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INTRODUCING THE LÆRA INSTITUTE FOR CIRCUMPOLAR EDUCATION

UArctic Thematic Networks and Institutes
Leadership Conference

University of St Andrews
St Andrews, UK | 13 May 2022

UArctic created Circumpolar Studies as undergraduate core curriculum available for use by all member institutions



UArctic CS Core Curriculum

- Introduction to the Circumpolar World
- Land and Environment of the Circumpolar World I & II
- Peoples and Cultures of the Circumpolar World I & II
- Contemporary Issues of the Circumpolar World I & II

All UArctic students eligible to take CS courses—
taught online even before pandemic

Source: *Shared Voices: The UArctic Magazine* (2017); UArctic

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Læra Institute established in autumn 2020 to help renew and revitalise UArctic Circumpolar Studies programme

Læra Institute founding and steering partners



(participation paused)

(joined 2021)

We're grateful to Norwegian Ministry for Education and Research for funding for our work

Source: Læra Institute; universities shown (logos)

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Læra Institute promotes shared understanding of Circumpolar Studies and borderless academic community

Curriculum criteria

Detailed topic specifications for Circumpolar Studies, to help UArctic members develop locally appropriate courses based on shared understanding

Exemplar materials

Example Circumpolar Studies courses and teaching resources, which UArctic members can use as models, adapt to local needs or teach 'off-the-shelf'

Faculty workshop

Regular meeting of UArctic member faculty teaching Circumpolar Studies courses, to share pedagogical research, best-practice and local insights

Student symposia

Regular meeting of UArctic member undergraduate students, to share learning, present own research and collaborate on joint activities

Recordings and transcript of first faculty workshop 'Circumpolar Studies Is...' available on our website

Læra Institute held first faculty workshop – ‘Circumpolar Studies Is...’ – online in March 2021



Participating UArctic member institutions

- Arctic State Agrotechnological University (Russia)
- Arctic State Institute of Culture and Arts (Russia)
- Florida State University (USA)
- International Sámi Film Institute (Norway)
- Nipissing University (Canada)
- Nord University (Norway)
- Northeastern Federal University (Russia)
- Trent University (Canada)
- Yukon University (Canada)
- University of Alaska Anchorage (USA)
- University of Cambridge (UK)
- University of Highlands and Islands (UK)
- University of Northern British Columbia (Canada)
- University of Washington (USA)

Recording and transcript available on Læra Institute website

Læra Institute reaches out to wider academy by sponsoring or taking part in sessions on Circumpolar Studies education



Calls for abstracts announced on our website

Source: Læra Institute; conference organisers shown (logos)

We have upcoming plans in which UArctic faculty and students are most welcome to be involved

End summer 2022

Roll-out of first set of Circumpolar Studies curriculum criteria and exemplar pedagogical material

Autumn 2022

Second faculty workshop in conjunction with 4th UArctic Congress (pending announcement of alternative venue or hybrid/online format)

Spring 2023

First undergraduate student symposium (planned as in-person/hybrid event originally postponed due to Covid-19 restrictions)

Rolling

Continued delivery of UArctic CS courses, and continued sponsorship of conference sessions on CS educational innovation and pedagogy

Don't hesitate to be in touch if you'd like to take part

Thank you

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