport and the exploitation of natural resources, wildlife management, and wilderness protection);
- The rights of indigenous peoples (including the application of ILO Convention 169 and the UNDRIP as well as the potential for new instruments such as a Nordic Sami Convention);
- Local, devolved and indigenous governance (including self-governance and local cross-border contacts and cooperation);
- Non-State Actors as originators of norms at the Poles (including researchers, IAATO standard setting, corporate best practice, CSR, and insurance requirements);
- Available and new methods of dispute settlement (in general or in respect of specific existing challenges);
- Disarmament and demilitarization of the Arctic (including reductions of or restrictions on nuclear and other weapons in the Arctic);
- The evolution of the Arctic Council and the Antarctic Treaty System (including status in international law, functions and powers, the roles of different kinds of participants, and lessons for other regions);
- The role of the United Nations and other international organisations and fora at the Poles (including the potential for overlap with the work of Arctic Council and other supranational or regional entities).

A formal call for papers will be issued in December 2015  
with instructions for submission of abstracts.

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