
Arctic Summer College: Arctic Exchange in the Digital Age

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Reykjavik, Iceland

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The Arctic Summer College (ASC) is proud to have recently completed its fifth successful year. This year, the Arctic Summer College had the exciting opportunity of hosting a breakout session at the Arctic Circle Assembly on 16 October 2015 in Reykjavík. Ecologic Institute's Arne Riedel, Max Gräßl and Katherine Weingartner took part in the conference as part of the German delegation.

Arne Riedel started the session with the concept and highlights of this year's ASC and invited the audience to join in the discussion for its further development. Our ASC Fellows and panelists [Andreas Kuersten](#) and [Heather Exner-Pirot](#) then presented their work on "Innovation in the Arctic" and the "Arctic Digital Divide" respectively. Moderated by Max Gräßl, the interested audience took part in the discussion, which was also live-streamed via YouTube.

This session concludes the 2015 ASC season.

From 25 June to 13 August 2015, the 20 selected Arctic Summer College Fellows had participated in eight webinars on various topics relevant to the Arctic, including Indigenous Actors and Arctic Decision-making, Arctic Energy and Climate Change Adaptation. Fellows became part of a network of emerging Arctic leaders from different disciplines and regions and were able to share and discuss ideas with expert speakers.

Another addition of this year's program was the cooperation with WPI's Arctic in Context Blog: Martin Kossa's take on [South Korea's Positioning in the Arctic](#) and Ekaterina Klimenko's analysis on [Russia's Military Buildup in the Arctic: Political Rhetoric vs. Reality](#) were published in the lead-up to the Arctic Circle Assembly session.

Over the years, the Arctic College Community has been continuously expanded to further strengthen communication between peoples and nations, scientific disciplines, policy areas, and across the

science-policy interface. All of this contributes to the ultimate aim of the Arctic Summer College to build a lasting, policy-oriented network of Arctic professionals to support a sustainable development of the Arctic.

This was all made possible with the help of our esteemed partners which include the [WWF Global Arctic Programme](#), the [Konrad Adenauer Foundation](#), [World Policy Institute](#), the [Embassy of Canada, Germany](#), the [International Union for Conservation of Nature](#) (IUCN), the [Arctic Centre](#) of the University of Lapland, and the [Arctic Circle Assembly](#). Also, Ecologic Institute thanks the US Embassy in Berlin for its support.

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