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EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES &
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE ARCTIC:
PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

26-27 November 2014
LOCATION: House of Humanities, room HC 205
Umeå University

Organizers:
Peter Sköld, Umeå University
Thierry Rodon, University of Laval
Florian Stammler, University of Lapland
WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2014

09.00-09.30 WELCOME
Marianne Sommarin, pro-vice chancellor Umeå University
Jenny Wik Karlsson, union lawyer, Swedish Sami Association
Peter Sköld, director Arcum

09.30-10.30 Adamie Delisle Alaku “Inuit livelihood and Mining.”
Marie Persson “Rönnbäck nickel mining project – violation of Indigenous rights and a continuing colonization of the Sami people”

10.30-11.00 COFFEE

11.00-12.00 Andy Baribeau “THE CREE NATION OF EEYOU ISTCHEE AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND EXTRACTION: A PRAGMATIC APPROACH.”
Chesley Andersen “Land Ownership, Governance and Resource Development in Nunatsiavut.”

12.00-13.00 LUNCH at Rött pub och restaurang

13.00– 15.00 Thierry Rodon “Mines and Indigenous Communities in Northern Canada: Conflicting Narratives and Research Gap”
Florian Stammler “Arctic symbiotics in Soviet extractive industries? Company towns, indigenous people and industry in Siberia.”
Chris Southcott “Avoiding the Trap Without Being Cursed: Resource revenues and Indigenous communities in the Arctic.”
Emma Wilson “Indigenous peoples and the oil industry in Russia: comparing community engagement approaches in the Komi Republic and Sakhalin Island.”

15.00-15.30 COFFEE

15.30-17.00 Frank Sejersen “Extractive industries in Greenland and the history of indigenous empowerment.”
Aytalina Ivanova “Trustworthiness, independence, transparency, responsibility: noble intentions or illusions for regulating extractive industries development in the Russian North?”
Martin Hultman “Enacting knowledge of Extractive Industries; The Swedish mineral technology research network (SweMineTechNet) and mining policy transformation.”

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09.00-10.30  Lis-Mari Hjortfors “Mining establishments in Sápmi- invisible announcement of the Sami culture and his tory of the past, present and future. ”

Rebecka Paulusson

Henri Wallén "Cumulative social impacts of pre-development mining projects."

Julie Fortin “Discursive Construction of Social Acceptability: Communication between the Mining Industry and Inuit Communities in the Canadian North.”

Fredrik Angell

Gerald Zojer "Environmental governance in the Arctic: An institutionalization of the economic development paradigm through the discourse of sustainable development?"

10.30-11.00  COFFEE

11.00-12.30 Peter Bjerregaard “Fragile communities: Social change and health in Greenland.”

Petter Stoor “Sámi perspectives on suicide among Sámi.”

12.00-13.00 LUNCH at Rött pub och restaurang

13.30-15.00 Rasmus Gjerdssø Bertelsen “The Arctic in Global Environmental, Political and Economic Processes.”

Dean Carson “A burden, a benefit, a bridge – Mining and the economic demography of Indigenous people in remote Australia.”

Piotr Graczyk “Levels and mechanisms - extractive industries' effects on multidimensional security in the Arctic.”

Rémy Rouillard ‘From Soviet State Paternalism to the Corporate Gift: The Post-Soviet Russian Oil Industry and Built-Infrastructure in the Nenets Autonomous Okrug.’

15.00-15.30  COFFEE

15.30-16.00 CONCLUDING DISCUSSION
Fredrik Angell, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

My name is Fredrik Angell. I am 25 years old and study political science at the Arctic University of Norway, University of Tromsø. I have taken several courses in International Relations, but have a special interest in Arctic politics and Arctic cooperation. When I was asked if I wanted to participate at the IASC-workshop I jumped at the opportunity, as this is just the kind of international cooperation that interest me. I might not have as long background knowledge yet, but I am honored and eager to be a representative of the Norwegian Arctic University, University of Tromsø at the IASC workshop in Umeå 2014.

Chesley Andersen, Aurora Energy Resources

I am currently working as a Vice President, Labrador Affairs with Aurora Energy Resources. Aurora is a mining company that proposes to develop a uranium mine at Michelin and Jacques lakes to the South West of the community of Postville. I live and work in the community of Makkovik which is my home town.

I have worked in Nunatsiavut most of my life. I spent 30 years working for a combination of the Labrador Inuit Association, Labrador Inuit Development Corporation, Inuit Taparisat of Canada and the Nunatsiatvut Government. I have experience as the senior deputy minister in the Nunatsiavut Government, land claims negotiator, IIBA negotiator, mineral resource advisor, self-government advisor, caribou plant manager and a former commercial pilot.

Andy Baribeau, Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee

Kwey! Nii Andy. I am a member of the Cree Nation of Eeyou Istchee, in northern Quebec. I live in the Cree community of Mistissini, where I was a member of the Council for three mandates and held the portfolios related to natural resources, employment and economic development. I am currently responsible for the mining files for the Grand Council of the Crees of Eeyou Istchee and the Cree Nation Government (http://www.gcc.ca). This includes the establishment of relations between resource extraction companies and Cree communities, negotiation and implementation of agreements, as well as participating in the elaboration of environmental and social impact studies. I also work actively with employers who are trying to develop and implement integration programs for First Nations, not only in Eeyou Istchee but different parts of Eastern Canada. Finally, I am a student at Laval University where I undertook studies in anthropology since 2012.
**Stéphanie Benoit, University of Laval**

PhD candidate in political science, Stéphanie Benoit is interested by how the governance takes into account the social impacts of mining activities in northern regions. Currently analyst on environment for the Kativik Environmental Advisory Committee, she has lived in Kuujjuaq for a few years where she has worked as executive secretary for this committee. She holds a Bachelor degree in sciences with specialisation in economics and a Master in French studies from Sherbrooke University. She has also taught French and literature at the Cégep de Sherbrooke. In order to strengthen her professional nordic experience, she has started, in 2013, a short graduate program in environment at the Sherbrooke University.

**Peter Bjerregaard, University of Southern Denmark, University of Greenland**

Peter Bjerregaard, MD, Dr. Med. Sci., is professor of Arctic Health at the University of Southern Denmark, University of Greenland and attached to the Department of Health, Greenland Government. He currently lives in the Copenhagen area but travels frequently in Greenland. His main research interest is public health in Greenland in a life course perspective with a focus on social epidemiology, health transition and diet. He is author/editor of two books about the health transition in Arctic populations and numerous scientific papers about various aspects of Inuit health.

**Dean Carson, Charles Darwin University and Flinders University in Australia**

Professor Dean Carson is a human geographer interested in the future of small communities in sparsely populated areas. He has twenty years’ research experience looking at economic and demographic trends and prospects in remote and northern Australia. Dean is unemployable, so he has a work life shared between Charles Darwin University and Flinders University in Australia, and Umeå University, the Centre for Rural Medicine, and Akademi Norr in Sweden.
Adamie Delisle-Alaku Executive Vice President, Makivik Corporation

Mr. Adamie Delisle-Alaku joined Makivik Corporation on April 27th 2011 in the capacity of Executive Assistant to Mr. Johnny Peters. In this position he developed a broad understanding of wildlife issues and the various challenges related to renewable resources facing the Inuit of Nunavik. He is a member and past chairperson of the Hunting Fishing Trapping Coordinating Committee where he has been active for the last three years. He is equally co-chair of the Ungava Peninsula Caribou Aboriginal Roundtable, part of the Kautaapikkut Mining employment strategy team, and Makivik’s Investment Review Committee.

As the elected (January 2014) Executive Vice President responsible for the Resource Development Department, his duties also include sitting on various Makivik subsidiary and joint venture companies. Adamie loves hunting and fishing and in his elected capacity at Makivik, is committed to ensuring he will represent Nunavimiut’s best interests regarding their cultural ties to the land and Nunavik’s renewable resources.

Julie Fortin, University of Laval

Julie Fortin is a Ph.D. student in communication at Laval University, Quebec. She is part of the Northern Sustainable Development Research Chair, held by Thierry Rodon. She is interested in communication between mining companies and local communities, especially during exploration phases, consultation process and social acceptability of mining project.

Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen, UIT The Arctic University of Norway

Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen is the inaugural Barents Chair in Politics at the Department of Sociology, Political Science and Community Planning at UIT The Arctic University of Norway and a Senior Researcher at the Department of Culture and Global Studies at Aalborg University (DK). His other affiliations are the Public Diplomacy Collaborative at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, the University of the Arctic thematic network on geopolitics and security and the Innovation and Entrepreneurship program of the Sino-Danish Center at the University of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Bertelsen studied political science at the University of Copenhagen, University of Iceland, University of Lausanne, University of Geneva and University of Amsterdam.
Tania Gibéryen, University of Laval

Tania Gibéryen is a PhD candidate and her research focuses on land-use planning issues on permafrost in Nunavik. She has spent lots of time researching, living and working with the inuit over the past years and is well acquainted with Nunavik. She has worked as a land-use planner for the Kativik Regional Government, and holds a masters degree in economics. As a coordinator for the Chair, her interest focuses mainly on the mining impact studies. Tania is a member of Centre for northern studies (CEN), Centre interuniversitaire d’études et de recherches autochtones (CIERA) and ArcticNet.

Piotr Graczyk, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

Piotr Graczyk is a PhD Candidate and Research Fellow at the UiT The Arctic University of Norway in Tromsø, Norway. His research interests include the Arctic Council, Norwegian foreign policy in the region, and engagement of non-Arctic actors in the Arctic. Piotr’s doctoral project focuses on the institutional impact on member states’ policies and interests, where he looks at the Arctic Council’s role in an Arctic shipping regime. Piotr worked as a policy assistant at the Arctic Council Secretariat in Tromsø and is a frequent member of Polish observer delegations to Arctic Council’s meetings. He holds MA in international relations with major in security and strategic studies from the University of Warsaw.

Lis-Mari Hjortfors, Umeå University

Lis Mari Hjortfors, Lulesami, ethnologist and PhD student in Sami Studies. Department of Language Studies / Vaartoe/CeSam (Centre for Sami Research) Umeå University.

I have my roots after Stora Lule River, Sauka. I was born at Porjus, but I grew up in Gällivare / Malmberget. I have a master’s degree in ethnology. I have previously worked as an ethnologist at Åjtte, Swedish Mountain and Sami Museum in Jokkmokk. I am on leave from my position as an ethnologist at Arran, lulesami senter / museum. Drag, Tysfjord, Norway.
Martin Hultman, Umeå University

Martin Hultman is Research fellow at Umeå University. His enquiries involves energy- and environmental politics, environmental history, studies of science and technology and cultural analysis. As a scholar and citizen he is through three visiting research sabbaticals in Australia and New Zealand and local community engagements involved in forms of ecotourism, ridesharing and organic food movement. Hultman is initiator of the research networks Swedish Mineral Technology Network and Environmental PostHumanities. The next three years he will be working with the research project “The Swedish mining policy transformation - Actors, values and controversy” funded by the Swedish Research Council.

Aitalina Ivanova, SVFU (NEFU) Yakutsk

Aitalina Ivanova is an expert in minority and environmental legislation in Russia, based at SVFU in Yakutsk (NEFU), which has established at its faculty of Law a special focus on Arctic environmental and minority law. Holding also a PhD in history, Ivanova’s research has during the last decade focused particularly the legal aspects of the advance of extractive industries to ever remoter areas, where industry usually encounters traditional livelihoods of indigenous peoples. Ivanova is also the coordinator of the Uarctic Thematic Network Arctic Extractive Industries in Yakutsk, and has extensive experience in organizing and hosting larger international conferences at her home university.

Rebecka Paulusson, UiT the Arctic University of Norway

My name is Rebecka Paulusson and I am a student from the Political Science program at Umeå University, currently on an exchange semester in Tromsö. I am very interested in indigenous rights and plan to apply for the Master of Indigenous Studies here in Tromsø after I finished my studies in Umeå, in Spring 2015. In addition to the studies in Umeå I was as a member of the Student Association Nordpol, have been involved in the education committee at the Department of Political Science, been a member of the Working Group on Samhällsvetarsektionens graduation ceremony, which I was also emcee for. Also, I am currently secretary of PolRiks - Political Students’ Association.
Marie Persson, human rights defender and founder of "Stop Rönnbäck Nickel Mining Project in Ume river, Tärnaby".

Marie Persson has a Master’s Degree in Systems Science. She is Sami and lives in the mountains of Tärnaby/Dearna with her family and her children Ailo and Freja. Marie work as a graphic designer at her company Kvanne. Since 2008 Marie has been putting great effort into the mining situation since the traditional Sami land in Tärnaby/Dearna are threatened by a huge nickel mining project. Marie is the founder of “Stop Rönnbäck Nickel Mining Project in Ume river, Tärnaby ” and has been struggling to connect people and share information about the global mining boom. Marie was elected as the "citizen of the year" in the county of Västerbotten 2012. In 2013 she was elected as a member of the Sami Parliament.

Thierry Rodon, CIERA, University of Laval

Thierry Rodon holds a research chair in northern sustainable development since August 2011. He is an associate professor at the Political Science Department at Université Laval and an adjunct Professor at the School of Public Policy and Administration at Carleton University. He is also director of the Centre interuniversitaire d’études et de recherches autochtones de l’Université Laval (CIERA) and of the journal Études Inuit Studies. He specializes in northern policies and community development and has extensive experience working with Aboriginal communities and northern institutions. His work deals with a wide range of topics: education, renewable resource management, adaptation to climate change, policy development and evaluation, as well as community participation in environmental impact assessments. He was an editor for the series Life Stories of Nunavut Leaders and has published on Nunavut, Nunatsiavut, Nunavik, and Eeyou Istchee. He also participated in the development and delivery of a B.A. program in Public Service for the Government of Nunavut as well as in the development of the Nunavik Regional Government.

Rémy Rouillard, Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge

Rémy Rouillard has been conducting research in the post-Soviet world for more than a decade, namely in Russia and Estonia. He received his PhD from McGill University’s Department of Anthropology (Montreal, Canada) in 2013. His dissertation is based on ethnographic research conducted in the oil-rich Nenets Autonomous Okrug (NAO), in northwestern Russia. In it, he examined and compared the ways of life of indigenous Nenets reindeer herders and villagers; predominantly Russian settlers who arrived in the NAO during the Soviet days to explore the okrug’s oil and gas potential; and mobile Russian oil workers who extract oil from deposits discovered by Soviet prospectors. The discussion stemming from these comparisons sheds light on the socioeconomic consequences of the extraction of oil in the Arctic, most especially in relation to the oil companies’ preference for a flexible and mobile workforce. Rémy is now a postdoctoral researcher at the Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge. His current research project focuses on the NAO, where he has been examining the mobilization of knowledge in environmental and social impact assessments, as well as in medical practices.
Frank Sejersen, University of Copenhagen

Frank Sejersen is trained as an anthropologist and is employed as associate professor at Eskimology and Arctic Studies Section, Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies, where he has been pursuing research in the Arctic in general and in Greenland in particular, since 1994. The principal areas of research are environmental governance, resource use, self-determination policies, climate change, local knowledge, as well as cultural, economic and societal changes. Since 2009, he has worked on social transformations in the wake of extractive industries in Greenland. Lately, he was member of The Committee for Greenlandic Mineral Resources to the Benefit of Society which published the report “To the benefit of Greenland”.

Peter Sköld, Arcum, Umeå University

Peter Sköld is a professor in history, Sami culture and society development at Umeå University, Sweden. He is the director of the for the Arctic Research Centre at Umeå University. Sköld’s research profile includes historical demography, indigenous health transitions and northern cultures. Sköld is newly elected president of International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA), council member of UArctic and vice chair for WG Human and Social Sciences in the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC). 2014-2018 Sköld is co-scientific leader of the 4,5 million Euro project New Governance for Sustainable Development in the European Arctic, involving 30 researchers.

Chris Southcott, Lakehead University

Chris Southcott is the Principal Investigator for the research network Resources and Sustainable development in the Arctic (ReSDA). Its mandate is to research ways to ensure that a larger share of resource development benefits stay in the region with fewer costs to communities. Raised in Northern Canada he has been involved in community-based research in the Circumpolar North for over 28 years. He has led several major Canadian and international research initiatives dealing with social and economic development in northern regions and has played a leading role in research development for the University of the Arctic.
Florian Stammler, University of Lapland

Florian Stammler is a Professor for Arctic Anthropology at the University of Lapland, Finland. He has been working publishing on Arctic extractive industries and indigenous people for the last two decades, particularly in the Russian North. More recently, he has been working on oral histories among Arctic indigenous peoples as well as among Arctic industrial workers in Russia.

Jon Petter Stoor, Sámi Norwegian National Advisory Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (SANKS).

Stoor is born and raised in Laevas Sámi community, northern Sweden. He is a psychologist and researcher at Sámi Norwegian National Advisory Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (SANKS). After receiving a masters degree in psychology at Umeå University he has been working as a clinical psychologist at SANKS’s youth psychiatric ward in Karasjok, Norway. He is currently a researcher at SANKS’s R&D unit, focusing on issues of cultural sensitivity in psychiatric care for Sámi, and cultural aspects of suicide among Sámi.

Paul M. Suprenand, International Arctic Science Committee Fellow, University of Florida

I am currently an International Arctic Science Committee Fellow, and preparing for upcoming work with Arctic indigenous communities and the Arctic marine ecosystem along Alaska’s North Slope when considering scenarios of hypothetical oil spills. I am currently a postdoc at the University of Florida working to develop a tool for clam farmers when considering climate-driven clam mortality, and recently completed a strategic assessment of fishery independent monitoring programs in the Gulf of Mexico using spatial-ecological modelling. I have a Ph.D. in marine science/biological oceanography, a master’s degree in environmental science and engineering and a bachelor’s degree in environmental biology. My field studies have included work from Iceland to Antarctica and many countries in between.
Henri Wallén, University of Lapland

Henri Wallén is a PhD student in sociology at the Arctic Centre of University of Lapland. His research is focused on the social impacts of extractive industries in the Arctic.

Emma Wilson, Sustainable Markets Group, International Institute for Environment and Development

Dr Emma Wilson is a principal researcher at IIED and heads the Institute’s Energy and Extractive Industries Team. Her research focuses on responsible practice in the extractive industries and the ways that enterprise and investment can promote sustainable use of energy for development. Emma has 18 years’ experience of working on issues related to oil and gas, community relations and corporate responsibility. Her current work focus on transparency and accountability, company–community relations, responsible contracting chains and access to sustainable energy for all. Emma has worked in Russia, Greenland, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Nigeria, South Africa, and Qatar.

Gerald Zojer, Anthropology Research Team, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

After having a career as mechanical engineer and working for the project management group of an oil and gas exploration company, I have studied International Development at the University of Vienna, where I graduated in 2014. Currently I am starting with my PhD studies and am working as a researcher for the Anthropology Research Team in the Arctic Center, University of Lapland (Rovaniemi, Finland). My main research interests are in the field of environmental politics, political ecology, natural resource management, and hegemony theories, while I am focusing on developments with regard to the Arctic region.