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III TRAMEREN's International Conference on Arctic Environmental and Climate Change Governance

(Copenhagen, 11th and 12th June 2019)

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Centre for International Law, Conflict and Crisis, **Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen**, the **Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)** and the Frank Guarini Center, **New York University School of Law** welcome proposals for paper presentations at the International Conference on Arctic Environmental and Climate Change Governance, which will take place in Copenhagen, Denmark, on the 11th and 12th of June 2019.

Conference Background, Overarching Questions and Sessions

Building on the [2016 I TRAMEREN Conference on Maritime Transport and Climate Change](#) and the [2018 II International TRAMEREN Conference on Frontiers in Ocean Environmental Governance](#), the III TRAMEREN Conference aims to explore pressing environmental and climate-related issues in the Arctic.

Arctic governance for the conservation and sustainable use of Arctic resources is a key priority on the international agenda. The Arctic Council, as the main international forum dealing with the governance of the Arctic region, has stressed the need to ensure sustainable development while addressing economic quandaries in the region.

Indeed, the Arctic is a unique ecosystem facing a wide-range of environmental challenges related to living resources, like fisheries, biodiversity and marine protected areas, but also non-living resources, including oil and gas, mining and freshwater resources. The governance of these resources plays a critical role in the lives of indigenous peoples of the region. Furthermore, the increasing availability of passage for maritime transport and increasing tourist activities in the region raise concerns relating to the environmental impact in the Arctic.

An examination of a number of international institutions, state and non-state actors, including indigenous people, and legal instruments and processes, which intertwine and interact, is crucial in defining a way forward in Arctic environmental governance.

Against that background, the Third International TRAMEREN conference seeks to explore environmental governance in the Arctic by examining institutions, actors and interactions in emerging issues in Arctic ocean governance, such as conservation of marine living resources, the use of the marine Arctic for extractive industries, climate change impacts, and maritime transport issues.

Among others, the conference aims to address the **following questions**:

- What are the different institutional approaches to Arctic environmental governance at the international, regional and national level? How do they interact?
- What is the role of non-state actors and indigenous communities in Arctic environmental and climate change governance?
- What efforts can foster the coordination of the conservation and sustainable use of living and non-living resources in the Arctic?
- How does climate change impact governance challenges, and what has been done to support adaptation/mitigation?

The conference is organized around **five thematic sessions** addressing the following topics:

- 1) Institutional Approaches to Arctic Environmental Governance
This session will discuss the different roles of institutions, organizations and actors involved in the governance of the Arctic. Among others, this session will cover the role and effectiveness of the Arctic Council, the role of other intergovernmental bodies, such as the UNFCCC and the Nordic Council, and the perspective of the non-Arctic states.
- 2) Specific Issues on Arctic Environmental Governance I: Living Resources
This session will cover the thematic areas of biodiversity, fisheries, and marine protected areas, among others.
- 3) Specific Issues on Arctic Environmental Governance II: Non-Living Resources
Session three will delve into the governance around non-living resources in the Arctic including the exploration and exploitation of oil and gas, minerals and freshwater.
- 4) Specific Issues on Arctic Environmental Governance III: Maritime Transport
This session will explore maritime transport in the Arctic and the environmental and climate governance-related matters. This session will address themes such as shipping, safety of navigation, and tourism.
- 5) Specific Issues on Arctic Environmental Governance IV: Indigenous People
Session five will address issues of traditional knowledge and co-management of use and utilization of resources in the Arctic, among others.

The conference is open to scholars from law and other social sciences with a research interest in Arctic governance. The conference will include papers presented by invited participants (confirmed speakers include Prof. Michael Oppenheimer, Prof Aldo Chircop, Prof. Suzanne Lalonde, Prof. Meinhard Doelle), as well as authors selected in the course of this call for papers.

Submission of Proposals

Proposals for paper presentations should deal with specific questions related to the overall theme of the conference.

The conference proceedings will be published in two ways:

1. Selected papers presented at the conference will be published in a **Special Issue of the *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law***. The issue will be co-edited by Prof. Yoshifumi Tanaka and Beatriz Martinez Romera. All papers must conform to the journal content scope and form, and will be processed through the journal's standard peer review procedures.
2. Selected papers will be published in **CIGI's paper series/policy report**. CIGI's publications are peer-reviewed.

Further, presentations and short think pieces will be published at the TRAMEREN's conference website (www.trameren.dk).

Proposals should be submitted by the **20th of April 2019** to: beatriz.martinez.romera@jur.ku.dk, and include:

1. An abstract (max. 500-word) with a title, the author(s)'s name(s) and affiliation(s)
2. A biographical note / CV
3. Contact information
4. Please indicate what session of the conference your paper addresses
5. Please indicate if you are interested in contributing a full paper to the special issue in the *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law* and/or the CIGI publication.

Authors will be informed of the final decision by the **25th of April 2019**. The choice of proposals will seek to ensure a balanced representation of the various aspects of the conference theme.

Financing

There is no registration fee for the conference, and meals, coffee and refreshments will be covered for all the participants. Also, presenters and discussants will be invited to join the conference dinner on the 11th of June.

Travel costs and accommodation in Copenhagen could be covered for speakers, upon request and based on the availability of funds. Please indicate if you need financial support when submitting your paper proposal.

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