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The Human Rights Committee (HRC) was established in 2001 and consists of members of the Leopoldina from Germany, Austria and Switzerland. The current chairman is Professor Hans-Peter Zenner. In 2003, the HRC joined the International Human Rights Network of Academies and Scholarly Societies (The H.R. Network). As a member of the H.R. Network, the HRC assists scientists around the world who are subjected to repression. Moreover, it periodically organises the symposium “Human Rights and Science” to debate human rights aspects and bioethical questions in science and to discuss worldwide cases of scientists who are victims of human rights violations. The Council of Finnish Academies, based in Helsinki, is this year’s partner.



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7th Symposium “Human Rights and Science”

Topic: Human Rights and the Arctic

The 7th symposium “Human Rights and Science” discusses the human rights dimension in the Arctic studies. The focal themes revolve around the rights of indigenous peoples, preconditions of scientific research in the Arctic, and the human rights perspectives in research and utilisation of natural resources. The theme “Arctic” is especially topical in Finland, as Finland assumed the two-year rotating chairmanship position of the Arctic Council, an intergovernmental forum addressing sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic, in May 2017. The scientific coordinators of the symposium are Professor Jukka Kekkonen, Chair of the Human Rights Committee of the Council of Finnish Academies in Helsinki and Dr Judith Miggelbrink, Coordinator of the research area “The production of space: state and society” at Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography in Leipzig.

The 7th symposium “Human Rights and Science” is hosted by the Council of Finnish Academies. It belongs to a symposium series managed by the Human Rights Committee of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina and is organised in collaboration with all Finnish science academies.

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Programme

09:00 | Welcome

Hans-Peter Zenner ML
Human Rights Committee of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

Jukka Kekkonen
Human Rights Committee of the Council of Finnish Academies

09:10 | Opening Words

Finland as the Chair of the Arctic Council

Aleksi Härkönen
Ambassador for Arctic Affairs

09:30 | Keynote

Erkki Tuomioja
Member of the Finnish Parliament, Former Finnish Minister for Foreign Affairs

10:00 | A Commentary and Discussion

Timo Koivurova
Director of The Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

10:15 | Coffee Break

Session 1

10:35 | Introduction to Environmental Changes and Livelihood in the Arctic

Moderator: Aili Pyhälä
University of Helsinki

Atte Korhola
University of Helsinki

Antje Boetius ML
University of Bremen and Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology

Timo Koivurova
The Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

12:00 | Lunch Break with Screening of the Documentary “The Reindeer belong to the Wind”

Documentary on the traditional lifestyle of a Sami reindeer herding cooperative in Finnish Lapland is screened as an introduction to topics in Session 2. In the documentary, members of the cooperative describe the kind of threats their livelihood faces in the modern world.

Session 2

13:00 | Discussion on Scientific Perspectives on Human Rights of Indigenous People Living in the Arctic

Moderator: Ari Laakso
The Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

Speakers:
Maria Sapignoli
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Marjo Lindroth
University of Lapland

Tiina Sanila-Aikio
President of the Finnish Sámi Parliament

14:30 | Coffee Break

Session 3

14:50 | Discussion on the Work and Rights of Researchers in the Arctic

Moderator: Nuccio Mazzullo
The Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

Speakers:
Reetta Toivanen
University of Helsinki

Gail Fondahl
University of Northern British Columbia

Konstantin Zamyatin
University of Helsinki

15:40 | Wrap Up of the Day

Nuccio Mazzullo
The Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

15:45 | Closing Words

Hans-Peter Zenner ML
Human Rights Committee of the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina

Jukka Kekkonen
Human Rights Committee of the Council of Finnish Academies

16:30 | Official Reception by the City of Helsinki in the Old City Hall (Aleksanterinkatu 20)