



Antarctic Governance
Research 2025-30



Korea Polar Research Institute



2025 ATCM / JSPS Core-to-Core Program Seminar: Antarctic Governance upheld by the Treaty System

June 22 (Sunday) 13:30-16:30

[Hotel Meliá](#), via Masaccio 19 20149 Milano (15-minute walk distance from ATCM venue)

In-person only, open to public, video recorded for later YouTube uploading

In the margins of ATCM XLVII and CEP XXVII, Kobe University's Polar Cooperation Research Centre (PCRC) and the Korea Polar Research Institute (KOPRI), together with the local Institute of Polar Science (CNR-ISP) will convene an Antarctic governance-focused seminar. Following the previous ones, the seminar will bring together ATCM and CEP delegates, academia, and other experts to explore both ongoing and emerging issues in Antarctic governance.



This year's seminar will examine the environment surrounding the Antarctic Treaty System (ATS), both from within and beyond. Internally, it will explore the structural foundations of the ATS, including its consensus-based decision-making processes, the role of transparency mechanisms, and the long-term adaptability of the system. Externally, it will consider the evolving global context in which the ATS operates. Key external pressures such as accelerating climate change and the implications of new, emerging instruments such as the Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) pose critical challenges and opportunities for the future of Antarctic governance. By linking the internal mechanics of the ATS with these broader geopolitical and environmental developments, the seminar aims to generate forward-looking insights and practical pathways to strengthen the stewardship of Antarctica.

Program:

13:30 Opening: **Akiho Shibata** (Kobe PCRC)/ **Hyoung Chul Shin** (KOPRI)
Giuliana Panieri, Director, CNR-ISP

13:45 Panel 1: **Antarctic governance within the system: consensus-building & transparency mechanisms**

Chair: **Akiho Shibata**, Director, Kobe PCRC

Panelists: **Kees Bastmeijer**, Professor, University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Nengye Liu, Associate Professor, Singapore Management University

Anaïs Rémont, PhD Candidate, University of Wollongong/ANCOR, Australia

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14:45 Coffee Break

15:15 Panel 2: **Antarctic governance in global contexts: climate change & emerging instruments**

Chair: **Hyoung Chul Shin**, President, KOPRI

Panelists: **Evan Bloom**, US Lead for Antarctic diplomacy from 2006-2020

Gino Casassa, Director, Instituto Antártico Chileno (INACH)

Steven Chown, Professor, Monash University, Australia; former President of SCAR

Sabina Di Franco, Technologist, Istituto Scienze Polari (CNR-ISP)

Marco Volpe, PhD Candidate, University of Lapland, Finland

16:15 Closing

