



PRESENTATION AND OBJECTIVES

The congress provides a forum for academic, scientists and early careers to discuss the role of non-Arctic Member States in developing a European Arctic policy and roadmap; contributing to the action of the European Union as a unitarian actor. Following the call for papers issued last January, the congress will focus on several key issues related to the influence and commitment of the European Union in the Arctic, mainly sustainable development and governance, security and the protection and promotion of lifestyle of Indigenous Peoples.

Its main objectives are the creation of debate among scientists, policy-makers and stakeholders on issues that constitute the structure of a comprehensive and integrated European Arctic Policy. Therefore, the initiative will be an opportunity to discuss the perspectives, proposals and interests of all European non-Arctic countries in the region.

Finally, the congress aims at promoting the presentations and participation of early career scientists through the presentation of their contributions, giving an insight on innovative proposals on Arctic matters and European related policies.

PROGRAM

Opening h. 09.00-09.30

Elena Conde Pérez. Associate Professor of International Public Law, Complutense University (Spain)

Mariano J. Aznar Gómez. Director, Spanish Yearbook of International Law (Spain)

Volker Rachold. Executive Secretary, International Arctic Science Committee, IASC (Germany)

Panel 1 The European Union decision-making power and influence in a changing Arctic

PRESENTATIONS h. 09.30- 10.15

Standing in the gap: the European Union and the Arctic Maritime Search and Rescue

Corine Wood-Donnelly. Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge (UK)

Legitimate the EU on the Arctic stage? Policy and interests

Zhaklin Yaneva. Complutense University (Spain)

Italian strategy for the Arctic

Maria Lagutina, University of Saint Petersburg (Russia)

PANEL DISCUSSION h. 10.15- 10.45

Antonio Quesada. Associate Professor, Autonomous University of Madrid. European Polar Board (Spain)

Elena Conde Pérez. Complutense University (Spain)

Moderator:

Volker Rachold. International Arctic Science Committee, IASC (Germany)

Panel 2 The European Union and the protection of Arctic Indigenous Peoples

PRESENTATIONS h. 10.45- 11.15

Reconciliation through relationship: the intersection of people, priorities and policies in the Arctic

Julie Bull. University of Toronto, University of Victoria (Canada)

Greenland and European Union relations. Is it time for Greenland return to EU?

Victor Pascual Planchuelo. Complutense University (Spain)

PANEL DISCUSSION h.11.15- 11.45

Natalia Loukacheva. Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Northern British Columbia (Canada)

Emilio Sanchez De Rojas Diaz. Head of research and analysis, The Higher Defence Studies College, EALEDE (Spain)

Moderator:

Blanca Palacián de Inza. Civil servant and senior analyst, Spanish Institute for Security Studies, IEEA. Ministry of Defense (Spain)

COFFEE BREAK

Panel 3 Sustainable development of the Arctic: the European Commitment

PRESENTATIONS h.12.15-13.00

The Arctic Securization and the crisis of multilateralism: a European approach

Diego Badell-Sánchez. ESADE Lull University (Spain)

The Barents Sea region within the EU-Russia relation, space of conflict or cooperation?

Adrian Alvarado. University of Lyon II, SciencePo Lyon (France)

Cross-impact analysis. A stochastic decision model forecasting the economic development in the Arctic region with a focus on Iceland.

Thordur Vikingur Fridgeirsson, Hera Grimsdottir and Sigurdur Valur Gudmundsson. Reykjavik University (Iceland)

PANEL DISCUSSION h. 13.00-13.30

Johan Vibe. Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway (Norway)

Ignacio Jose García Sánchez. Navy Captain and Deputy Director, Spanish Institute of Strategic Studies (IEEE). Ministry of Defense (Spain)

Moderator:

Elena Conde Pérez. Complutense University (Spain)

Closing remarks h. 13.30- 14.00

Elena Conde Pérez. Complutense University (Spain)

Volker Rachold. International Arctic Science Committee, IASC (Germany)

Q&A

REGISTRATION

Prior registration to the congress is required.

To register, please e-mail marziasc@ucm.es including contact details and affiliation.

English will be the working language.

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