



## Japan-Russia Scientific Forum

### Online Workshop “Sustainable Regional Development, International Cooperation and the Protection of the Arctic Environment”

**Date and time:** 14 September 2021 (Tue), 15:00-18:00 (Japan time) / 9:00-12:00 (Moscow time)

**Organizers:** Hokkaido University; Moscow State University; Association of Institutions of Higher Education of Russian Federation and Japan

**Co-organizers:** Arctic Challenge for Sustainability (ArCS) II Project; UArctic Thematic Network on the Arctic in Asia, Asia in the Arctic

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

**Format:** online (via Zoom)

**Languages:** English (with simultaneous interpretation into Japanese and Russian)

**Outline:** This workshop is one of the 4 sessions of the Japan-Russia Scientific Forum held with the aim of promoting Japan-Russia academic collaboration for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It draws on the results of the following seminars which were co-organized by the Japanese participants of the specialized section “SDGs: Environment, Resource Development and Multicultural Education”, Arctic Challenge for Sustainability (ArCS) II Project (particularly, the 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”):

1. Seminar 1 “Multilevel Governance and Interregional Cooperation: Vol. 1 – The Pacific Arctic” held on 12 January 2021;
2. Seminar 2 “Japan-Russia Interregional Cooperation in the Arctic and North – Theory and Practice” held on 3 March 2021;
3. Seminar 3 “Multilevel Governance and Interregional Cooperation: Vol. 2 – The Barents Region” held on 9 June 2021.

These seminars and the current workshop share the common purpose to critically evaluate the current stage and forecast the 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. They also aim at contributing to the future academic cooperation between Japan and Russia by bringing together scholars from various universities, building on the cooperation and networks that were established during the 2019-2020 Cold Land Seminars/Northern Sustainable Development Forums.

The current workshop “Sustainable Regional Development, International Cooperation and the Protection of the Arctic Environment” will gather some of the participants of the specialized section “(4) SDGs: Environment, Resource Development and Multicultural Education” and their Russian and other international counterparts to discuss the ecologically sustainable development and protection of the Arctic. The main topics for discussion will be multi-level governance, the role and possibilities of regional and local actors (including indigenous peoples) and cross-border cooperation.

**How to register:** Please register via Google Forms (<https://forms.gle/Esnp2UBHBxjHFZAQ7>) by September 10.

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**Draft program** (as of 14 September2021)

<b>Time (Japan)</b>	<b>Program</b>
15:00-15:10	Opening remarks Moderator: <b>Juha Saunavaara</b> (Hokkaido University)
15:10-15:30	<u>Presentation 1:</u> <b>Olga Tutubalina</b> (Moscow State University) “The role of regional and local actors in the protection and study of the Arctic and northern environment (Case study: Norilsk Industrial region)” (20 min.)
15:30-15:40	<u>Commentary 1:</u> <b>Irina Onufrenya</b> (WWF Russia) (10 min.)
15:40-16:00	<u>Presentation 2:</u> <b>Vyacheslav Shadrin</b> (Chairman of the Council of Elders of the Yukaghir people and Vice President of the Sakha Republic (Yakutia) Association of Indigenous Minorities of the North) “The role of indigenous peoples of the North and their associations in environmental protection in the North and the Arctic.” (20 min.)
16:00-16:10	<u>Commentary 2:</u> <b>Jeffry Gayman</b> (Hokkaido University) (10 min.)
16:10-16:25	Q&A (15 min.)
16:25-16:35	Break (10 min.)
16:35-16:55	<u>Presentation 3:</u> <b>Alexander Pilyasov, Nadezhda Zamyatina</b> (Moscow State

	University) “Economic development of the Russian Arctic 2.0: Major results from the three-year research project” (20 min.)
16:55-17:05	<u>Commentary 3</u> : <b>Shinichiro Tabata</b> (Hokkaido University) (10 min.)
17:05-17:25	<u>Presentation 4</u> : <b>Ilya Stepanov</b> (HSE University) “Climate Change and the Limits for the Development and Cooperation in the Arctic” (20 min.)
17:25-17:35	<u>Commentary 4</u> : <b>Aileen A. Espiritu</b> (UiT The Arctic University of Norway, the Barents Institute) (10 min.)
17:35-17:50	Q&A (15 min.)
17:50-18:00	Closing remarks