



ARRIVAL INFORMATION

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Hotel Katajanokka

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Hotel Katajanokka is a hotel renovated into the historic premises of former Helsinki county prison. All rooms include the use of Wi-Fi, free use of the 24-hour gym and a weekend sauna. Breakfast will be served on Mon–Fri: 7–10 and Sat–Sun: 8–11.

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Lapland Hotels Oulu is situated in the center of Oulu, next to the Cathedral and the historical Ainola park. The design of the hotel rooms is influenced by nature and the stories of Lapland. Breakfast will be served Mon–Fri: 6:30–10 and Sat–Sun: 7:30–11.

Photo: Daria Gritsenko, Fulbright Arctic Initiative scholar 2018-2019

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WELCOME TO FINLAND!

Coinciding with the Finnish chairmanship of the Arctic Council, the 2018–2019 Fulbright Arctic Initiative brings together a cohort of 16 established researchers, early-career specialists, and indigenous knowledge experts from the eight Arctic Council member states to form a network of scholars to conduct research in two broad focus areas: Resilient Communities and Sustainable Economies. In 2016, the Fulbright Finland Foundation organized the Mid-Term Plenary week in Finland for the 2015-2016 inaugural FAI program, and we are so pleased to now welcome this second FAI cohort to Finland for their Midterm Plenary!

We will begin the week in Helsinki with policy briefings and strategic discussions focusing on Finland's chairmanship priorities and how they relate to the two focus areas of the current FAI program. Our visits will take place at the Presidential Palace, the Finnish Parliament, the House of the Estates, and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. And because we are in Finland, one of the meetings will naturally be held on an ice breaker – provided that not all of them are out in the seas breaking ice that day.

The majority of the week's program is centered around the work of the scholars and

their collaborative Fulbright research. After the cohort's first meeting in May 2018 in Iqaluit, Canada, we chose to bring the next plenary to Oulu. While nearly on the same latitude as Iqaluit, Oulu offers a very different look at the varied regions and realities in the North. As a capital of northern Finland, Oulu is a hi-tech business center and university town with a highly developed infrastructure. It is the fastest growing region in Finland. The city is an ideal place for the scholars to come together, continue their joint work, explore issues with invited experts and, for the first time as a full cohort, present their research to the general public at the Oulu Fulbright Arctic Symposium. Thanks to the City of Oulu, you will experience a traditional Finnish smoke sauna in the forest by Lake Pehkolanlampi. And a special BusinessOulu event will showcase innovative business concepts from dedicated startups and visionary talents, providing an opportunity to network with experts from various fields and discuss potential collaboration.

True to the Fulbright Finland spirit, the organization of this plenary week has been a joint effort. I sincerely thank all of the individuals and institutions whose expertise and collaboration have made the week possible. The year 2019 is our Foundation's 70th anniversary year and we are celebrating it under our brand promise "Together Shaping the Future". I can't think of a better slogan to also describe the Fulbright Arctic Initiative and our plenary week together! Tervetuloa Suomeen!

Terhi Mölsä

CEO, Fulbright Finland Foundation





MESSAGE FROM CO-LEAD SCHOLARS

The second round of the Fulbright Arctic Initiative is at the half way mark and we are excited to gather once again as a group in Finland to share our progress and our vision for research that meets policy challenges to achieve a more resilient and sustainable future for the Arctic, its peoples and environment.

At our inaugural meeting in Iqaluit, Nunavut hosted by Fulbright Canada we came as individual scholars across the Arctic and left as a team focusing our research on the interconnected themes of Resilient Communities and Sustainable Economies. We committed our effort to asking multidisciplinary research questions that are relevant to the wellbeing of communities as well as larger scale issues important to the Arctic Council and the Finnish Chairmanship priorities.

This is an ambitious agenda for 16 scholars, two lead scholars and an 18- month time line. Our goal is to continue building a network of Fulbright scholars and their colleagues to make rapid progress on priority shared research needs and to reach out to the many stakeholders who care deeply about the future of the Arctic.

As our research grows and our questions and methods are refined, we begin planning for the dissemination of our work as scholars and to crafting creative ways to engage with and share our findings with the global public and residents of the Arctic. Much of our time in Helsinki and Oulu will be devoted to this challenge.

We are grateful to the Fulbright Finland Foundation for bringing us to Helsinki and Oulu and providing a beautiful and intellectually stimulating environment for our work. We are excited to make a road map to our culminating group meeting in Washington, DC in October 2019. All of us on the Fulbright Arctic Initiative team are mindful of the trust placed in our effort. Together with your help we can show that collaborative Fulbright research will make a difference, for the sustainability of the Arctic and for the world.

Ross A. Virginia and Mike Sfraga

Distinguished Co-Lead Scholars Fulbright Arctic Initiative 2018–2019

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24

HELSINKI

Scholar arrivals in Helsinki between February 21-24

18:00-19:30 Informal Welcome Reception at the Hotel Katajanokka

Hotel restaurant

- Pick up your materials
- Light buffet dinner

Suggestion: Ice Swimming

Closest location Allas Sea Pool (heated outside pool also available) Address: Katajanokanlaituri 2a, 00160 Helsinki



MONDAY FEBRUARY 25

HELSINKI / POLICY DAY

8:30-10:00 Welcome to Finland!

Venue: Hotel Katajanokka, Cabinet Kakku

Welcome breakfast with the Fulbright Finland Foundation.

- Briefing and introductions by the organizers, co-lead scholars and IIE.
- Introducing the program and local arrangements

10:30 Walk to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Venue: Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Communications Department, Kanavakatu 3

11:00-12:30 Panel Discussion: Exploration of Common Solutions

- Finland's Arctic Council Chairmanship

Introduction: Current Affairs in Arctic Cooperation During Finland's Arctic Council Chairmanship

René Söderman, Senior Arctic Official, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

PANELISTS:

Mikael Hildén, Chair of Expert Group on Black Carbon and Methane;

Director, Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)

Maria Hurtola, Head of International Affairs, Finnish Meteorological Institute

Marjukka Vihavainen-Pitkänen, Co-Chair, The Arctic Council's

Task Force on Improved Connectivity in the Arctic

EXPERT COMMENTARY:

Pirita Näkkäläjärvi, Samí Expert

12:30-14:00 Networking Lunch

With panelists and other invited experts

14:30 Arrival at the Icebreaker

(TBD, depends on the availability of the icebreakers)

Coffee and Welcome Remarks

Tom Ekegren, Managing Director, Arctia Ltd

Introduction and tour of the icebreaker, group photo

16:00 Visit Ends, Departure for the Hotel Katajanokka

16:15-17:30 Break

17:30-18:00 Guided Walk from Katajanokka to the House of the Estates

Guide: Emilia Holopainen, Program Coordinator,

Fulbright Finland Foundation

Sites on the route:

- Uspenski Cathedral
- Allas Pool
- Presidential Palace
- Senate Square

18:00 Special Networking Reception to Celebrate International Collaboration in the Arctic

Host: Jouni Mölsä, Director General, Ministry for Foreign Affairs; Chair of the Finland-America Educational Trust Fund

Buffet dinner included

Venue: House of the Estates, Snellmanninkatu 9-11

20:00 Reception Ends

THE HOUSE OF THE ESTATES, designed by Architect Karl Gustav Nyström, was built between 1888 and 1890 for the three common estates as a venue for meetings during the Assembly of the Representatives of the Estates. Today this dignified Neo-Renaissance building serves as a Government banqueting premise which hosts official functions held by the Prime Minister's Office and other offices of the central government.

Photo: Studio Terho



TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26

HELSINKI / OULU

Policy morning, briefings by Finnish Governmental representatives; travel to Oulu

Check out from the Hotel

8:00-9:00 Working Breakfast

Cabinet Kakku available from 7:30

- Review plan of the day
- Working opportunity for thematic groups

9:10 Bus Departs for the Presidential Palace

Bring all your belongings with you to the bus

9:30-10:30 Briefing at the Presidential Palace

Jukka Siukosaari, Head of the Cabinet and Secretary General at Office of the President of the Republic of Finland

Petri Hakkarainen, Foreign Policy Adviser

10:45 Arrival at the Parliament House

Meeting with the visit hosts and going through the security chec
 Maarit Immonen, Assistant for International Affairs, Parliament of Fi
 Samu Paukkunen, Secretary General of the Standing Committee of
 Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region

11:00-12:00 Lunch

Hosted by a Member of the Parliament **Katri Kulmuni**Katri Kulmuni is an MP from the electoral district of Lapland and the current chair of the Finnish Delegation to the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region.

12:00 Tour of the Parliament House

Group picture





Departure from the Parliament House 13:00

Bus Transportation to Helsinki-Vantaa Airport. Flight to Oulu.

Arrival at Oulu Airport 17:00

Bus Transportation to Lapland Hotels Oulu 17:30

Evening free or opportunity for individual or group work

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 27

OULU RETREAT LEAD BY THE CO-LEAD SCHOLARS THEMATIC GROUPS CONSULTING WITH INVITED EXPERTS

Full-day presentation and dialogue on groups' progress and results with critique and advice by invited experts.

9:00	Plenary Session Lead by Co-Lead Scholars Venue: Meeting Room Saariselkä
	Shared lessons from co-lead and round one scholars
10:00	Breakout Sessions: Thematic Working Groups on Resilient Communities & Sustainable Economies Venues: Meeting Room Saariselkä and Hetta — Thematic Working groups preparation for discussion with invited experts
11:45	LunchThematic Working Groups with Invited Experts
13:00	Presentations and Meetings with Invited Experts Venue: Meeting Room Saariselkä
14:00	Break
14:15	Thematic Working Groups Feedback Sessions with Invited Experts Venues: Meeting Rooms Saariselkä and Hetta
15:45	Thematic Working Groups Planning for Symposium Venues: Meeting Rooms Saariselkä and Hetta
16:30	End of Program

Bus Departs for the University of Oulu

17:30

INVITED EXPERTS:

Anne Merrild Hansen

Professor, Aalborg Universitet, Fulbright Arctic Initiative 2015–2016 Scholar

Laura Sokka

Senior Scientist, VTT Technical Research Center of Finland, Fulbright Arctic Initiative 2015–2016 Scholar

Øystein Varpe

Professor, University Centre in Svalbard (UNIS), Fulbright Arctic Initiative 2015–2016 Scholar

Kirsi Latola

Research Coordinator, Thule Institute, University of Oulu; Thematic Networks Director, University of the Arctic

Arja Rautio

Vice-President Research, University of the Arctic



AT THE CROSSROAD OF BUSINESS AND SCIENCE - NETWORKING EVENT

Meet and create connections with the business sector in Oulu and learn more about the research innovations and business in the region. The event is organized by the Fulbright Finland Foundation in collaboration with BusinessOulu and Tellus Innovation Arena at the Oulu University.

www.businessoulu.com/en

Venue: Tellus Innovation Arena, University of Oulu Address: Erkki Koiso-Kanttilan katu, entrance R

17:45 Arrival and Refreshments

18:00-18:10 Welcome Greetings

Kyösti Oikarinen, Chair, Oulu City Board Terhi Mölsä, CEO, Fulbright Finland Foundation

18:10-18:15 Greetings from BusinessOulu

Petri Karinen, Service Director of International Affairs

18:15-18:20 Business Kitchen and Tellus Innovation Arena concepts

Simo Kekäläinen, Tellus Innovation Arena

18:20-18:45 Pitching (à 3-5 min) Business innovations from 3 Oulu start-up companies:

- 1. Entoprot Oy, Ari Riihimaa
- 2. Peili Vision Oy, Jussi Auvinen
- 3. Electorate Oy, Karri-Pekka Korolainen

18:45-19:00 Opening of the Poster Gallery "Fulbright Research in Action"

Mike Sfraga / Ross Virginia, Fulbright Arctic Initiative

19:00-20:00 Networking & Buffet Dinner, Viewing of the Posters and Tellus Innovation Arena

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28

OULU

Public half-day symposium at the University of Oulu, followed by a cultural evening event at the Pehkolanlampi Lake hosted by the City of Oulu. Finnish cuisine served at a casual dinner in a wooden villa, with an opportunity to experience a traditional Finnish smoke sauna.

6:30-8:30 Breakfast is Served

8:40 Bus Leaves for the University of Oulu

9:00-11:45 Working Time / Plenary Session Lead by Co-Lead Scholars

University of Oulu, Meeting Rooms Aspire and Frost Club

Run through presentations for afternoon symposium

11:45-12:45 Lunch at the University of Oulu

Restaurant Kastari

13:00-16:30 Public Symposium

Venue: Saalastinsali, University of Oulu

- The symposium will be streamed
- #FulbrightArcticFinland



SYMPOSIUM

FULBRIGHT ARCTIC RESEARCH IN ACTION: INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION TO ADDRESS SHARED CHALLENGES

The Arctic is facing profound social, economic, and environmental change and communities are increasingly confronted with critical policy challenges related to issues of health and wellness, Indigenous rights, energy resources, environmental protection, sustainability, infrastructure, education, and regional governance. The social and economic impacts of rapid environmental changes and globalization in the Arctic demand new research approaches and greater public participation. At this midterm meeting of the 2018–19 cohort of Fulbright Arctic Initiative scholars, we invite you to join in this dialogue and become partners to "Address Shared Challenges".

13:00 Opening Remarks

Jouko Niinimäki, Rector, University of Oulu; Vice Chair of UArctic Board of Governors **Terhi Mölsä**, CEO, Fulbright Finland Foundation

13:15 Importance of International Collaborative Research

Arja Rautio, Professor, University of Oulu; Vice President of UArctic for Research

13:45 The Life of the Arctic Scholar: How Innovative Research and Public Engagement Impact Policy

Michael Sfraga, Co-Lead Scholar, Fulbright Arctic Initiative; Director, Polar Initiative, Wilson Center; Co-Director, Institute for Arctic Policy, University of the Arctic Ross A. Virginia, Co-Lead Scholar, Fulbright Arctic Initiative; Director, Institute of Arctic Studies, Myers Family Professor of Environmental Science, Dartmouth College

14:00 Session 1: Exchanges Traversing the Arctic: Engines for Creative Research and Lasting Partnerships among Nations and Communities

Speakers:

Dr. Sean Guistini, Nunavut Arctic College, Canada

Nicole Kanayurak, North Slope Borough Alaska, United States

Dr. Josée Lavoie, University of Manitoba, Canada

Dr. Sanne Larsen, Aalborg University, Denmark

Dr. Elizabeth Rink, Montana State University, United States

Dr. Todd Sformo, North Slope Borough Alaska, United States

Dr. Svetlana Tulaeva, Russian Presidential Academy of National

Economy and Public Administration, Russia

Dr. Lára Jóhannsdóttir, University of Iceland, Iceland

14:45-15:15 Coffee Break

15:15 Session 2: New Insights on Arctic Community Resilience and Sustainability from Interdisciplinary Fulbright Research Teams

Speakers:

Resilient Communities

Dr. Katie Cueva, University of Alaska Anchorage, United States Dr. Gwen Healey, Quajigiartiit Health Research Center, Canada Dr. Christina Larsen, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark Jon Petter Stoor, Sámi Norwegian National Advisory Unit on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Sweden

Sustainable Economies

Dr. Eleanor Bors, Oregon State University, United States

Dr. Elena Gladun, University of Tyumen, Russia

Dr. Daria Gritsenko, University of Helsinki, Finland

Dr. Soili Nystén-Haarala, University of Lapland, Finland

16:15 Next Steps for Growing and Supporting International Arctic Research Networks

Michael Sfraga, Co-Lead Scholar, Fulbright Arctic Initiative; Director, Polar Initiative, Wilson Center; Co-Director, Institute for Arctic Policy, University of the Arctic Ross A. Virginia, Co-Lead Scholar, Fulbright Arctic Initiative; Director, Institute of Arctic Studies, Myers Family Professor of Environmental Science, Dartmouth College

16:30 Closing Words

Stephen Money, Deputy Director, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, U.S. Department of State

17:30 Bus Departs for the Cultural Event at the Pehkolanlampi Lake

18:00 Evening Event Hosted by the City of Oulu (by invitation only)

Venue: Pehkolanlampi Lake

Casual dinner with Finnish salmon soup served in a wooden villa (guest house), with an opportunity to experience a traditional Finnish smoke sauna (optional) and to roll in the snow to cool off (also optional).

Host: Kyösti Oikarinen, Chair, Oulu City Board

20:30 Bus Departs for Lapland Hotels Oulu

FRIDAY MARCH 1

OULU

OUTCOMES, CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

9:00 Plenary Session Lead by Co-Lead Scholars

Venue: Lapland Hotels Oulu, Meeting room Saariselkä

- Summary of Symposium outcomes and conclusions
- Next steps for thematic working groups
- Discussion of the participation at key Arctic conferences and meetings
- Planning for final meeting in Washington, D.C.
- Next steps for group products, including publications and public events

11:00 Breakout Session

Venues: Meeting Rooms Saariselkä and Hetta

 Closing session for working groups: discussion of next steps and setting of goals for Washington D.C. meeting

12:00 Lunch and Departures

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Fulbright Arctic Initiative Fellows: www.cies.org/fulbright-arctic-initiative/2018-2019-scholars

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IN 2018, the Fulbright Finland Foundation awarded over EUR 1,33 million in grants to 87 Finnish and American researchers, students, and professionals. Additionally, Fulbright Finland responded to over 5,300 client contacts and organized or participated in over 70 training events around Finland.

FULBRIGHT FINLAND SUPPORTS the internationalization of education and research in Finland, and helps U.S. and Finnish institutions create linkages. The Foundation organizes themed study tours for Finnish higher education experts to the United States and for American higher education experts to Finland. The Foundation also runs the highly popular Fulbright Speaker Program, the Fulbright Dialogues series, and the Transatlantic Roundtables, as well as organizes several national Fulbright Seminars every year.

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OVER 5,500 FINNS AND AMERICANS have received a grant from the Finnish-American program since its inception in 1949 and the Fulbright Finland Foundation runs an active and rapidly growing alumni network in both countries.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the Fulbright Finland Foundation consists of eight members appointed by the Finnish Ministry of Education and the U.S. Embassy in Finland. The U.S. Ambassador to Finland serves as the Honorary Chair of the Board. The Foundation office is located in Helsinki. The Foundation is managed by the CEO together with eight staff members.

THE YEAR 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the ASLA-Fulbright program and the 100th anniversary of the diplomatic relations between Finland and the United States.

HELSINKI

HELSINKI, THE CAPITAL OF FINLAND, is the administrative center of the country and an important hub of business and culture. Called the "Daughter of the Baltic", Helsinki is located in southern Finland on the shore of the Gulf of Finland. The population of Helsinki is about 600,000. Out of 8,000 Samí people living in Finland, approximately 1,000 of them live in the Helsinki

metropolitan area. In 2018 Helsinki was one of the fastest growing cities in Europe.

Helsinki is recognized as a city in which many differing views can interact in a constructive atmosphere. The Finlandia Hall has hosted many international summit meetings, including the Conference for Security and Co-operation in Europe in 1975.

OULU

THE CITY OF OULU, FOUNDED IN 1605, is the capital of northern Finland. The Oulu Region has approximately 250,000 inhabitants and it is the fastest growing region in Finland. The name Oulu comes from a word in the indigenous Samí language meaning floodwater. From being a town known for tar and salmon, Oulu has evolved into a growing modern center of competence.

Oulu is known for its cooperative, competent people, active development, high-class services, versatile business structure and strong economy. It is a gateway to urban culture as well as the unique nature of the North.

UNIVERSITY OF OULU "Science with Arctic Attitude"

FOUNDED IN 1958, The University of Oulu is an international science university which creates innovation for the future, well-being, and knowledge through research and education. It is one of the Northernmost multidisciplinary universities in the world and a community of 13 500 students and 2 800 employees. The university consists of eight faculties and many specialized research units.

THULE INSTITUTE is a strategic coordination unit within the University of Oulu. It supports and implements the Arctic Attitude and strategy of the University of Oulu in its all activities related to the arctic and northern issues at the University of Oulu. This is done by hosting the UArctic Thematic Networks and Research Liaison Office, hosting the INTERACT Transnational Access office and coordinating the activity, supporting the Arctic5 collaboration, and partnering in active role to several other Arctic and northern related scientific organizations, networks and projects at national and international level.



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