

Online workshop: Multilevel Governance and Interregional Cooperation: Vol.2 – The Barents Region

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- 1) Mute your microphones and turn your cameras off.
- 2) Please send questions and comments through the chat.

Program

Opening

Geir Hønneland (UiT The Arctic University of Norway; The Norwegian Helsinki Committee): “Norway and Russia in the Barents Region: Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation Structure”

Larissa Riabova (Luzin Institute for Economic Studies of the Kola Science Centre): “Studying the Barents Region: views and experiences from the Russian side”

Gøril Johansen (Ministry of Foreign Affairs Norway, Chair, the Committee of Senior Officials) and Mikael Bergström (Chair of the Barents Regional Committee): Commentary

Q&A

Announcements from the organizers and closing

Issues to be discussed

- The Barents cooperation played a pioneering role during the early post-Cold War years, but what can be said about its present condition and the future prospects?
- What is the relationship between the Arctic and Barents cooperation?
- What are the major challenges and what are the recent success stories of the Barents cooperation?
- What other initiatives aiming to foster interregional cooperation (in the context of the Arctic and North) can learn from the Barents cooperation?
- Can the Barents cooperation offer lessons and best practices for regional cooperation in the Northeast Asia or Asia as a whole?

Forthcoming events

- **Online Workshop: Multilevel Governance and Interregional Cooperation: Vol.3 – Sustainable regional development, international cooperation and the protection of the Arctic environment;** September 14, 2021 (side event of the General Meeting of the Association of Japanese and Russian Universities); English (with simultaneous interpretation to Japanese and Russian); Online; Free of charge and open to everyone.
- Hybrid seminar focusing on structures/forums of interregional cooperation in the Arctic and northern contexts; Mid-November (before/after/during the Rovaniemi Arctic Spirit 2021 organized on November 16-17)
- Online workshop; December 2021 (topic under consideration, possibly related to Asia in the Arctic).