



# **Sápmi as Homeland: Co-designing Future Research with Indigenous Rights Holders**

**Prioritizing future research and giving a direction  
for new ethical guidelines for research activities**

**Workshop in Guovdageaidnu, Diehtosiida, REAŠŠADAT**

**MAY 15, 2023**

## **Simultaneous interpretation between Sámi and English**

Based on the recommendation from the Reindeer Husbandry Conference 2022 in Guovdageaidnu, this one-day workshop aims to make prioritized recommendations for future research and new ethical guidelines for research activities in Sápmi, with regards to the needs for future research on reindeer pastures and land degradation. Workshop recommendations will feed into to the EU-PolarNet research agenda and the **10545 UNEP/GEF Reindeer Herding and Resilience** project.

The climate and biodiversity are changing in the Arctic in ways that are unique in the long history of the region, challenging traditional lifestyles, well-being, food security, and posing a legitimate concern for the future of traditional Indigenous economies. Co-creative and collaborative science, also called decolonial research, produces evidence-based knowledge relevant for local and global society and addresses the rights of Indigenous people for self-determination also in research going on their homelands. Integrating Indigenous knowledge, and knowledge from natural and social sciences and the humanities is essential to drive innovation in holistic climate research. The workshop will bridge academia and Indigenous communities so that the adaptation strategies follow the Circumpolar realities and bring in the Indigenous knowledge, Sámi reindeer herders' knowledge and local community's prioritization to research needs.

The Workshop is a EU-PolarNet activity to learn about community perspectives on research in the Arctic and is hosted by the International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry (ICR) in Guovdageaidnu/Kautokeino, Norway. ICR is a professional institution focused on strengthening international reindeer husbandry cooperation, developing sustainable reindeer husbandry, and building

networks between the global nomadic herding peoples. ICR is a knowledge hub for safeguarding, documenting, and disseminating traditional knowledge of the Indigenous reindeer herding peoples.

## **Monday May 15, 2023**

### **09:00 Welcome to the Workshop**

Johan Mathis Turi, ICR (TBC)

### **Indigenous Perspectives and Insights Prioritization in Research**

*Sustainable Science in Sápmi*

MSc Anders Oskal, Secretary General of World Reindeer Herders, Guovdageaidnu, Norway, 15 min

*Ideas on Indigenous Reindeer Herding Research Ethics and Methodology*

Dr. Klemetti Näkkäläjärvi, Heatta, Finland, 15 min

*Gender Perspectives: Life Stories by Senior Sámi Women - A Critical Social Analysis*

MSc Liv Inger Somby, Norway, 15 min (TBC)

*Traditional Knowledge*

Dr. Inger Marie Gaup Eira and Berit Marie Eira, Sámi University of Applied Sciences, Guovdageaidnu, Norway, 20 min

*Loss of Grazing Land*

Mr. Issat Henrik Eira, Guovdageaidnu, Norway, 15 min (TBC)

### **10:45 Co-designing Needs for Future Research**

*Co-production of knowledge*

Ms. Suvi Juntunen, Heatta, Finland, 10 min

*Co-Producing Knowledge on Wild and Domestic Reindeer*

Dr. Kathrine I. Johnsen, ICR, 10 min

*Food Knowledge Systems*

PhD Student Ravdna BME Sara and Inger Anita Smuk, Guovdageaidnu, Norway, 10 min

*Dental Health and Food Systems of the Inland Coast*

Dr. Ann-Kristine Bongo, Guovdageaidnu, Norway, 10 min (TBC)

*Fosen as a Case*

Mr. Johan Strømgen, Norwegian Institute for Human Rights, Guovdageaidnu, Norway, 10 min TBC

*Reindeer Husbandry in European History*

Dr. Nellejet Zorgdrager, Netherlands

*Research Needs in Reindeer Husbandry Education*

Dr. Mathis Bongo, Guovdageaidnu, Norway, 10 min (TBC)

### **13:00 Lunch break (45 min)**

### **13:45 Outbreak groups (60 min)**

#### **Discussing Future Research Needs: Gender, Loss of Pastures, Traditional Knowledge, Ethics**

*Youth Perspectives on Gender, Loss of pastures, Traditional Knowledge and Ethics*

Inga Julie Sara, Norway

Nils-Gustu Kuhmunen, Sweden

Jon-Erik Näkkäljärvi, Finland

Máret-Ingá Smuk, Norway (TBC)

### **15:00 Summary from the Outbreak Groups**

#### **Reporting to the EU-PolarNet II and UNEP/GEF**

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