

## **Intensive Course**

### **GLOBAL CHANGE IN POLAR REGIONS: GLOBAL-LOCAL CONNECTIONS IN TOURISM, ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE**

**Thule Institute, Environmental Graduate Net School and Graduate School of Circumpolar Wellbeing,  
Health and Adaptation**

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Polar regions have witnessed rapid changes in the past decades, and in the future these changes in the environment and the socio-cultural and economic structures will become much broader, intensive and complex. The Graduate School focuses on increasingly recognised processes of global change in polar regions and it aims, in particular, to discuss global environmental change and its impacts on tourism, and the role of tourism in global environmental change in polar contexts. However, the Intensive Course aims to focus not only on tourism but also on wider changes in physical and socio-cultural environment and their relationship with localised socio-cultural, economic and ecological processes changing polar regions presently and in the future.

#### **Who Should Attend**

Doctoral students (also outside of the organising doctoral graduate schools), and other associate students are invited to participate in the course.

#### **Registration**

Deadline for registration and abstracts (250-500 words in English) is 23 November. The abstracts will be used for the Abstract book which will be distributed to all the participants. Send your abstract and registration (name, contact information and possible special dietary requirements) to reettaah@paju.oulu.fi. See the instructions for the abstracts below. Participants will get a certificate on their participation, specifying the content and extent of the course.

#### **Travel and Accommodation**

Transportation to Oulanka leaves from the University of Oulu, outside of the main library. Departure is on Sunday, 2 December, at 8:00 and return on Monday, 3 December, at 18:30. Accommodation in double rooms at the Oulanka Research Station. Transportation, accommodation and meals are free for the participating PhD students. In order to participate, the PhD students must submit their abstracts.

#### **Programme**

The course programme consists of presentations by invited scholars, student papers and presentations and group work. Detailed programme will be provided to the participants after the registration deadline.

#### **Invited scholars**

Invited scholar will provide methodological and theme related presentations. Confirmed invited scholars are Prof. C. Michael Hall, Department of Tourism, University of Otago, New Zealand, Prof. Mark Nuttall, University of Oulu and Dr. Pirkko Siikamäki, University of Oulu. Additional scholars will be named later on.

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