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The Barents Institute at The University of Tromsø The Arctic University of Norway Presents  
The 2015 Thorvald Stoltenberg Conference on  
Arctic Urban Sustainability in Russia -- in comparative perspective.  
24-26 September 2015  
Kirkenes, Norway

This conference is dedicated to the memory of our colleague and friend  
Vladimir Didyk, Vice-director of the Institute for Economic Studies KSC RAS  
who passed away suddenly on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2015.



Murmansk City, Russia

Photo: espíritu

The key question that will structure the conference will be: Given the on-going and future extraction of Arctic resources, what kinds of urban settlements and their related infrastructure are best suited to ensure sustainability? Our main hypothesis is that: While socio-economic and climate factors can greatly impact the sustainability of Arctic urban settlements, effective resource extraction policies can greatly reduce adverse consequences to the global environment. Our analysis will be focused on several urban communities in the Russian Arctic compared with urban communities in the Norwegian Arctic, as well as with Canadian and US Arctic urban communities, representative of diverse climatic, environmental, and socio-economic conditions.

## **DAY ONE**

**NB:** These sessions will be held in the Barents House, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, the Boardroom of the Norwegian Barents Secretariat

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Aileen A. Espíritu  
Introducing the Conference

13:10 Marianne Neerland Soleim, Director, The Barents Institute, UiT  
Introducing the Vice-Mayor of Kirkenes???

13:20 TBC  
*"Sustainable development in an Arctic city."*

13:40-14:20 **KEYNOTE:** Andrey Petrov, University of Northern Iowa  
*"The Other Arctic: Exploring Knowledge and Creative Economies in Arctic Cities."*

### **PANEL ONE: CAPACITY-BUILDING**

Chair: Marianne Neerland Soleim, The Barents Institute, UiT

14:20-14:40 Yulia Shestova, MSHU  
*"Education in the High North: partnership and cooperation across borders."*

14:40-15:00 Kelsey Nyland, The George Washington University  
*"ARCSUS Capacity Building through the International Permafrost Field School 2012 – 2015"*

### ***15:00-15:15 HEALTH BREAK***

### **PANEL TWO: CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

Chair: Gaute Svensson

15:15-15:35 Stein Østbye, The University of Tromsø The Arctic University of Norway  
*"The Creative Class: do Jobs follow People or do People follow Jobs?"*

15:35-15:55 Andreas Hoffman, Pikene på Broen  
*"Crossing Arctic borders of creative industries" (Title to be confirmed)*

16:00

**REMEMBERING VLADIMIR DIDYK (1957-2015)**



Source: [http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Vladimir\\_Didyk](http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Vladimir_Didyk)

A tribute by Peter Arbo, The University of Tromsø The Arctic University of Norway

***19:00 DINNER AT GAPAHUKEN Maxi-taxis leave from the Thon Hotel at 18:30***

## **DAY TWO**

NB: The proceedings for today 25 September and tomorrow 26 September will take place in the Sea-view conference room at the Thon Hotel, Kirkenes.

### **PANEL THREE: CLIMATE CHANGE**

Chair: Aileen A. Espiritu

08:30-09:10 **KEYNOTE:** Nikolai Shiklomanov, The George Washington University  
*"Arctic Urban Sustainability in Russia and Climate Change: an Overview of Methodology and Results."*

09:10-09:30 Vasily Kokorev, Department of Climatology, State Hydrological institute  
*"Modern and projected meteorological data for climate impact studies"*

09:30-09:50 Oleg Anisimov, Department of Climatology, State Hydrological institute  
*"Climate change and Arctic urban sustainability: public perception and instrumental data."*

### **PANEL FOUR:**

#### **ARCTIC URBAN SUSTAINABILITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

Chair: Urban Wråkberg

09:50-10:15 Larissa Riabova, Luzin Institute for Economic Studies of the Kola Science Centre RAS, Russia  
*"Alakurtti, Russia "In the Middle of Nowhere": Local Community, Socially Sustainable Development and Cross-Border Cooperation"*

10:15-10:35 Hanna Lempinen, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland  
*"Salla, Finland "In the Middle of Nowhere": Local Community, Socially Sustainable Development and Cross-Border Cooperation"*

10:35-10:55 Irina Ilina and Evgenij Pliseckij, Higher School of Economics, Russia  
*"Problems of the development of public infrastructure in cities of the Russian Arctic"*

### ***TOUR OF THE BORDER***

***3 hours 11:30 – 14: 30***

### **PANEL FIVE**

#### **ARCTIC POPULATIONS IN CHANGE**

Chair: Bjarge Schwenke Fors

15:00-15:20 Tim Heleniak. Nordregio, Sweden

*"Boom and Bust: Population Change in Russia's Arctic Cities"*

15:20-15:40 Przemysław Sieradzan, University of Gdansk, Poland  
*"The Pomor Case in Russia's Political Discourse and Arctic policy"*

## PANEL SIX

### GLOBALIZATION AND RUSSIA'S ARCTIC ZONE

Chair: Morgan Ip

15:40-16:00 Genevieve Parente, The University of British Columbia  
*"Shaping Russia's New Arctic: The Union of Cities in the Arctic and the High North."*

16:00-16:20 Olga Talovskaia, Higher School of Economics, Russia  
*"Isolation VS Globalization: Prospects of Urban Development in the Arctic Zone of the Russian Federation in Modern Conditions"*

16:20-16:40 Ekaterina Mikhailova, Higher School of Economics, Russia  
*"Scenarios of regulating Russian Arctic Zone through the lenses of public discourse"*

16:40 Questions and discussion

## End of Day Two

**17:30**                      **Networking in the Thon Hotel bar**

**18:00**                      **DINNER AT THON HOTEL**

## DAY THREE

### PANEL SEVEN

#### Whither Arctic Urban Sustainability?

Chair: Tim Heleniak

0845-0905 Sergey Tkachenko, Chief Architect of the city of Kaluga,  
Department of architecture and urban planning

*"The Local and the Federal in Governance for Sustainability in the Circumpolar North"*

0905-0925 Robert Orttung, The George Washington University  
*"Developing an Arctic Urban Sustainability Index to Promote and Measure Reform Progress"*

0925-0945 Stan Yu, The University of Saskatchewan and Aileen A. Espíritu, The University of Tromsø The Arctic University of Norway  
*"The Arctic Urban prosperity survey: the case of Yakutsk."*

**09:45 HEALTH BREAK and Networking**

10:15 Many of the conference delegates leave for the airport for their 11:30 flight to Oslo.

End of Conference

**Until we meet again, happy happy trails!**



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