

1st Call for Papers

Calotte Academy 2023

Non-state Arctic actors and circumpolar regionalization

School of Arctic dialogue in Northern parts of Sweden, Norway and Finland, and Sapmi
11-18 June 2023

The Calotte Academy 2023, with the title *Non-state Arctic actors and circumpolar regionalization*, is planned to take place in 11-18 June 2023 in Sapmi, the European Arctic. Its sessions & excursions are (tentatively) planned to be organized in Kiruna & Abisko, Alta, Kautokeino & Kirkenes, and Rovaniemi & Inari.

The 2023 Academy will be organized with a spirit of an open dialogue and a participatory approach to discuss and analyze Northern and Arctic issues. The Academy aims to apply the double interplay between science, politics and business, and that between scientific and Indigenous knowledge. The objective of the Calotte Academy is to educate and supervise early-career scientists / young researchers in interdisciplinary circumpolar Arctic studies, as well as to implement transdisciplinary dialogue between different stakeholders.

This is the first Call for Papers for early-career scientists, particularly PhD candidates and post-docs, and established researchers with different academic backgrounds to participate and present their work in the 2023 Academy. The deadline for applications is 17 April 2023, and applications should be submitted online at <https://calotte-academy.com> (see below).

About the theme of 2023 Academy

The theme of the 2023 Academy is inspired by the rich circumpolar cooperation and regionalization by local & regional non-state actors, such as Indigenous peoples' organizations, sub-national governments and Northern Forum, as well as non-governmental / civil organizations, civil societies, and their important contributions for local, regional, national and global governance. These contributions, as well as all activities & initiatives, are done on the one hand under an emerging pressure of the environmental catastrophe and climate crisis, as well as the new (East-West) great power rivalry and the related power politics. On the other hand, that local & regional actors face, by concrete ways, a paradox of Arctic development whenever a balance has been sought between environmental protection & climate change mitigation and economic activities due to 'political inability' of the governments of Arctic states to make hard decisions.

In general, the 2023 event will continue interdisciplinary, multi-theoretical and multidimensional discussion on perceptions, visions of, and discourses on Arctic development, governance, geopolitics and security in globalization. Furthermore, the Academy will continue the discussion on the future of the region and its peoples and communities, by describing, analyzing and debating different –

cooperative, competitive and conflicting – perceptions, discourses and trends, as well as impacts of their interrelations / complexities in globalization. A special focus will be on the related issues of the environment & climate change, development & governance, geopolitics & security, as well as their combinations, based on the successful transformation of the Arctic from confrontation (of the Cold War) into geopolitical stability based on constructive, mostly functional, cooperation (in the post-Cold War period).

All presenters are asked to take into consideration, in their presentation, the achieved state of constructive cooperation, based on common interests, and how to maintain geopolitical stability and continue the successful cooperation, when the Arctic region is facing the climate crisis and great power rivalry. In addition of academic sessions in different locations, this will be discussed in a role play game, where each participant has her / his own role, as a simulation of international negotiations on future Arctic development and geopolitics.

About Calotte Academy

The Calotte Academy (Academy) is an annual, international travelling symposium & interdisciplinary doctoral school, with high expertise, policy-orientation and dialogue, to discuss and analyze Northern & Arctic issues, as well as to educate and supervise early-career scientists / young researchers in local, regional, pan-Arctic and global contexts in the European Arctic. It applies interdisciplinary methods, theoretically and holistically covering several disciplines and knowledge angles, to analyze issues comprehensively, and to supervise and train PhD candidates and early-career scientists in research and dialogue-building. It is also a forerunner of the interplay between science, politics and business in Arctic affairs by having adopted transdisciplinary approaches and policy-orientation from the very beginning.

Being organized for the first time in May 1991 in Inari, the Academy is one of the oldest still running international academic institutions on circumpolar northern issues, and the oldest, and the only, with sessions located in the Arctic region. Despite its relatively small size, the Academy has been successfully acting as a school of dialogue between stakeholders, and a platform & sub-forum for international research projects & conferences, as well as a springboard for international organizations & brainstorming meetings. As an open, independent & autonomous entity, the Academy is implementing synergy between different expertise and stakeholders, as well as between existing organizations and networks. Around the Academy, an 'ecosystem' developed that consists of among others, Northern Research Forum & Open Assemblies, TN on Geopolitics and Security and its sessions at the Arctic Circle, the Arctic Yearbook, and the GlobalArctic Project & Handbooks.

As born in Inari and acted as Inari's special higher education component, the Academy is a perfect example of a local and regional innovation raised and developed in Lapland to implement a 'Global-Local' interference in the globalized Arctic, as well as a workshop for early-career scientists to analyze trends and policies, and to adopt the interplay between science, politics and business.

Applications

As an international network the Academy is based on ad-hoc funding (e.g., from local sponsors, universities, foundations, NCMs, IASC, as well as in-kind support by the co-organizers). Despite its limited funding, the Academy allocates small travelling grants for early-career researchers

(PhD candidates, post-docs, and advanced Master's students) covering travel, accommodation, and lunches during the Academy, as well as conference materials. Each participant is asked to organize and fund her / his travelling to / from Rovaniemi (or to / from other destinations of the 2023 Academy). The deadline for applications is 17 April 2023. The application is required to include an abstract of ca. 250-350 words. Applications must be submitted online at <https://calotte-academy.com>.

Co-organizers

The 2023 Calotte Academy will be co-organized by Saami Education Institute (SAKK), Municipality of Inari, Arctic Centre and Faculty of Social Sciences at University of Lapland (in Finland); Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education (HSL) and Barents Institute at UiT The Arctic University of Norway, and International Center for Reindeer Herding Husbandry (EALAT) (in Norway); University of Stockholm (in Sweden); in cooperation with UArctic's Thematic Network (TN) on Geopolitics and Security.

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