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**International Workshop on Northern and Southern Circumpolarities (Socio-Economic and Socio-cultural approaches).** Buenos Aires, November 16-18, 2010.

The *I International Workshop on Northern and Southern Circumpolarities (Socio-Economic and Socio-Cultural approaches)* was held at the School of Economic Sciences, University of Buenos Aires, organized by the Center for Research on Local Community and Participation (CICLOP /Faculty of Economic Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires). Local communities and sustainable development, climate change, center and periphery, North and South: all of these are phenomena settled in the international agenda at both scientific and political levels, a fact explaining why *Circumpolarity* has become an increasingly geo-socio-cultural and historical important phenomenon in the contemporary world. Phenomenon that includes both the *Northern region* (the Arctic –including Alaska, Northern Canada, Nordic countries, Baltic countries, Finland, Northern Russia) and the *Southern region* (Antarctica, Patagonia, Tierra del Fuego, Southern Atlantic isles, and even including Southern Africa, New Zealand, and Australia), all those territories being involved in both the convergence and difference terms of problems dealing with more or less stable local communities – according to local circumstances, many a time located in extreme realms (“extreme” is taken in all the different meanings of the word). These facts explain the decision the Center for Research on Local Community and Participation (CICLOP /Faculty of Economic Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires) did take to organize this international conference. All these activities have

been carried on under the auspices of the *International Association of Circumpolar Sociocultural Issues* (IACSI), an organization joining important scientific and cultural experts worldwide, specialized on the circumpolar problems from both the socioeconomic and sociocultural points of view. The International Center for the Patrimony Conservation (CICOP) and the Foundation for High Studies on Antarctica and Extreme Environments (FAE, Argentina) have also sponsored the event. The following aspects have been taken into account: not only the increasing importance of the South-North problems and the Southern Circumpolarity but also the following points: solving the local/global equation in terms of equity and regional/international equilibrium, besides how the crucial magnitude of the Antarctic/Circumpolar problems has been increasing over the years. In view of so important questions, it has been considered to publish these works. Presentations from Argentina, Iceland, France, Uruguay, Canada, Spain and Finland, were accepted. (*For more info and/or the proceedings of this event, contact: Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez, edelacebo@yahoo.com*).