

UiT The Arctic University of Norway is the northernmost university of the world. Its location on the edge of the Arctic implies a mission to contribute to knowledge-based development at the regional, national and international level. At UiT we explore global issues from a close-up perspective.

There are many scientists and university leaders from UiT at Arctic Frontiers, able to speak on a wide range of issues, Arctic or not. Below, we have highlighted a few of today's pressing issues and UiT experts.

The global role of Greenland and recent Arctic geopolitics

The global interest in Greenland and Arctic international relations, economics, security, science and technology are at an all-time high. How will this play out? What are the underlying relations, economic realities and societal implications?

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Norway's biggest research project ever

Norwegian universities and research institutions ask, "What happens when the Arctic Ocean is ice free in 2050?" Together, 19 science institutions hope to launch massive collaborate effort to look at the circumpolar North from all scientific angles.

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How the High seas treaty will change the Arctic

30% of the oceans and ocean floors must be protected by 2030. How can states make this happen? How will this impact ecosystems, indigenous peoples, the shipping industry and societies in the North?

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Indigenous peoples, land use and the green energy shift

How can indigenous peoples defend their rights and way of life against the pressure from windmill parks, mineral mines and new developments? How can states get resources and green energy without breaking their own laws, like Norway recently did? How can we support and promote indigenous leadership in research?

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Russia, Arctic narratives and Arctic influence

Russian dis- and misinformation, hybrid warfare and influencing campaigns are in full bloom in the Arctic. How can we counter it? What implications does it have for Arctic communities, states, diplomacy, development and politics?

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Other notable sessions and issues at Arctic Frontiers:

Queer and gendered perspectives on Polar history (<u>Hauan, Marit Anne</u>) EN/NO Arctic communities amid geopolitical and economic uncertainty (<u>Haugseth, Peter</u>) EN/NO Strategic Communication and Arctic Information Environment (<u>Gjørv, Gunhild</u> / <u>Lanteigne, Marc</u>)