



Results of the Online Survey Conducted After the Polar Cooperation Research Centre Fourth International Symposium (17-18 December 2018)

Symposium Theme: “International Law for Sustainability in Arctic Resource Development: Integrating Economic, Social, Environmental and Scientific Dimensions”

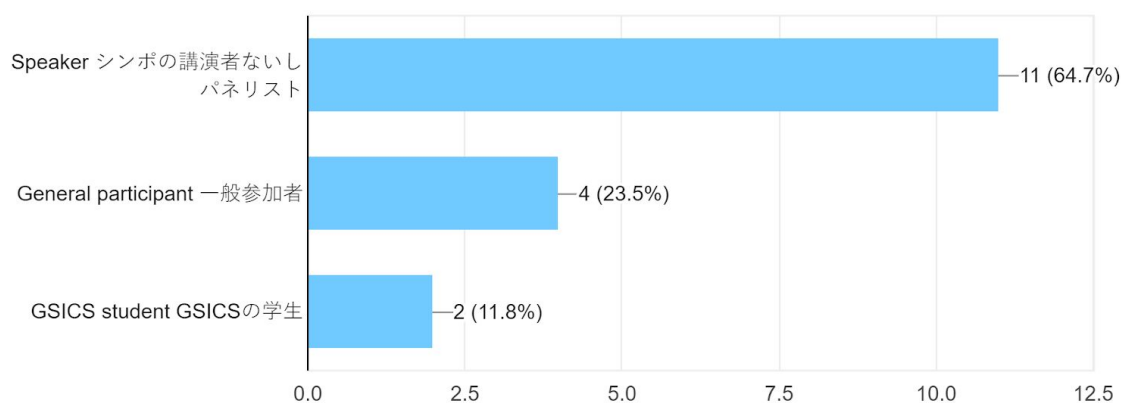
Scope and aim of the survey: This survey was conducted between January and February 2019 and was sent to all the symposium participants to gather their feedbacks for future PCRC International symposia, Polar Law Symposium 2020 (organised by PCRC at Kobe University), other potential PCRC events.

Total of responses: 17 out of 62 registered participants (27.4%)

Question #1

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17 responses



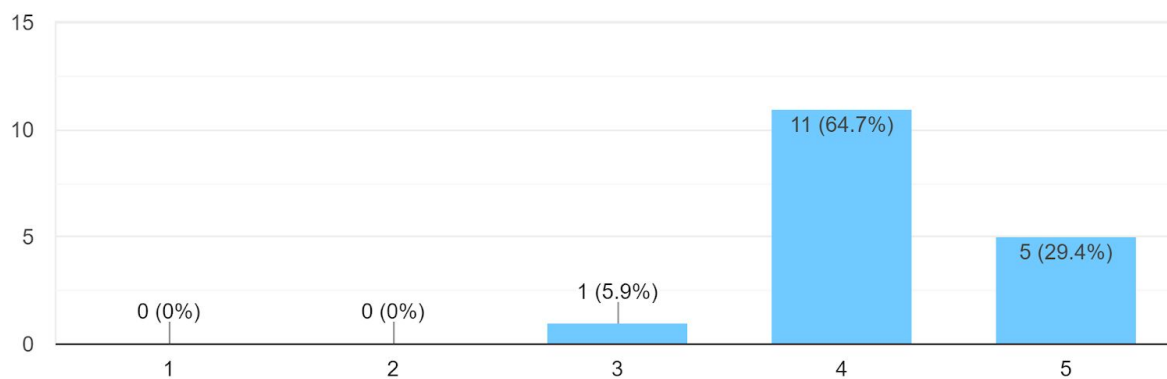
Question #2

Please rate the academic significance of the symposium, including the academic relevance of this year's selected theme and topics. 今回のシンポジウムの学術的貢献及びテーマ・トピックの学術的意義を評価下さい（1低い-5高い）

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Not significant	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very significant

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Question #3

Please provide your comments/impression on the overall academic/practical significance and relevance of this years' symposium. 今回のシンポジウムの学術的ないし実際の意義につきご意見・ご感想をお願いします。（日本語でもどうぞ）

11 responses

Interdisciplinary approach to sustainability and establishment of expert network

Very impressive.

There are many conferences and symposia on the Arctic these days but the 4th PCRC symposium stood out in two ways. First of all, it supported a number of junior scholars. This is important both for their career development but also in bringing new perspectives and ideas to the "old" scholars. Secondly, there are not very many high-level events on the Arctic in Asia and the PCRC is really leading the field in this respect. The PCRC is a professional, scientific research community that is not constrained by political considerations. This is extremely important in the contemporary climate.

資源開発というタイムリーかつセンシティブなテーマのもと、様々な研究分野、また研究者から実務者まで、幅広い参加者が意見を交換して交流できたことが素晴らしいと思います。

Overall the symposium was well-organised

The way symposium structured allows me who wasn't researching the issue to easily get into the discussions. I am very grateful for that.

very strong presentations and excellent and informed discussion

Everything was well organized and planned, and the substantive content of the symposium was excellent. It was incredible to be able to participate as an early career researcher and be able to discuss and receive input from such relevant and established scholars, as well as to hear new perspectives from different industries, fields of study, and especially other fellow early career researchers. However, the expectations for a full draft prior to the symposium for early career researchers was not made clear in advance, and when this became clear it created some difficulties for us in balancing time management and planning in conjunction to existing commitments that we might have.

I felt that the conference was relevant and brought together a wide range of views regarding development in the Arctic

it's very important to figure out an appropriate approach to Arctic Resource Development combined with the protection and exploitation in the practice. as for the academic significance, the concept of sustainability in int'l law need to be futhure explored and innovated.

Theme very focused when compared to previous years, but some presentations did not seem to match the theme. Case studies very interesting, but lessons learned often specific to the locale cannot be easily adapted to other jurisdictions.

Question #4

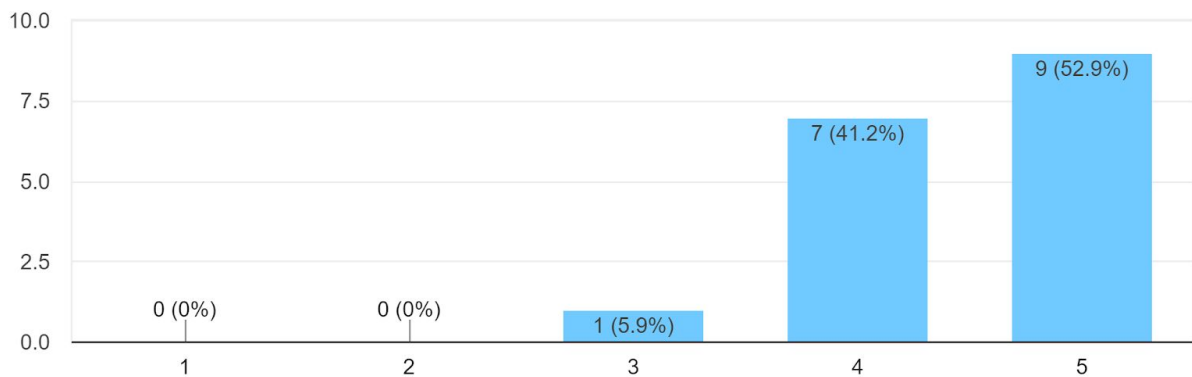
Did the symposium substantively meet your expectations? 今回のシンポジウムは貴方が期待していたことに対応していましたか？（1全く対応していなかった-5完全に対応していた）

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Not at all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Fully

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Question #5

What was your expectation and which substantive aspects of the symposium did you find interesting? いかなる期待をもってシンポジウムに参加され、またシンポジウムのどの側面に関心を持たれましたか。（日本語でもどうぞ）

11 responses

Connection between different issues

It was my honor to engage in such a meaningful symposium, which enrich my understanding about my studies and expand my network in this field.

Contributions from the young scholars were very valuable. I also appreciated the relatively generous time allocated to discussion and strict time-keeping. This allowed the symposium to remain interactive and dynamic. Besides keeping the symposium lively, it also meant that there was room for a proper exchange of views, allowing for development, rather than mere "speeches" during which noone's views are challenged, let alone changed.

Focus on Greenland (cf. Russia)

Indigenous representation

The politics and international relations meet international law. It allows a more rich development of the issue.

I had high expectations of the quality of the discussion and they were fulfilled.

Keynote speeches and time dedicated for discussion

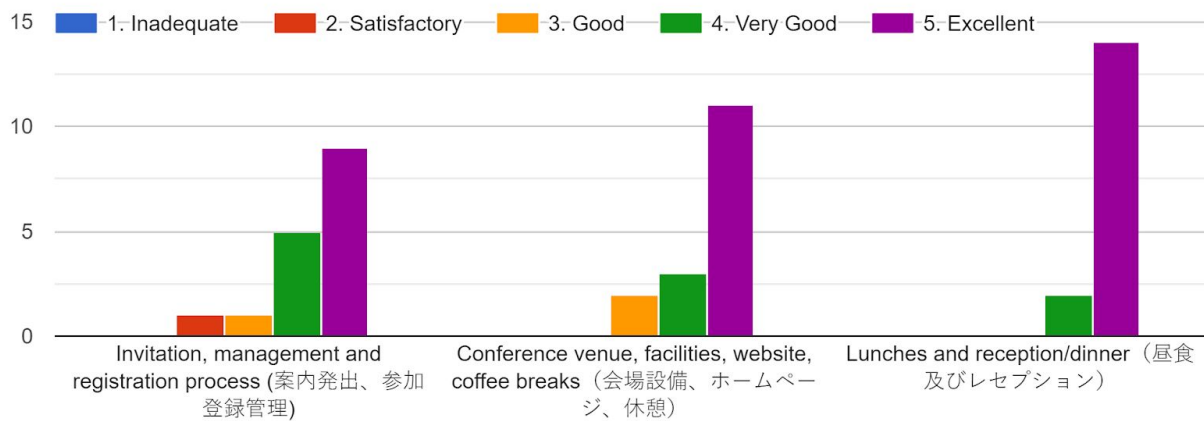
I did not have any preconceived thoughts on the conference content. I believe that the discussions that centered around the difficulty of providing a sustainable economy in the Arctic region while still being environmentally responsible was very worthwhile.

applying the sustainability to the Arctic Resource Development in the int'l law
The case studies of Greenland in terms of the sustainability in Resource Development of Greenland

I feel no consensus was reached with regard to the question set out at the onset of the symposium on sustainability as an integrative principle. Legal situation of Greenland's aboriginal people and the status of their property rights was very informative, but link to central theme could have been made clearer.

Question #6

Please rate the following aspects of the symposium organization.
シンポジウムの運営につき評価下さい。(1不十分-5すばらしい)



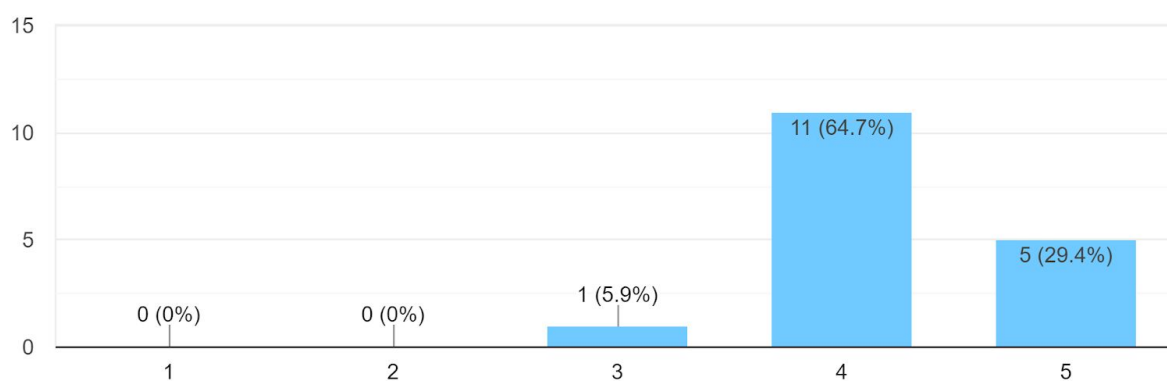
Question #7

In comparison with other/similar international symposia/conferences you have attended, how would you rate this symposium as a whole. これまで参加された国際学術会議と比較して、今回のシンポジウムを全体としてどのように評価されますか。（1平均以下-5最高）

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Below average	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	One of the best

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Question #8

The Polar Cooperation Research Centre is hosting the Polar Law Symposium in 2020 (PLS2020). What is your expectation for the PCRC to address/focus in planning its future events, including the PLS2020? Any specific topics and/or speakers you would like the PCRC to cover/invite at its future events?

神戸大学極域協力研究センター(PCRC)では、2020年秋に世界的な極域法政策学会であるPolar Law Symposiumの年次大会(PLS2020)をホストします。このPLS2020を含め、PCRCが今後取り組むべき課題や論点、招へいすべき講演者などにつき、ご意見ありましたらお願いします。(日本語でもどうぞ)

9 responses

Role of polar law in international law

I am looking forward to engage in future activities. If it is possible, I hope to meet more international legal practitioners, such as international law lawyers. Personally, it is less to hear voices from the groups of practitioners related to academic and governmental representatives. I believe that the polar law like other fields of international law also needs more practical experiences. For example, professor James Harrison is a typical case. He has engaged in the 2014 Whaling case and published quite a number of academic works regarding the law of the sea.

I strongly recommend the inclusion of Ainu scholars, given the strong work the PLS has done on indigenous rights.

環境汚染、健康・衛生問題などはいかがでしょうか？

To hold concurrent sessions to cover more topics on Arctic law

Environmental Regime perspective

More focus on Antarctic international law would be welcome.

Local employment and workforce training opportunities would be a good topic
A more in depth look at funding options for Arctic development

Topics of particular interest of mine seem to have been touched upon in previous iterations of the Symposium. These include shipping governance, the role of arctic and non-arctic nations, and Japan's arctic policy. I look forward to future events.