

13<sup>th</sup> Polar Law Symposium

## Panel on Policy-Law-Science Nexus in Polar Regions

*presents online interactive seminar*

# The Future of the Arctic Council

**17 September 2020 (Thu) 16:00-18:00 JST/ 7:00-9:00 GMT**  
**Zoom Meeting (pre-registration required)**

### Speakers:

**Malgorzata (Gosia) Smieszek (UiT Arctic University of Norway)**  
**Alexander Sergunin (St. Petersburg State University, Russia)**

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## Dr. Malgorzata Smieszek



Dr. Malgorzata (Gosia) Smieszek is a researcher and a project coordinator at the UiT Arctic University of Norway. Her research interests comprise questions of environmental and Arctic governance, in particular the Arctic Council, science-policy interface, and gender equality and sustainable development nexus. She worked as Chair of International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) Action Group on Communicating Arctic Science to Policy-Makers (CASP) and a representative of IASC to the meetings of the Arctic Council. She is also one of the co-founders of a non-profit association “Women of the Arctic”. She recently defended her doctoral thesis on “Informal International Regimes” using the Arctic Council as a case study at the University of Lapland (2019).

## Prof. Alexander Sergunin



Prof. Alexander Sergunin is a Professor of International Relations at the St. Petersburg State University, Russia. His fields of research and teaching include international relations theory, Russian foreign policy, and Arctic politics. His recent publications include: “Forging Russia’s Arctic strategy: actors and decision-making” *The Polar Journal*, Vol.9 Iss.1, (with V. Konyshv) and “Arctic Security Perspectives from Russia” in W. Lackenbauer and S. Lalonde eds., *Breaking the Ice Curtain?* (Canadian Global Affairs Institute, 2019).

## Discussion-oriented seminar on the future of the Arctic Council

Science to Policy Interface at the Arctic Council

Recent “Politicization” of the Arctic Council: Impacts on the science-based discussions at the Working Group level

Russia’s Forthcoming Chairmanship (2021-2023)

Legitimacy and Reforms of the Arctic Council

(Maximum of 25 participants)



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## Panel on Policy-Law-Science Nexus in Polar Regions

### Convenors:

Prof. Akiho Shibata (Kobe PCRC, Japan)

Dr. Hiroyuki Enomoto (NIPR, Japan)

### Early Career Fellow supporting this seminar:

Romain Chuffart

(PhD cand. in Law, Durham University)

### Forthcoming Seminar:

Arctic Science Cooperation Agreement: Implications for  
Asian countries and their scientists

(Nov. 12, 2020 - 16:00-18:00 JST)

Han Liu

Kyongsa Ri

Akiho Shibata