

Rethinking Arctic community building in the Anthropocene

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Place En'yu-Gakusha, Hokkaido University (HU), Sapporo
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The working language of this workshop is English. We do not provide any interpreter during the workshop.

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Workshop Statement

The purpose of this workshop is to provide a venue for Arctic researchers to reconsider the research framework concerning the human dimension of climate change. Increasingly, the social implication of climate change has been an important research focus. The literature produced in the last two decades sheds light on community resilience in the course of climate change, and provides recommendations for preventative and mitigation actions against the local effect of global climate change. However, the question that we want to explore is whether any community can possibly be resilient itself as suggested by systems thinking. Are researchers viewing community from too narrow scope such that anything that does not fit into their research framework can be overlooked, so that they see the community in question as just vulnerable to ongoing climate change. Is there a better way to grasp community well-being within the rapidly changing political, social and environmental situation? This workshop aims to consider whether climate change research can be framed within the context of community development. In so doing, participants are encouraged to bring their own ideas drawing on their case studies regarding the human-environmental relationship (the human-animal relationship) and the role of subsistence activities in community building from which a vision for the future arises. We hope that this will provide a significant insight, now in the Anthropocene in which uncertainty and unexpectedness arises from any human involvement in ecological processes.

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