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Call for Abstracts

The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research SCAR and the International Arctic Science Committee IASC invite the international polar and high altitude community to submit abstracts for the Open Science Conference

POLAR2018 in Davos, Switzerland,

15-26 June 2018

We invite abstract submissions for the sessions which IGU CHAR Commission has proposed as a co-convenor. Detailed descriptions is below, or online <http://www.polar2018.org/abstracts.html>.

Session “Current and future change, sustainability and resilience in the Polar Regions”

Deadline for abstracts submissions is 1 November, 2017, directly through the POLAR 2018 website: <http://www.polar2018.org/abstracts.html>

Session Number

SH-5

Session Title

Current and future change, sustainability and resilience in the Polar Regions

Session Description

The Polar Regions are undergoing rapid environmental, socio-cultural and economic transformation. Monitoring current change and anticipating future developments are becoming more important than ever. Assessing the sustainability and resilience of integrated socio-ecological systems involves a better understanding of the complex interactions between social and ecological domains and facilitates the creation of resilient systems whilst increasing knowledge capacities of polar communities and their ability to shape change. A number of initiatives are currently underway to assess sustainability and

resilience in the Polar Regions taking into consideration the impacts of biophysical and social drivers of change. This session aims at exploring how polar communities and stakeholders deal with the combined challenges from climate change, political, economic and resource pressures, changes to the global order and new socio-cultural realities and what the future might hold for the Polar Regions. We recognize the opportunities presented by integrated interdisciplinary approaches developed within the biophysical, social, humanities and arts scholarship and invite researchers with an interest in socio-ecological systems, the interaction of society and place, or in exploring the futures in a methodological or even speculative manner to contribute to this session. Papers surveying changing (inter-)disciplinary perspectives on one or both Polar Regions over time are also welcome.

Keywords: Polar Regions, Arctic, Antarctic, Futures, sustainability, monitoring, socio-ecological systems, resilience, climate change, resources

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SAVE THE DATE

**Feminist Geographies in/during Troubled Times: Dialogues, Interventions and Praxis
A Pre-Conference Sponsored by the IGU Gender and Geography Commission and
CWAG**

**Montréal, Québec
August 4-6, 2018**

The Canadian Women and Geography (CWAG) specialty group of the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG) and the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Gender and Geography are pleased to announce a two-day feminist geography conference to be held at the University of Montréal in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Taking place before the IGU Regional Conference and the Annual Meeting of the CAG in Québec City, the pre-conference will promote intergenerational and intersectional dialogues among feminist scholars, researchers and activists around the theme of practicing feminist geography in troubled times. We seek to create a space to examine solidarities and connections among feminist and other fields of critical geography such as queer and anti-racist geographies. The pre-conference also aims to encourage discussion across linguistic differences by creating space for feminist geographers working in non-Anglo-American contexts.

Call for papers will open shortly.

Tentative schedule

August 4, 2018: Afternoon/early evening informal social event with community partners in downtown Montreal.

August 5, 2018 (all day): Concurrent paper/panel sessions

August 6 2018 (morning): Concurrent paper/panel sessions

August 6, 2018 (afternoon): Travel to Quebec City

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