

# INVITATION – PROGRAM



## The Urban Arctic

Towards a new understanding  
of the North

Friday, June 10, 2016 – Umeå

### 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

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#### 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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*The Changing Arctic* is a series of Nordic-French seminars that will address key Arctic issues in the field of research. They are a meeting place for French and Nordic scientists, but also a discussion forum with the public. The seminars will take place in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden during 2016. They will address topics like urbanization, health, governance, patrimony, environment. *The Changing Arctic* received the financial support of Institut français.

## 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)**