



International Arctic Social Sciences Association

The International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) is an association of social scientists, humanities scholars and others interested in the Arctic (including Subarctic). Membership is open to anyone who subscribes to IASSA's objectives:

- * to promote and stimulate international cooperation and to increase the participation of social scientists in national and international Arctic research
- * to promote communication and coordination with other research organizations
- * to promote the active collection, exchange, dissemination, and archiving of scientific information in the Arctic social sciences
- * to promote mutual respect, communication, and collaboration between social scientists and northern people
- * to facilitate culturally, developmentally, and linguistically appropriate education in the North
- * to follow the IASSA statement of [ethical principles for the conduct of research in the Arctic](#) (see www.iassa.org).

IASSA has Observer Status at the Arctic Council, and is a member of the International Social Sciences Council. IASSA maintains close relations with the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC), the University of the Arctic, and the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists.

IASSA has over 600 members from 30 countries. Anyone who is interested in Arctic/Subarctic social sciences and humanities, and who subscribes to ICASS's objectives (www.iassa.org) is welcome to join. Membership privileges include access to ICASS meetings (open to members only), a semi-annual newsletter, access to receive and post messages on the IASSA listserv, and other benefits.



Eighth International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VIII)

22-26 May 2014

University of Northern British Columbia
Prince George, British Columbia, Canada

The Eighth International Congress on Arctic Social Sciences will be held at the University of Northern British Columbia, in Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, 22-26 May 2014. This triennial Congress brings together several hundred Arctic/Subarctic social scientists and humanities scholars, as well as indigenous and non-indigenous northerners, and representatives from various levels of government, NGOs, and other organizations. The theme of ICASS VIII is '*Northern Sustainabilities*'.

More information on the Congress is available at: <http://resweb.res.unbc.ca/icass2014/index.htm>.

Proposals for papers and posters for ICASS VIII are due 17 December 2013.

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Keynote Speakers

- * Chief Joe Linklater, Gwich'in Council International, Canada
- * Dr. Alexander Pelyasov, Council for Research of Productive Forces, Russian Federation,
- * Ms. Henriette Rasmussen, Greenlandic Broadcasting Corporation, Greenland
- * Dr. Sverker Sörlin, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Sweden

Sustainability Research Project Panels

- * Arctic Futures, Sustainabilities and Strategic Environmental Research
- * From Staples to Sustainability: Can Extractive Resource Development Lead to Sustainability in the Arctic?
- * *SakKijânginnatuk Nunalik*: Sustainable Approaches to Community Planning and Development in Nunatsiavut, Northern Labrador

Preliminary List of Sessions - Sample Titles

Concepts & Ideas of Sustainability

- * Arctic Sustainabilities: Meanings & Means
- * Arctic Cultural Economies & Sustainable Development
- * Arctic Identities & Arctic Sustainabilities Across Places and Times

Culture and Knowledge

- * Humanities in the Circumpolar World
- * Arctic Religious Identities
- * The Arctic Indigenous Language Vitality Initiative

Education

- * Education in the Arctic: Sustaining Our Communities
- * Community-Based Approaches to Literacy & Skills Development as a Basis for Sustainability
- * Teacher Education & Sustainable Schools in the Circumpolar North

Environmental & Climate Change

- * Adaptation of the Indigenous Population to Climate Change
- * Ecosystem Sustainability – Sustainable Livelihoods
- * Climate Change, Migration, Economic Transformations

Governance

- * Inuit Regional Autonomy in the Canadian Arctic
- * The Ethics of Care in Inuit Leadership & Governance
- * Governance & Competence Building in Relation to Raw Material Extraction

Health & Well-Being

- * Climate Change & Mental Health in the Circumpolar World
- * Climate Change, Gender & Well-Being in the Arctic

- * Alternative Food Security Strategies in the Circumpolar North

International Relations & Law

- * Arctic Sustainability via International Law
- * Non-Arctic Stakeholders & Their Sustainable Engagement with the North
- * New Geopolitics of the Arctic Council

Renewable Resources

- * Tourism as a Dimension of Northern Sustainability
- * Arctic Agriculture & Farming Systems in Transition
- * Sustainable Marine Resource Governance

Research Methodologies & Approaches

- * The Role of Data Management in Enhancing Research & Policy Making for Arctic Sustainability
- * Community-Based Monitoring of Social Change in the Arctic
- * Engaging Northerners: Community-based Environmental Monitoring & Research in the Arctic

Resource Development

- * Sustainable Energy Development in the Arctic & Polar Regions
- * Extractive Industries in Indigenous Areas
- * Roads & Development in the North

Urban / Community Sustainability

- * Designing/Building Sustainable Northern Communities
- * *We are Adapting*: Arctic Communities Under Stress or on a Path to Sustainability
- * Toward Social Sustainability in the Urban Arctic: Capacity-Building Strategies

International Conference on Arctic Research Planning Townhall

