Program Gateway to the Arctic VII
24.02.2020 – 28.02.2020

Leaving the beaten path - how can sustainable development be reconciled with environmental protection and climate change?

Monday, 24.02.2020
Travel to Tórshavn – arrival at hostel
Place of Workshop:
University, Vestara bryggja 15, 100 Tórshavn

Tuesday, 25.02.2020
Morning Session I: Setting the Scene
9:00 – 09:45 Welcome of the three partner institutions
Prof Chic Collins
(Rector, University of Faroe Islands)
Prof Jan Borm
(Vice-Président délégué Relations Internationales, UVSQ)
Dr Klaus Grosfeld
(Managing Director REKLIM, REKLIM / AWI)

09:45 – 10:00 Context, aim and programme of 2020 Gateway Workshop
Dr Renate Treffeisen
(Climate office AWI / REKLIM)

Morning Session II: Ethno history of Island and Faroe Islands in an exchange view
10:00 – 10:30 Writing the West Nordic Isles: The La Recherche expedition in the Faroes (1839) - Xavier Marmier's account
Prof Jan Borm
(Université de Versailles, UVSQ)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 11:30 Iceland from the view of travellers
Dr Sumerliđi Ísleifsson
(University of Island)
11:30 - 12:00  
The Faroes from the view of travellers  
Dr Bergur D. Hansen  
(University of Faroe Islands)

12:00 – 13:30  
Lunch break at the canteen of the university

Afternoon session II: Policy in the focus

13:30 – 14:00  
The Faroes and the Arctic  
Dr Hallbera West  
(University of Faroe Islands)

14:00 – 14:30  
Space, Arctic and International Security (SpAIS) – ERC CoG proposal  
Dr Rasmus Bertelsen  
(UIT The Arctic University of Norway)

14:30 – 15:00  
The Faroese Arctic Corridor  
Prof Bjørn Kunoy  
(University of Faroe Islands)

15:30 – 16:00  
Sino-Russian relations in the Arctic  
Dr Mariia Kobzeva  
(UIT The Arctic University)

16:00 – 16:30  
Coffee break

Afternoon session II: Climate change in the Arctic – influences to inhabitants

16:30 – 17:00  
Environmental pollution in the Arctic  
Dr Katrin Hoydal  
(Environment Agency, Faroe Islands)

17:00 – 17:30  
Climate Change in the Arctic and the MOSAiC expedition  
Dr Klaus Grosfeld / Dr Renate Treffeisen  
(Alfred-Wegener-Institute / REKLIM)

17:30 – 18:00  
Geopolitics in the Arctic region  
Dr Jens Christian Justinussen  
(University of Faroe Islands)

18:00 – 19:00  
Looking at parts of a documentary films about whale hunting tradition in Faroe Islands vs ecological and health issues  
Dr Jean Michel Huctin  
(Université de Versailles, UVSQ)

20:00 Ice breaker  “Katrina Christiansen” See link here: https://hafnia.fo/katrina-christiansen-english/welcome
Wednesday, 26.02.2020

Economic growth and sustainability on place (excursion)

08:00 Departure Tórshavn

09:30: Visit the company Bakkafrost

The company Bakkafrost is one of the biggest private companies of the Faroe Islands is the salmon-farming, which is the largest of the four salmon-farming companies in the Faroe Islands and the eighth-biggest in the world.

11:30 Lunch at Garðahúsiðt restaurant

13:30 Visit of Elfelagið SEV energy production firm

SEV is the main energy supplier in the Faroe Islands. Situated in the middle of the North Atlantic Ocean the Faroese live in co-existence with nature. As the main supplier of energy SEV has faced the challenge of sustainable energy, combining hydropower and wind power to make 35% of the Faroese energy supply sustainable.

15:30 Return Tórshavn

Reporting of groups about the day experience on posters (not yet confirmed – maybe shifted to next day)

Evening: dinner by your own

Thursday, 27.2.20

09:00 – 09:30 Reflecting the excursion
Prof Jan Borm, Dr Klaus Grosfeld, Dr Renate Treffeisen

Morning Session I: Climate change in the Arctic – influences to inhabitants

09:30 – 10:00 Explore to Implore Arctic Explorations and Governance Issues
Eda Ayaydin
(Université de Versailles, UVSQ)

10:00 – 10:30 Transdisciplinary perspectives on climate change and its impact on (Faroese) society
Dr Ragnheiður Bogadóttir
(University of Faroe Islands)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
Morning Session II: Sustainable development and environmental protection in the Arctic - Challenges in the face of accelerating climate change

11:00 – 11:30: Introduction: Tina Harms (WWF) and Sophia Speckhahn (WWF) – working with Phineo method: from the problem to the solution

11:30 - 13:00: Three Parallel Workshop
Workshop I: Dr Renate Treffeisen and Prof Rasmus Bertelsen
Workshop II: Tina Harms and Hallbera West
Workshop III: Sophia Speckhahn and Prof Jan Borm

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break at the canteen of the university

Afternoon session

14:30 – 15:30 Presentation of each workshop results

15:30 – 16:00 Summarizing the results
Tina Harms (WWF), Sophia Speckhahn (WWF) and Dr Renate Treffeisen (AWI/REKLIM)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:15 Involving youth to prepare the future
Presentation of the Uummannaq Polar Institute: How to strengthen resilience of vulnerable youth in a vulnerable environment?
Ann Andreasen (Uummannaq Polar Institute)
Doing collaborative research with Inuit youth and their teachers
Dr Jean-Michel Huctin (Université de Versailles, UVSQ)

17:15 – 17:45 Survival, or something more? A woman's perspective on Alaskan travel
Ben Ferguson (Université de Versailles, UVSQ)

17:45 – 18:00 Feedback round, Closure

19:00 Farewell party at Hvonn Brasserie see here: https://hvonn.fo/

Friday, 28.2.20:

Departure