

Biographies of Speakers, Discussants and Session Coordinators:

7 December: Keynote speaker

Koji Sekimizu is the Secretary-General Emeritus of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the Chancellor Emeritus of the World Maritime University (WMU) and a Special Advisor and Professor of Kobe University. He is also a Distinguished Visiting Fellow of S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) and a Senior Advisor of the Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) Academy of Singapore and an Advisor of the Board of Trustees of Museo Del Galleon, Manila, of the Philippines, a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA) and a Member of the Japan Society of Nautical Research. He graduated Osaka University in 1975 and, after working in several positions in the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, joined IMO in 1989. In his career of 26 years in the IMO Secretariat, he was appointed Director of the Marine Environment Division in 2000 and appointed the Director of the Maritime Safety Division in 2004 and elected and appointed the Secretary-General for the period from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2015.

7 December: Session on Global Arctic Shipping Governance

Rasmus Gjedssø Bertelsen is Professor of Northern Studies and Barents Chair in Politics at the Department of Social Sciences, UiT the Arctic University of Norway. He is currently Invited Professor at Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS), Kobe University under the fellowship of Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) (October 20 to December 18, 2017). After obtaining a PhD in international relations from Cambridge University, UK, he was a postdoc at Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, US as well as Aalborg University, Denmark. He was also a JSPS postdoctoral fellow at Tokyo Institute of Technology and United Nations University, Japan (2009-2011). His expertise is in international relations especially the function of knowledge in international relations. He has published number of articles on transnational knowledge flow and science diplomacy in the context of the Arctic.

Ang Chin Eng is the Technical Director of the Singapore Shipping Association (SSA) since April 2015. Captain Ang has over 40 years of experience in the maritime sector, initially as a seafarer and port captain and, later, as an academic. He is a qualified Master Mariner (New Zealand) and an accountant – FCA (Singapore) and FCPA (Australia). He holds an MBA from the University of Queensland, the MCILT (UK), and the OND in Nautical Science (UK). Captain Ang has been in academia over the last 20 years and was the Singapore Polytechnic's course manager for the Diploma in Maritime Business and, earlier, the Diploma in Nautical Studies. He has served extensively on the Council of the Singapore Nautical Institute, holding a number of key appointments including Honorary Secretary, President and finally as Honorary Advisor. During this time, he authored/presented a number of technical reports.

Piotr Graczyk is a PhD Research Fellow at the Department of Social Sciences, UiT The Arctic University of Norway and a Researcher at the Northern Research Institute (NORUT) both located in Tromsø, Norway. His research interests centre on roles of the Arctic Council in Arctic governance, international institutions and regimes, ocean and shipping governance, Norwegian foreign policy, and Arctic shipping. Piotr is an advisor on Arctic affairs at the Polish MFA and a member of the Polish observer delegation to various Arctic Council's meetings, with focus on the Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME) Working Group. He has worked at the Arctic Council Secretariat (2008-2009) and has been a member of the Polish delegation to the International Maritime Organisation during the Polar Code negotiations. He was involved in the establishment and major activities of the University of the Arctic's Thematic Network Model Arctic Council (MAC). He teaches courses on Arctic politics and European Union institutions at UiT. In 2016 Piotr was a visiting fellow at University of California Santa Barbara.

Kentaro Nishimoto is Associate Professor at the School of Law, Tohoku University, Japan. He obtained his doctorate from the University of Tokyo in 2011, with a thesis on "Territoriality and Functionality in the Historical Formation of the Modern Law of the Sea". His publications on the Arctic include: "The Status of the Maritime Area around the Svalbard Islands in International Law," in *Governing the Arctic Ocean* (Toshindo, 2013) (in Japanese); "Coastal States' Regulation and the Regime of the International Straits in the Arctic Sea Routes," in *International Straits* (Toshindo, 2015) (in Japanese); *Journal of International Cooperation Studies*, Vol.24 No.1 (July, 2016) (in Japanese) and "The Rights and Interests of Japan in Regard to Arctic Shipping," in Robert C. Beckman, Tore Henriksen, Christine Dalaker Kraabel, Erik J. Molenaar and J. Ashley Roach (eds.), *Governance of Arctic Shipping* (Brill Nijhoff, 2017).

Alexander Sergunin is Professor of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University, Russia. He was Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Invited Fellow at Polar Cooperation Research Centre (PCRC), Kobe University (July-August, 2016). His fields of research and teaching include Russian foreign policy thinking and making as well as Russia's Arctic strategies. His most recent book-length publications include: *Russia in the Arctic. Hard or Soft Power?* (Stuttgart, 2016) (with Valery Konyshev); *Explaining Russian Foreign Policy Behavior: Theory and Practice* (Stuttgart, 2016); *Russian Strategies in the Arctic: Avoiding a New Cold War* (Moscow, 2014) (with Lassi Heininen and Gleb Yarovoy); *Laboratories of European Integration: City-Twinning in Northern Europe* (Tartu, 2012) (with Pertti Joenniemi); *The Arctic in International Politics: Cooperation or Competition?* (Moscow, 2011) (with Valery Konyshev).

Akiho Shibata is Professor of International Law and Director, Polar Cooperation Research Centre (PCRC), Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies (GSICS), Kobe University, Japan. He leads the Arctic legal and policy studies within the Japanese government funded project, ArCS (Arctic Challenge for Sustainability), and successfully organized three international symposia on Arctic legal order-making since

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7 December: Session on the Central Arctic Ocean Fisheries

Erik J. Molenaar has been with the Netherlands Institute for the Law of the Sea (NILOS) at Utrecht University since 1994 and currently holds the position of Deputy Director. In 2006 he also became employed by UiT The Arctic University of Norway - in Tromsø - where he currently is a Professor with the K.G. Jebsen Centre for the Law of the Sea (JCLOS). After having completed his PhD on ‘Coastal State Jurisdiction over Vessel-Source Pollution’ (1998) and his tasks as assistant rapporteur to the International Law Association (ILA)’s Committee on Coastal State Jurisdiction Relating to Marine Pollution, he broadened his research field with international fisheries law and the international law relating to the Antarctic and Arctic. In addition to fundamental research, he has also provided juridical advice to, inter alia, various shipping and fishing companies, Netherlands and Norwegian Ministries, the European Parliament, the European Commission, and UNEP and FAO. His research has led to his participation in various diplomatic conferences and other intergovernmental meetings, including the annual meetings of several regional fisheries management organizations. Since late 2013 his research has a specific focus on participation, allocation and the ecosystem approach to polar fisheries. Full CV available at: www.uu.nl/rebo/medewerkers/EJMolenaar.

Elena V. Kienko is of Russian origin with an LL.M. in International Economic Law from MGIMO University, Russia. She is currently a post-graduate student of MGIMO University. She specializes in legal aspects of cooperation between Russia and Non-Arctic States in the Arctic Region (primarily between Russia and Japan, between Russia and China and between Russia and South Korea). She is the author of several articles concerning navigation of nuclear icebreakers in the Arctic waters and the Arctic policy of the People's Republic of China published in Moscow Journal of International Law.

Alexander N. Vylegzhanin, Doctor of Law, Professor, is a Head of the Program of International Law, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO-University). He is elected as a Vice-president of the Russian Association of International Law and a Vice-President of the Russian Association of the Law of the Sea. He is nominated by the Russian Federation to the list of arbitrators according to Annex VII of the UNCLOS. He is elected as a Member of the Presidium of the Committee of Experts on the Arctic and Antarctic of the Council of Federation (the Upper Chamber of the Russian Parliament). He is Editor-in Chief of the Moscow Journal of International Law and also a Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal “JUS GENTIUM”. He has publicized a wide array of books on international issues, mainly in Russian (more than

170).

Geir Hønneland is a Norwegian political scientist specializing in international ocean governance, East–West relations in the Arctic and the role of identity in international relations. He has published more than 30 books (including some 20 monographs as sole or main author), around 55 journal articles and approximately 80 commentaries in the Norwegian and international press. His latest monograph is *Russia and the Arctic: Environment, Identity and Foreign Policy* (I.B.Tauris, 2016). Several of his books have appeared in new editions and translations, including to Chinese and Russian. The monographs *Making Fishery Agreements Work* and *Arctic Politics, the Law of the Sea and Russian Identity* were published in Chinese by China Ocean Press in 2016/2017. Hønneland has been Director of the foreign policy and international law research institute Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) since 2015. Before that, he was Research Director and Deputy Director of the same institute. He has been an Adjunct Professor in political science at the University of Tromsø since 2007. His more practical work includes extensive experience as an expert member of assessment teams under the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), as well as five years as an officer in the Norwegian Coast Guard in the Barents Sea.

Joji Morishita is Professor at the Department of Marine Policy and Culture, Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology. Until recently he was Director-General at the National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries. He serves as the head of the Japanese delegation to the A5+5 Meeting on High Seas Fisheries in the Central Arctic Ocean. He is also engaged in the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR).

Leilei Zou is a post-doctoral research fellow at Polar Cooperation Research Centre of Kobe University. She specializes in Protection and Control of Marine Environment. Her research interests are marine policies and laws, with polar living resources conservation as the research priority. Her recent published papers are “The Arctic Indigenous Claim under Climate Change” and “Implications of Arctic Navigation Management to Arctic Fisheries Management”. Her recent published book is “Arctic Fisheries, Arctic Fisheries Management and China’s Response”. She has been appointed by the State Oceanic Administration of China as the project leader for 6 research projects on polar living resources conservation and polar governance. She has been also actively involved in research projects sponsored by Polar Research Institute of China concerning Arctic and Antarctic strategies. Dr Zou worked as the fisheries policy analyst at OECD in France in 2012-2013. She also worked as the researcher at Law School at University of Virginia in the USA in 2014-2015 and Dalhousie University in Canada in 2016. She was invited to be the visiting scholar at Fridtjof Nansen Institute in Norway in January 2017.

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Dalee Sambo Dorough, an Inuk from Alaska, with family roots in Unalakleet, holds a PhD from University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (2002) and a Master of Arts in Law & Diplomacy from The Fletcher School at Tufts University (1991). She is the former Chairperson and an Expert Member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, nominated by the Arctic region. She has also served on the Board of Trustees of the UN Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Peoples. Dr. Dorough has effectively combined her academic work with advocacy at the regional and international level. Presently, she is an Associate Professor of Political Science at UAA responsible for the sub-field of International Relations, teaching courses such as Comparative Northern Politics and Tribes, Nations & Peoples, which is cross-listed with the Alaska Native Studies program. On behalf of the Inuit Circumpolar Council, she has been active for over three decades at the United Nations, the International Labor Organization, the Organization of American States, and other international fora concerning the human rights of Indigenous peoples. Her current research and writing is focused upon Inuit rights in the Arctic Ocean and coastal seas; Indigenous peoples' right to cultural heritage; and Indigenous knowledge. Recent publications include "The Rights, Interests and Role of the Arctic Council Permanent Participants", R. Beckman, T. Henriksen, K. Kraabel, E.J. Molenaar and J.A. Roach (eds), *Governance of Arctic Shipping. Balancing Rights and Interests of Arctic States and User States* (Brill 2017); and UN Document E/C.19/2016/4 Study on how States exploit weak procedural rules in international organizations to devalue the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and other international human rights law (May 9, 2016). She is also engaged as a Co-PI on an NSF funded project concerning Inuit food security in Alaska and Canada.

8 December: Session on Non-Arctic Influence

Aytalina Ivanova is Research Docent, Faculty of Law, North Eastern Federal University, Russia, and post-doctoral fellow, UiT the Arctic University of Norway. One of the few anthropological legal scholars of the Russian Federation. Following her PhD in Historical Legal Studies, she specialises in environmental, minority and land legislation in Russia. For the last decade, Ivanova's research has focused particularly on the legal aspects of the advance of extractive industries to ever more remote areas of Russia, where industry usually encounters the traditional livelihoods of indigenous peoples. Her fieldwork results reveal how supposedly centralist federal legislation in Russia is implemented and perceived differently in different regions of the Russian Federation. This, she argues in her publications, is due to the historically and culturally evolved different customs of governance among different peoples of the Arctic.

Florian Stammer is Professor Arctic anthropology, University of Lapland, Finland. He has worked and published since 1998 on human-animal relations, Arctic pastoralism, Russian indigenous peoples' encounters with extractive industries, and co-ordinates the International Arctic Social Sciences Association's working group on extractive industries

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Nikolas Sellheim is of German origin with a doctorate in law from the University of Lapland, Finland. He is currently a post-doctoral research fellow at Kobe University under a fellowship of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). He specialises in (Arctic) legal anthropology with a focus on international environmental law, communities and livelihoods, and marine mammal hunting. He is the author of several articles concerning the Canadian commercial seal hunt and its role in the European and international legal systems. He has worked for the Arctic Council's Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) Working Group, the International Secretariat of the University of the Arctic (UArctic) and has served as a council member of the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS). Nikolas is the co-Editor-in-Chief of *Polar Record*, the journal of the Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, UK.

8 December: Session on Policy-Relevant-Science

Akiho Shibata See above.

Naomi Harada serves Deputy Director of Research and Development Center for Global Change (RCGC), Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology. She is also leading the Marine Ecosystem Dynamics Research Group of RCGC, and Arctic Marine Ecosystem Research Unit of Institute of Arctic Climate and Environmental Research. She has investigated to understand changes in the surface water condition (temperature and salinity), biological productivity, and intermediate-deep water ventilation over the orbital and millennial time scales based on marine sediment cores records from Okhotsk and Bering Seas and western North Pacific. Her current research interest is to understand productivity changes associated with climate change by time-series sediment trap experiments in the western subarctic North Pacific and Arctic Ocean. She is science steering committee of Ecosystem Studies of Sub-Arctic and Arctic Seas (ESSAS), which is the regional program of IMBER. She is also currently serving the committee of Resilience and adaptive capacity of Arctic marine systems under a changing climate (RACArctic).

Hajime Kimura works for the Institute of Arctic Climate and Environmental Research, Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology (JAMSTEC) and was Assistant Professor at the School of Law, Tohoku University, Japan (2014 - March, 2017). His research interests lie principally in the areas of international law; international legal system and the implementation of international law in domestic legal systems. He currently works on the interactions between natural sciences and the social sciences

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Malgorzata (Gosia) Smieszek is a doctoral candidate and a researcher in the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland in Finland. She is a political scientist and a fellow of the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC). In her research she studies international environmental regimes, Arctic governance, questions of science-policy interface and science diplomacy. She has taken part in a number of projects including the EU-funded "Strategic Environmental Assessment of Development of the Arctic" (2013-2014), “Goals and instruments of Polish Arctic policy” for Poland’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2014-2015) and “Finland’s Arctic Council chairmanship in times of increasing uncertainty” for Finland’s Prime Minister Office (2016-2018). Gosia was the co-organizer of the 4th China-Nordic Arctic Cooperation Symposium (CNARC) and participant in the Young Scientists Summer Program at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Austria as well as in the science diplomacy course of the American Association for Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the Vega Fellowship program on science communication and leadership. At present she is the co-chair of IASC Action Group on Communicating Arctic Science to Policy-Makers.

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Keiji Ide is Ambassador of Japan for Arctic Affairs (since August 2017), as well as Representative of Japan for International Economic Affairs (since September 2016). He has been Ambassador for International Cooperation on Terrorism (2016). He has been posted in Croatia (as Ambassador of Japan), in Russia and in the People’s Republic of China (as Minister of Embassy of Japan) and in France (as Counsellor of the Japanese Delegation to the OECD). In the Foreign Ministry of Japan he has been working for G8, ASEAN+3, APEC, FTA/EPA negotiations with Asian and Latin American countries and research & analysis. He was special student of Harvard University (Russian Research Center) and Moscow University (Literature Faculty), received MA (international relations) from Diplomatic Academy of Russia. He published books in Japanese “How to deal with mass media of China” (2005), “Public Diplomacy” (2007) (Chinese translation published in Beijing) and “History of China-Russia Border Negotiations” (2017).

Timo Koivurova is Research Professor and Director at the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Finland. He has specialized in various aspects of international law applicable in the Arctic. In 2002, Koivurova's doctoral dissertation “Environmental impact assessment in the Arctic: a Study of International Legal Norms” was published by Ashgate. Increasingly, his research work addresses the interplay between different levels of environmental law, legal status of indigenous peoples, law of the sea in the Arctic waters, integrated maritime policy in the EU, the role of law in mitigating/adapting to climate change, the function and the role of the Arctic Council in view of its future challenges.

He has been involved as an expert - or has lead research projects - in several international processes globally and in the Arctic region and has published on the above-mentioned topics extensively. He is also the editor-in-chief of the Yearbook of Polar Law (Brill) and in the Yearbook of International Environmental Law (Oxford University Press).

9 December: Session on the Role of Observers in the Arctic Council

Sebastian Knecht is currently a fellow at the Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies (BTS) at Freie Universität Berlin, Germany. Between 2016 and 2017, he has worked for the Alfred Wegener Institute for Polar and Marine Research. He specialises in Arctic geopolitics and the politics of stakeholder involvement in the Arctic Council. His work has been published in Polar Record, The Polar Journal, the Arctic Yearbook and Cooperation and Conflict. His co-edited book *Governing Arctic Change: Global Perspectives* was published with Palgrave Macmillan in 2017.

Piotr Graczyk See above.

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9 December: Session on the Asian States

Aki Tonami is Associate Professor in International Relations and Economics at University of Tsukuba, Japan. In her research, she works on the theory and practice of economic diplomacy with a particular emphasis on foreign investment, science and technology, development aid and environment. In her previous work, she examined the political economy of the external policy of East Asian countries towards the Arctic region. Current projects examine the link between overseas infrastructure investment of China and Japan and their diplomacy, and Japan's Arctic and Antarctic policy. Her publications include ‘Asian Foreign Policy in a Changing Arctic: The Diplomacy of Economy and Science at New Frontiers’ (Palgrave Macmillan 2016), ‘China's Overseas Investment in Critical Infrastructure: Nuclear Power and Telecommunications’ (DIIS Report, 2016, with Yang Jiang and Adam Moe Fejerskov), and ‘Influencing the imagined “polar regions”: The politics of Japan’s Arctic and Antarctic policies’ (Polar Record, in print).

Jian Yang is Vice President of Shanghai Institutes for International Studies(SIIS) and Senior Fellow. Dr. Yang’s areas of specialization include the International political economy (IPE), China’s regional strategy in polar affairs and cyber governance. Dr. Yang’s previous positions include Executive Vice-Chairman at Shanghai Institute for International Strategic Studies, Vice Chairman of Shanghai Society of Taiwan Studies, researcher at the Cross-Strait Relations Research Center, a member of the editorial board for the Arctic Yearbook, a member of the editorial board for Review of Policy Research, and deputy director of the department of IPE in the Institute of World Economy, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS). He received his doctorate in economics from SASS, and his master’s degree in history from Soochow University. Dr. Yang’s recent books include *New Perspectives on the Arctic Governance* (Current Affairs Press, 2014) and *Power and Wealth in Cyberspace* (Shanghai People’s Publishing House, 2012).

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Akiho Shibata See above.

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