

Online workshop: Multilevel Governance and Interregional Cooperation: Vol.1 – The Pacific Arctic

Date and time: January 12, 2021, 16:00-17:30 (Japan time).

Co-organizers: Hokkaido University (Arctic Research Center, Arctic Challenge for Sustainability (ArCS) II, HaRP Project), UArctic Thematic Network on the Arctic in Asia, Asia in the Arctic

Speakers and commentators: Aleksander Voronenko, Head of the Research Center for SCO and APR (Khabarovsk State University of Economics and Law), Mia Bennett (Assistant Professor, University of Hong Kong, Department of Geography), Aileen Espiritu (Researcher, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, the Barents Institute), Fujio Ohnishi (Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center), Marina Lomaeva (Hokkaido University, HaRP Platform)

Target audience: scholars, students and practitioners from Russia, Japan and other Arctic and non-Arctic (East Asia etc.) countries.

Outline: This event is a part of a seminar series based on cooperation between Arctic Challenge for Sustainability (ArCS) II project (especially research program “Elucidating the Complex Dynamics of Arctic Politics and Its Contribution to Japan’s Arctic Policy” and its Subgroup 4 “Non-state actors and paradiplomacy”) and HaRP (especially the specialized section “SDGs: Environment, Resource Development and Multicultural Education”). The series consists of

1. Seminar 1 - Online workshop “Multilevel Governance and Interregional Cooperation: Vol.1 – The Pacific Arctic” to be held on January 12, 2021;
2. Seminar 2 “Japan-Russia Interregional Cooperation in the Arctic and North – Theory and Practice” to be held in March 2021;
3. Seminar 3 in 2021 (the possibility of organizing this event in Rovaniemi (Finland) at the time of the World Winter Cities Association for Mayors Conference/Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit Conference is under consideration).

The aim of the seminar series is to critically evaluate the current stage and future course of the interregional cooperation between Japanese and Russian actors. Through the understanding of the meaningful issue areas for cooperation and the possibilities and limitations different actors and forums of cooperation have, we may be able to increase the effectiveness of resource use. The seminar series also aims at contributing to the future academic cooperation between Japan and Russia by bringing together scholars from various universities. This seminar series builds on the cooperation and networks that were established during the 2019-2020 Cold Land Seminars/Northern Sustainable Development Forums, which were also supported by HaRP.

For inquiries: If you are interested in joining the event, please send a message (including your name, affiliation and the email address where you would like to receive the Zoom Meeting Invitation) to Juha Saunavaara, Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center

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Program (draft)

Japan time	Program
16:00-16:05	Opening words by Juha Saunavaara (Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center)
Part 1	Guest presentation with commentaries
16:05-16:30	Presentation by Aleksander Voronenko (Head, Research Center for SCO and APR, Khabarovsk State University of Economics and Law) “Interregional cross-border cooperation in the Eastern Arctic: Bering Pacific-Arctic Council”
16:30-16:38	Mia Bennett (Assistant Professor, University of Hong Kong, Department of Geography): Commentary
16:38-16:46	Aileen Espiritu (Researcher, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, the Barents Institute): Commentary
16:46-16:50	Aleksander Voronenko: reply to comments
16:50-17:10	Discussion
Part 2	Introducing recent and future activities
17:10-17:15	Presentation by Fujio Ohnishi (Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center): ArCS-II, Research Program “Elucidating the Complex Dynamics of Arctic Politics and Its Contribution to Japan’s Arctic Policy”, Subgroup 4: Non-state actors and paradiplomacy (TBC)
17:15-17:20	Presentation by Marina Lomaeva (Hokkaido University, International Affairs Department, HaRP Secretariat): “Collaboration with government bodies and private companies as part of the HaRP Project” (TBC)
17:20-17:25	Presentation by Aileen Espiritu: “UArctic Thematic Network on the Arctic in Asia, Asia in the Arctic” (TBC)
17:25-17:30	Closing words by Juha Saunavaara

Profile of the key speaker: Aleksander Voronenko, Head of the Research Center for SCO and APR, Khabarovsk State University of Economics and Law

Aleksandr graduated from Khabarovsk State University of Economics and Law in 2007, worked as researcher at the Economic Research Institute Far Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Science in 2007-2009 and as a consultant of the Interregional Association of Economic Interaction “Far East and Transbaikalia” in 2007-2015. He started as a scholar at the Far Eastern Institute of State Service under the president of Russian Federation in 2015 and earned his PhD. at the Khabarovsk State University of Economics and Law in 2016. Before obtaining his current position as the head of the Research Center for Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Asia-Pacific Region, Khabarovsk State University of Economics and Law in 2018, he served the same institution in the role of senior adviser for two years. He has authored more than 20 scientific articles and 3 external-economic digests focusing on the socio-

economic development of the Russian Far East. He is one of the initiators and a member of the Working Group “Bering Pacific Arctic Council”. The Working Group was created during the 2019 Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP) meeting in Khabarovsk. Its main goal is to explore the possibility and necessity of the establishment of the bi-national Bering Pacific Arctic Council and to develop its draft structure and statute.