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**International Symposium:  
Looking beyond the International Polar Year:  
Emerging and re-emerging issues in  
international law and policy in the Polar  
Regions**

7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> September, 2008  
University of Akureyri, Iceland

Co-organisers: United Nations University-Institute of Advanced  
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**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

***19.00-20.30 WELCOME RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AKUREYRI***

**Venue to be confirmed**

**SPEAKERS:**

**To be confirmed**



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**MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**9.30-10.15: *OPENING AND WELCOME REMARKS***

**CHAIR: (TBC)**

**SPEAKERS:**

***-Words of welcome***

**PROFESSOR THORSTEINN GUNNARSSON, Rector University of Akureyri**

***-Opening Address***

**INVITED SPEAKER - PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ICELAND**

***- Challenges for the Changing Polar Environments-***

**DR BAKARY KANTE, Director of the Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, UNEP.**

***-Setting the scene-the purpose of the symposium and what we hope to achieve-***

**PROFESSOR A.H. ZAKRI, Director United Nations University-Institute of Advanced Studies**

**10.15 -11.15 : *THEME I-CHALLENGES FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIODIVERSITY AND WILDERNESS IN THE POLAR REGIONS***

**CHAIR: MR DANIEL OWENS, Barrister, Fenner's Chambers Cambridge, United Kingdom.**

**SPEAKERS:**

**-PROFESSOR MALGOSIA FITZMAURICE, Queen Mary, University of London, United Kingdom.**

**-DR. ALAN D. HEMMINGS, University of Canterbury, New Zealand and University of Tasmania, Australia.**

**-PROFESSOR KEES BASTMEIJER, Tilburg University, The Netherlands.**



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## 11.15-11.30: Coffee Break

### 11.30-1: THEME I- CHALLENGES FOR THE PROTECTION OF BIODIVERSITY AND WILDERNESS IN THE POLAR REGIONS (CONTINUED)

-PROFESSOR MICHAEL JEFFERY QC, Centre for Environmental Law, Macquarie University, Australia.

-Ms KASSIE SIEGEL, Centre for Biological Diversity, USA.

#### PANEL COMMENTATORS :

-DR DAVID LEARY, United Nations University- Institute of Advanced Studies, Japan.

Discussion (40 minutes)

RAPPORTEUR: MS ANTJE NEUMANN, Germany.

## 13.00-14.00: Lunch

### 14.00-15.20 THEME II- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS

CHAIR: PROFESSOR BRIAN BURDEKIN, Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University, Sweden.

#### SPEAKERS:

-PROF. NIGEL BANKES, *University of Calgary, Canada.*

-PROFESSOR GUDMUNDUR ALFREDSSON, *Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University, Sweden and the University of Akureyri, Iceland*



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**-PROFESSOR ASBJÖRN EIDE, *Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Norway***

**-DR NATALIA LOUKACHEVA, *University of Akureyri, Iceland.***

**RAPPORTEUR: DR AGUST THOR ARNASON, *University of Akureyri, Iceland.***

**3.20PM-3.35PM Coffee**

**3.35-4.45 PM**

**THEME II- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
(CONTINUED)**

**CHAIR: PROFESSOR BRIAN BURDEKIN, *Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University, Sweden.***

**Panel Commentators :**

**-PROFESSOR DONNA CRAIG, *Centre for Environmental Law, Macquarie University, Australia.***

**-PROFESSOR MATTHEW GARFIELD, *University of Akureyri, Iceland and Former Chair of the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, Canada.***

**Discussion: (50 minutes)**

**RAPPORTEUR: DR AGUST THOR ARNASON, *University of Akureyri, Iceland.***

**4.45pm-5pm**

**Wrap up of Day One and some tentative findings & recommendations so far.**



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**5PM Group Photo**

TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

**9.30AM-10.50AM**

**THEME III. ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE IN THE POLAR REGIONS**

**CHAIR: PROFESSOR RENE LEFEBER, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Professor in International Environmental Law, University of Amsterdam.**

**SPEAKERS:**

**-PROFESSOR DAVID VANDERZWAAG, *Dalhousie University, Canada.***

**-Charting a Sustainable Course through Changing Arctic Waters-  
DR ROBIN WARNER, *Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security, University of Wollongong, Australia.***

**-DR OLAV SCHRAM STOKKE, *Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Norway.***

**- Legal Issues Relating to Navigation through Arctic Waters-  
PROFESSOR TULLIO SCOVAZZI, *University of Milan, Italy.***

**10.50 AM- 11AM Coffee**

**THEME III. ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE IN THE POLAR REGIONS**

**(PART 2)**

**11.00AM -12.30PM**



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**NEIL HAMILTON, *WWF Arctic Program* (invited- to be confirmed)**

**-Protecting Antarctica from non-indigenous species: the imperatives and the impediments-SANDRA POTTER, *School of Geography & Environmental Studies, University of Tasmania, Australia.***

**PANEL COMMENTATORS :**

**-DR W. BRADNEE CHAMBERS, *Senior Programme Officer, United Nations University-Institute of Advanced Studies, Japan (to be confirmed).***

**-DR ARIE TROUWBORST, *Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea, Utrecht University.***

**Discussion (30 minutes)**

**RAPPORTEUR: (tbc)**

**12.30PM-1.30 PM      Lunch**

**1.30PM-3.10PM**

**THEME IV.                      EMERGENT AND RE-EMERGING JURISDICTIONAL  
ISSUES IN THE POLAR REGIONS**

**CHAIR: DR MARIE JACOBSSON, *Principal Legal Adviser on International Law, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Member of the United National International Law Commission and Associate Professor, University of Lund***

**SPEAKERS:**

**-PROFESSOR ROSEMARY RAYFUSE, *Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, Australia.***

**-Do the continental shelf claims challenge the commons regimes in the Polar regions?- PROFESSOR TIMO KOIVUROVA, *Northern Institute***



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**for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Finland**

**-Reactions and overreactions to the Russian flag on the seabed at the North Pole- MR ANDREW SERDY, *University of Southampton, United Kingdom***

**PANEL COMMENTATOR:**

**-PROFESSOR PAUL BERKMAN, Fulbright Distinguished Scholar, Cambridge University.**

**Discussion (30 Minutes)**

**Rapporteur: (tbc)**

**3.10PM-3.30 Coffee Break (20 minutes)**

**3.30-5.30PM**

## **WORKSHOP SESSION AND DEVELOPMENT OF RECOMENDATIONS**

**CHAIR: DR DAVID LEARY, *United Nations University-Institute of Advanced Studies, Japan.***

**Presentation on the Antarctic Treaty Summit at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C from November 30 - December 3, 2009 (<http://www.atsummit50.aq>) and potential future process for collaborative research on Arctic Ocean Geopolitics. PROFESSOR PAUL BERKMAN, Fulbright Distinguished Scholar, Cambridge University**

**Based on the papers presented and subsequent discussion the workshop session aims to address these questions:**

- (1) What are the main emerging and re-emerging issues in international law and policy relating to the polar regions warranting international action?**



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- (2) Are the current international legal and policy systems able to address these issues?**
- (3) What issues require immediate action by the international community?**
- (4) What issues will require action by the international community in the longer term?**
- (5) What steps should countries take to address these issues?**
- (6) Which of these issues warrant further detailed research by legal scholars and other disciplines?**

**5.30PM Close**

**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**FIELD TRIP (ARRANGEMENTS TO BE CONFIRMED)**



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