



December 8

International Symposium

Emerging Arctic Legal Orders in Science, Environment and the Ocean

Venue: Simulation Room, 6th Floor of [GSICS building](#)
Kobe University Rokkodai Campus

Program

December 18 (Fri)

9:00- Registration

9:30-9:45 Welcome note by Professor Kenji Yotsumoto, Dean, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS), Kobe University

Welcome note by Professor Akiho Shibata, Director, Polar Cooperation Research Centre (PCRC), GSICS, Kobe University

9:45-10:15 Keynote Address by **Ambassador Hannu Halinen**

Arctic Council as an Institutional Framework for Arctic Legal Order-making

10:30-11:00 **Panel Discussion** on the Arctic Council and the role of non-Arctic States

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-11:45 Presentation by **Professor Rachael Lorna Johnstone**

Environmental Governance through the Arctic Council:

The Arctic Council as Initiator of Norms of International Environmental Law

11:45-12:30 Discussion

12:30-14:30

-Lunch-

University cafeteria is open.

14:30-15:00 Presentation by **Professor David L. VanderZwaag**

Arctic Ocean Governance: Shifting Seascapes, Hazy Horizons

15:00-15:45 Discussion

15:45-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-16:45 Presentation by **Professor Akiho Shibata**

**The Arctic as a Distinct Legal Sphere for
Promoting International Scientific Cooperation**

16:45-17:30 Discussion

18:00-20:00 - **Conference Reception** at [Restaurant “Sakura”](#) –
(One minute walk from the conference venue)

All registered participants are welcome to attend (free of charge)

December 19 (Sat)

9:00- Registration and coffee

9:30-10:00 Presentation by **Professor Kentaro Nishimoto**

Regulation of Arctic Shipping after the Polar Code

10:00-10:45 Discussion

10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:30 **Concluding Panel Discussion: The Future of Arctic Legal Orders**

For biography of main speakers and pre-conference paper /PPT of their presentations,
see the symposium page below:

<http://www.research.kobe-u.ac.jp/gsics-pcrc/sympo/20151218.html>