

Why North? Which North?

Multidisciplinary seminar on research in and of the North
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Free of charge

Deadline for registrations, January 18th 2008

It is both important and somewhat trendy to do research in or of the North. But why?

And as the concept is essentially relative: which North? These intentionally provocative questions are approached in this seminar philosophically/theoretically, empirically, ethically or even methodologically.

In this seminar various insights of the concept of North are brought together, probed and questioned. Freewheeling conversations, rather than lectures, will be the mode of delivery. Converging across disciplines, the concept of North will begin to be critically unpacked, demystified, and deconstructed.

Keynote speech

Mark Nuttall, Professor, Thule Institute / University of Alberta

Guest speakers

Lauri Lajunen, Rector, University of Oulu

Terry Callaghan, Professor, Director, Abisko Scientific Research Station, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Jessica Shadian, Post-doctoral Research Fellow, Barents Institute

Kevin Edwards, Professor, University of Aberdeen

Doctoral student presentations

Panel discussion

Representatives of funding organisations, local and regional politicians, the guest speakers

The seminar takes place at the Lasaretti Conference Center, Merikoski Hall, Oulu
To register, send an email with your name, contact info and affiliation to: pauliina.rautio@oulu.fi
Information on the programme and accommodation: <http://thule.oulu.fi>