

**ISSK'15 in May 18-22, 2015**  
**Draft Program (Jan. 27, 2015)**

Theme: *Resources and Security in the Barents Sea Area*

The focus and theme of the ISSK'15, '*Resources and Security in the Barents Sea Area*' is inspired by the fact that resources, energy, geopolitics and security have a long history in shaping and impacting the Barents Sea area and its environment and peoples, as well as the entire Arctic region. These crucial themes have been extensively discussed since the end of the Cold War as environmental and human security (discourses) caused a significant shift in the security premises of the region's states, and energy security started to play a strategic role in Arctic politics and security concerns. In addition, a wide range of interconnected issues and developments – climate change, globalization, region-building and devolution of power, large-scale utilization of non-renewable resources, the opening of new sea routes, and local and global environmental concerns, among others – pose challenges and (security) concerns to the Barents Region's states and nations, their economies and the fragile environment. These developments also have implications on the manners in which key concepts - such as sovereignty, empowerment, security, geopolitics and geoeconomics, as well as their referent objects - are understood in the regional and global contexts, as well as in broader academic debates.

List of proposed lecturers and titles of their lectures – 1<sup>st</sup> draft program (by Lassi)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of May:

Alexander Sergunin, "Resources in IR and their strategic importance" (tbc)

"Material and immaterial resources – what do we mean by resources, and for what do we need them?" by whom?

Students workshops on the given tasks.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of May:

Lassi Heininen, "Defining / redefining security and subjects of security – an introduction into complex and sensitive arts"

"A case study on a redefinition of security, e.g. environ security, human / social security, food security", by Larisa Riabova from Kola Science center, or Laura Olsen from Ulapland, or whom?

Students workshops on the given tasks

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of May:

Ilja Solomeshch, "Resources and their strategic importance in the history of the Barents Sea area" (tbc)

Tapani Kaakkuriniemi, (tba) The resource aspect and the world system theory in northern Eurasia

Students workshops on the given tasks.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of May:

Gleb Yarovoy, (tba)

Jussi Huotari, "about energy security" (tba)

Students workshops on the given tasks

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May:

A half-day seminar on resources and security concentrating on the current situation of possible impacts and reflections of regional wars and the constant fighting on international terror to the high stability of the Barents Sea are and the entire Arctic region. It will be based on *Russian Strategies in the Arctic: Avoiding a New Cold War* by Heininen, Sergunin and Yarovoy (The Valdai Discussion Club, Grantees Report. Moscow, Russia, September 2014. Launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2014) Available at [www.valdaiclub.com](http://www.valdaiclub.com)

The seminar will be organized together with the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the PetrSU and the Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences (tbc).

Students workshops on the given tasks.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May:

?Excursion to Kizhi, Kivash, or Sortavala (tbc)