A Nordic-French Research Day in the series *The Changing Arctic*

Today’s understanding of the Arctic goes far beyond a focus on natural environments – not the least as it has broadened to include long populated areas of Northern Norway, Sweden and Finland. The dynamic and changing Arctic thus today consists of over four million people in multiethnic populations with varieties of backgrounds and interests, people who live in increasingly urban settings. Some of them may see the urban setting as an economic engine and others as an obstacle to a desirable future.

Together with the French Embassy/Institut français de Suède, Region Västerbotten, and the research program Mistra Arctic Sustainable Development, Arcum invites you to a workshop, followed by an open panel discussion at Västerbottens Museum, Bio Abelli.

**Program**

**WORKSHOP**

*registration only*

8.45 Registration, coffee  
9.15 Opening  
9.30–12.00 Research presentations (6 x 20 min) and discussions  
12.00–13.15 Networking lunch and poster session  
13.15–15.30 Researcher presentations (5 x 20 min) and discussions  
15.30 Fika

**CONCLUDING PANEL DISCUSSION**

*open to public*

16.00–17.30 Wrap-up presentations (5 x 10 min) and panel discussion

**Practical information**

The participation is free, but registration is mandatory  
Participants have the possibility to present their research with a poster  
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Invited participants - Presentations

Celia Yoshida Ahlin, Master student in Geography and Economic History, Umeå University
Challenges and Potential of Peripheral Cities in Sweden - The case of Vilhelmina

Alexandre Dubois, Researcher at the Department of Urban and Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU)
Small town, boundless opportunities – Transnational entrepreneurship in Sweden’s northern periphery

Sébastien Gadal, Professor at the Department of Geography in Spatial Analysis and Geomatics, Aix-Marseille University
Metropolisation, urbanisation and flood debacle modeling exposures of Yakutsk (Russia)

Brynhild Granås, Researcher at University of Tromsø (UiT)
The nature of the urban Arctic – Learnings from Kiruna

Hannu I. Heikkinen, Professor of Cultural Anthropology, University of Oulu
Context sensitivity in local adaptation studies

Torill Nyseth, Professor at University of Tromsø (UiT)
Urban identification and affiliation among city-Sami in Tromsø, Rovaniemi and Umeå

Rasmus Ole Rasmussen, Senior Research Fellow, Nordregio - Nordic Centre for Spatial Development
Urbanisation in the Arctic – new opportunities or challenges?

Linda Sandberg, Researcher at Umeå Centre for Gender Studies, Umeå university
Gender-aware city planning in the Urban Arctic

Kristina Sehlin Macneil, PhD student at Vaartoe - Centre for Sami Research, Umeå University
Urban obstacles or carriers of an important cultural heritage? The dialogue between Laevas Sameby and LKAB Mining

Olof Stjernström, Ass. Professor in Geography and Economic History, Umeå University
Labour income effects of the recent “mining boom” in Northern Sweden

Yvette Vaguet, Ass. Professor at the Department of Geography, University of Rouen
Urbanization in connection to oil & gas development in the Ob river area (Northern Russia)