



12th International Summer School in Karelia 2015

Main theme:

Resources and Security in the Barents Sea Area

1st Call for Participation

Time: 17–24 May, 2015

Place: Petrozavodsk (Karelia, Russia)

The International Summer/Spring School in Karelia (ISSK) is a meeting-point for Russian, and Finnish, as well as other Nordic and European, university students with a focus on European, Russian and Arctic/Northern studies. Since the initial Summer School in 2003, the goal has been to bring together a limited number (20-30) of students for one week at the Petrozavodsk State University (PetrSU) in order to further increase their knowledge of Nordic-Russian policies and cooperation, and promote studies and academic dialogue.

The ISSK is organized by the Petrozavodsk State University (Russia) and two Finnish universities, University of Lapland, and the Aleksanteri Institute at the University of Helsinki.

For whom

ISSK'15 is purposed for the students of international relations, political sciences, other relevant social sciences, and economics, geography and history, as well as students interested in European, Arctic and other Northern, Nordic and Russian studies.



ISSK'15: *Resources and Security in the Barents Sea Area*

The focus and theme of the ISSK'15, '*Resources and Security in the Barents Sea Area*' are inspired by the fact that resources, energy, geopolitics and security have a long history in shaping and impacting the Barents Sea area and its environment and peoples, as well as the entire Arctic region. These crucial themes have been extensively discussed since the end of the Cold War as environmental and human security (discourses) caused a significant shift in the security premises of the region's states, and energy security started to play a strategic role in Arctic politics and security concerns. In addition, a wide range of interconnected issues and developments – climate change, globalization, region-building and devolution of power, large-scale utilization of non-renewable resources, the opening of new sea routes, and local and global environmental concerns, among others – pose challenges and (security) concerns to the Barents Region's states and nations, their economies and the fragile environment. These developments also have implications on the manners in which key concepts – such as sovereignty, empowerment, security, geopolitics and geoeconomics, as well as their referent objects – are understood in the regional and global contexts, as well as in broader academic debates.

How to apply?

The application form is to be found here:

<https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/40493/lomake.html>

Fill the application **by 22 March, 2015**.

Each participant is supposed to apply for the visa to Russia in good time.

Please note! Due to the current visa registration rules of the Russian Federation, it is not possible to participate in the school with a tourist visa. If you need to apply for a visa for this purpose, you have to provide the Petrozavodsk State University with a scanned copy of your passport and the information that is asked in the end of this document. Instructions for it will be sent to you when you fill the application form.

Assessment

- For a successful completion of the course, each student is required to attend all lectures and excursion, and actively participate in daily workshops.
- Additionally, each student needs to write an essay of 10-12 A4 pages, i.e. 22.000-26.000 items (not including reference list, figures and tables) on a selected

topic, relevant to the main theme of ISSK'15, and submit it to his/her university coordinator *within one month after* the completion of the course.

- With the requirements fulfilled, the course will carry up to 5 ECTS.

Costs

- There is no registration fee.
- The participation costs will consist of travel costs to and from Helsinki/some other Finnish city and Petrozavodsk, meals, excursion, and the visa costs.
- Other costs, e.g. accommodation, lunches, serving of coffee/tea in Petrozavodsk, will be covered by the organizers.

ISSK'15: Working methods and program structure

The ISSK'15 is a one week intensive course that will study issues on resources and security universally / globally, as well as regionally and locally, taking both more holistic and interdisciplinary approach as well as that of IR / Political sciences, and History. Through bringing together recognised experts from Finland and Russia, the ISSK'15 will provide students with an overview of state sovereignty in theory and in praxis in Northern Europe through case studies.

During the ISSK'15 resources and security will be discussed on one hand in a local context in the Barents Sea area, and on the other hand, in a global context in the Arctic and holistically. Furthermore, security will be theoretically discussed, defined and (re)conceptualized including discussion on definition and terms, as well as scales, actors and entities of security. Finally, there will be case studies, such as environmental security, human security, food security and energy security.

Among others the lecturers of the 2015 ISSK will be prof. Lassi Heininen (University of Lapland), head of education Tapani Kaakkuriniemi (Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki), prof. Alexander Sergunin (St. Petersburg State University) (tbc), associate prof. Gleb Yarovoy (Petrozavodsk State University).

The sites of the ISSK'15 will be in the city of Petrozavodsk, Russia. The day of departure from Finland to Petrozavodsk is Sunday 17 May, and the return day Sunday 24 May, 2015.

Daily programme

Daily schedule of the ISSK consists of

- two theme lectures with open discussion in mornings;
- student workshop(s), supervised by the tutors and experts, in afternoons;
- social program in evenings.

Students will give their active contribution during the lectures, workshops and the final round-table discussion in order to increase their understanding of sovereignty issues in general and dealing with North Europe, as well as the Arctic region.

During the ISSK'15 there will be a half-day seminar on resources and security concentrating on the current situation of possible impacts and reflections of regional wars and the constant fighting on international terror to the high stability of the Barents Sea area and the entire Arctic region. The seminar will be organized together with the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the PetrSU and the Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences (tbc).

Excursion

A full/half-day excursion within Karelia, to nearby sites of general interest will be organized as a part of the program of the ISSK'15 on the 23rd of May (tbc).

Contact Information for ISSK'15

For additional information about the ISSK'15, do not hesitate to contact the director, the coordinator of the ISSK, Anastasia Kuznetsova at Petrozavodsk State University (kuznetsova.petsu@gmail.com) and the members of the ISSK Steering Committee:

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For more information of the ISSK see the website:

<http://petsu.ru/Structure/Inter/beuc.html>

or

<http://beuc.petsu.ru/en/index.html>.

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Data for an invitation for applying visa to Russia

Spring 2015

Please fill the fields and additionally provide with a scanned copy of passport to tapani.kaakkuriniemi@helsinki.fi

Surname in Latin alphabets	
Surname in Cyrillic (optional)	
Given names in Latin alphabets	
Given names in Cyrillic (optional)	
Date of birth	
State of birth	
Place of birth	
Sex (male/female)	
Citizenship	
State of permanent residence	
Region of residence	
Place of getting visa (country, city) *)	
Place of work or study	
Address of the place of work or study	
Position	
Telephone number	
Passport number	
Date of issue	
Valid until	
Issued by	
Cities that a person will visit in Russia (including the city through which the applicant will cross the border)	
The period of stay in Russia (taking into account not only the period of the school but also a possible extra trip)	

*) The Russian Federation has three consular offices in Finland: in Helsinki, Turku, Maarianhamina and Lappeenranta.