

ON MELTING GROUND

Arctic Archaeology

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

AGENDA

20th - 22nd October 2021

**Chemnitz, Germany
and online**



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chemnitz

SHORT OVERVIEW

Tuesday, 19th October

Arrival in Chemnitz
19.00 Welcome Reception, Mendelsohn Room at smac

Wednesday, 20th October

09.00 Registration, 5th floor at smac
09.45 Welcome and short presentation of exhibition concept
10.00 Papers presented in successive sessions
18.30 Get together at Ratsstube

Thursday, 21st October

09.00 Papers presented in successive sessions
19.00 Reception*, smac Foyer

Friday, 22nd October

09.45 Papers presented in successive sessions
14.00 Guided tour through the smac

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Online

The Conference will be streamed via Zoom. Please register with Christina or Ilia in order to receive the Link.

The working language of the conference is English with simultaneous translation into Russian.



- 1 smac
- 2 Biendo Hotel
- 3 Ratsstube*
- 4 Main Station



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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 20th October

09.00 REGISTRATION

09.45 GREETINGS AND SHORT PRESENTATION OF EXHIBITION CONCEPT

Sabine Wolfram (Chemnitz, Germany)
Director State Museum of Archaeology Chemnitz (smac)

Svend Hansen (Berlin, Germany)
Director Eurasia Department of the German Archaeological Institute

10.00 SESSION 1. THE MYTH OF THE ARCTIC CIRCLE: EXPEDITIONS INTO THE ICE, COLONIZATION AND MISSIONARY WORK | Chair: Svend Hansen

Christian R. Salewski (Bremerhaven, Germany)
Russian-German Cooperation in Polar Research between the World Wars. Forgotten Episode or Historical Reference Point?

Kirsten Hastrup (Copenhagen, Denmark/virtually)
Legacies of Thule. Knud Rasmussen in Inuit Landscapes

Kirstine Møller (Nuuk, Greenland)
Power and Agency in the Colonial Period in Kalaallit Nunaat

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 CONTD. SESSION 1

Andrei Golovnev (St. Petersburg, Russia/virtually)
Arctic Nomadography

Michael Bravo (Cambridge, United Kingdom/virtually)
Excavating the North Pole and the Arctic Circle: Is There a Past That Can Be Decolonised?

DISCUSSION 12.15

LUNCH BREAK 12.30

SESSION 2. EXPLORING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, THE CLIMATE AND ITS CHANGES | Chair: Christina Michel 13.30

Gerrit Lohmann (Bremerhaven, Germany)
Climate of the Past, Present, Future Arctic Realm

Sari Stark (Rovaniemi, Finland)
Arctic Ecology and Archaeology Combined – Historical Legacies of Reindeer on Vegetation and Soils in Boreal and Tundra Ecosystems

Otto Habeck (Hamburg, Germany)
What Is It Like to Live with/without Permafrost? Cattle, Sheep, Horses, Reindeer and Their Herders in Sub-Polar and Inner-Asian Regions

COFFEE BREAK 14.30

CONTD. SESSION 2 15.00

Sean Desjardins (Groningen, The Netherlands/virtually)
Long-Term Perspectives on Circumpolar Social-Ecological Systems

Vladimir Davydov (St. Petersburg, Russia/virtually)
Energy Regimes of the Arctic: Indigenous People in the Context of Socio-Economic and Ecological Change

Stephan Dudeck (St. Petersburg, Russia)
Siberian Perspectivism – Sharing the Environment with Human and Non-Human Beings

PRELUDE TO SESSION 3a. OUTLINE OF CULTURAL HISTORY: CULTURES IN THE ICE 16.00

Max Friesen (Toronto, Canada/virtually)
The Cultural History of Inuit Nunangat (The Canadian Arctic), as Seen from Its Western Margin

16.30 DISCUSSION

18.30 GET TOGETHER

Thursday, 21st October

09.00 SESSION 3a. OUTLINE OF CULTURAL HISTORY: CULTURES IN THE ICE | Chair: Ingo Kraft

Victor Moreno-Mayar (Copenhagen, Denmark)
The Genetic Prehistory of the New World Arctic

Vladimir Pitulko (St. Petersburg, Russia/virtually)
Cultural History of Northeastern Siberia since the Pleistocene

Olga Tupakhina, Daniil Tupakhin (Salekhard, Russia/virtually)
Ancient Fishers and Hunters of the Yamal Peninsula

10.00 COFFEE BREAK

10.30 CONTD. SESSION 3a

Owen Mason (Boulder, USA)
The Last Five Millennia: The Deep History of Whaling, Warfare and Inequality in Siberia and Alaska

Christian Koch Madsen (Nuuk, Greenland)
Is One Man's Loss Another Man's Gain? Perspectives on Social Archaeology and Inequality in Medieval Norse Greenland

Kirstine Møller (Nuuk, Greenland)
Cultural History of Greenland

11.30 DISCUSSION

SESSION 3b. ARCTIC CULTURE HERITAGE MANAGEMENT
| **Chair: Ilia Heit**

12.00

Martin Callanan (Trondheim, Norway)
*Melting Arctic - Disappearing Past. Climate change and
Arctic Archaeology today*

Henny Piezonka (Kiel, Germany)
*The Archaeological Heritage of Arctic and Sub-Arctic
Siberia: Challenges of Preservation and Interpretation*

LUNCH BREAK 12.40

SESSION 4. CURRENT ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS
| **Chair: Sabine Reinhold**

13.40

Andrei Gusev and Natalia Fedorova
(Salekhard, Russia/virtually)
Current Archaeological Excavations at the Yamal-Peninsula

Andrei Plekhanov (Salekhard, Russia/virtually)
*Excavations of Multiperiod Settlements in the Southern
Yamal Peninsula*

Vladimir Pitulko (St. Petersburg, Russia/virtually)
*Current Archaeological Excavations in Zhokhov and Yana
Sites , Arctic East Siberia*

Kirill Dneprovskiy (Moskau, Russia/virtually)
Recent Excavations at Ancient Eskimo Sites in Chukotka

COFFEE BREAK 15.00

15.30 CONTD. SESSION 4 | Chair: Ilia Heit

Liliana Janik (Cambridge, United Kingdom)

Indexing Climate Change via Rock Art Imagery: Ontological security in the Past and the Present

Anne Jensen (Alaska, USA/virtually)

Arctic Archaeology as Seen from Utqiagvik (Barrow), Alaska

Clemens Pasda (Jena, Germany)

Archaeological Research on Prehistoric and Historic Caribou Hunting in West Greenland – An Example from the Nuussuaq Peninsula.

Frigga Kruse (Kiel, Germany)

Re-Evaluating Svalbard's Human Past in View of Looming Social Change

17.00 DISCUSSION

19.00 RECEPTION

Address by Friederike Fless, President of the German Archaeological Institute (DAI)

Address by Barbara Klepsch, Saxon Minister of State for Tourism and Cultural Affairs (solicited)

FRIDAY, 22nd October

SESSION 5. THE ARCTIC IN MUSEUM COLLECTIONS **09.45** | **Chair: Sabine Wolfram**

Natalia Alexashenko (St. Petersburg, Russia/virtually)
*Siberian Arctic Archaeological Collections in the
Kunstkamera: Museum and Scientific Potential*

Irina Romanova (Anadyr, Russia/virtually)
*Formation of the Collections of the Museum Center
„Heritage of Chukotka“ (Anadyr)*

COFFEE BREAK **10.30**

CONTD. SESSION 5 **11.00**

Martin Appelt (Copenhagen, Denmark)
The Arctic Collection at the Danish National Museum

Karen Ryan (Gatineau, Canada/virtually)
*Diamond Jenness and the Arctic Collections at the
Canadian Museum of History*

Aron L. Crowell (Washington, USA/virtually)
*Circumpolar Research at the Smithsonian National
Museum of Natural History*

CONCLUDING DISCUSSION **12.00**

LUNCH BREAK **13.00**

GUIDED TOUR THROUGH THE SMAC **14.00**

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(Old Bering Sea culture II-III).**

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