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The Embassy of Canada, in collaboration with the Mistra Arctic Futures in a Global Context research programme and the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat, has the pleasure of inviting you to the symposium

‘Arctic Futures: Increasing Knowledge in Social Sciences and the Humanities’

Tuesday 27 March, 13:30-17:00, at the Embassy of Canada

By giving an overview of ongoing Swedish Arctic research within the field of social sciences and the humanities, complemented by a presentation by Harald Finkler, Director at the Circumpolar Liaison Directorate at Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, the symposium aims to highlight the important role research plays for the range of different stakeholders within the Arctic region. Stakeholders from a variety of sectors - from both Sweden and Canada - will comment on how the research relates to their main concerns when it comes to development in the Arctic region.

Agenda:

- **13:30** **Arrival, registration and coffee**
- **14:00** **Welcoming remarks Canada’s Ambassador Sweden H. E. Kenneth Macartney followed by remarks by Björn Dahlbäck, Director General of the Swedish Polar Research Secretariat**
- **14:10** **Keynote address by Harald Finkler, Director, Circumpolar Liaison Directorate, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada**
- **14:30** **Presentations of the five Mistra Arctic Futures projects**
- **15:45** **Stakeholder panel**
- **16:00** **Q&A**
- **16:15-17:00** **Reception**

Location: Embassy of Canada; 7th floor, Klarabergsgatan 23, Stockholm

R.S.V.P. to the Embassy of Canada by **26 March** is required for attendance: rsvp.stkhm@international.gc.ca

Mistra Arctic Futures in a Global Context

Mistra Arctic Futures in a Global Context, the first Swedish research programme of its kind, includes five research projects which explore the changing Arctic from different angles. Whilst the focus areas of the different projects range from a variety of topics: economics, tourism, game theory, management of natural resources and social development; they are all linked by their common circumpolar focus.

Each project will be presented at the symposium '**Arctic Futures: increasing knowledge in the social sciences and humanities**', followed by a stakeholder panel to discuss how the findings of the projects relate to the key issues identified by the stakeholders for their development in the Arctic region.

Project presentations:

1. *What is the Arctic? Limitations and possibilities in comparative studies* - Professor Carina Keskitalo, leader of the project "Preparing for and responding to disturbance: Arctic lessons for Sweden".
2. *Assessing Arctic Futures: Voices, Resources, Governance* - Dr. Nina Wormbs, leader of the project "Assessing Arctic Futures".
3. *A socioeconomic approach to analyze Arctic resource issues* - Dr. Tore Söderqvist, leader of project "Arctic Games"; complemented by Dr. Anne-Sophie Crépin on '*Managing Arctic resources with potential regime shifts: Using experiments to explore social - ecological linkages in common resource systems*'.
4. *Natural resources and the cooperative development of the Arctic* - Dr. Neil Melvin, leader of the project "Arctic Futures", complemented by comment from Dr. Indra Overland.
5. *Beyond the Boom - Reflections on Mines, Tourism and Regional Development* Professor Dieter K. Müller, leader of project "From Resource Hinterland to Global Pleasure Periphery?"