

## *Reports*

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# VI INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CIRCUMPOLAR SOCIOCULTURAL ISSUES & FOUNDATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUMPOLAR OBSERVATORY (ICO)

Buenos Aires – Ushuaia (Argentina)  
APRIL 18-22, 2016



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ARCTIC & ANTARCTIC OBSERVATORY  
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The *International Program of Studies on Circumpolarity and Local Communities in Extreme Environments* (PIECA, Faculty of Social Sciences of the Universidad del Salvador (Argentina), the *Research Chair on Images of the North, Winter and the Arctic* of the Université de Québec à Montréal, the *Faculty of Social Sciences* of the University of Iceland, the National University of Tierra del Fuego (Argentina), and the Foundation for High Studies on Antarctica and Extreme Environments (FAE, Argentina), call for the founding and organizational meeting and launching of the *International Circumpolar Observatory*, with the main goal of increasing and interchange the knowledge of the problems and issues related to the local communities located in the Northern circumpolarity (Arctic and sub-Arctic: Scandinavia, Faroe Islands, Finland, Québec, Canada, the Inuit world, Alaska, Russia) and in the Southern circumpolarity (Antarctica, Sub-Antarctica, Tierra del Fuego, islands of the Southern Atlantic ocean, Patagonia, New Zealand, Australia, Uruguay, South Africa).

At the same time, it will be run the *VI International Workshop on Circumpolar Socio-cultural Studies*, under the auspices of the International Association of

Circumpolar Sociocultural Issues (IACSI) and the “Arctic & Antarctic - International Journal on Circumpolar Socio-Cultural Issues”. It is confirmed the presence of scientists from Canada, Finland, Argentina, Russia, Iceland and United Kingdom.

### SCHEDULE

MONDAY APRIL 18th

## **FOUNDING MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIRCUMPOLAR OBSERVATORY**

*Place: Professors Hall, First floor, Faculty of Social Sciences, USAL  
Perón St., 1818, City of Buenos Aires*

09:30-10:00: Meeting of the ICO and IACSI authorities (Dr Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez and Dr Daniel Chartier), the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences (USAL), Dr Mariana Colotta, and the director of the School of International Relations, Dr Fabián Lavallén Ranea.

10:00-10:15: Inauguration of the ICO meeting by Dr Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez (PIECA, USAL) and Dr Daniel Chartier (Research Chair on Images of the North, Winter and the Arctic, Université de Québec à Montréal).

10:15- 11:30: Plenary meeting of the Directive and Scientific Committees of the *Circumpolar International Observatory*: goals and means, resources and restrictions, scientific products (informs, publications, workshops, books, visual art, etc.) and impact in the international circumpolar realms: universities, municipalities, mass media, national, regional and international organizations, etc.

11:30-11:45: Coffee break

11:45-13:00: Discussion and consideration about the Strategic Plan for the Observatory for the next 3-5 years, and the financial support or funds potentially available. Analysis of rotary meetings according to the founding institutions.

13:00-15:00: Lunch

15:00-17:00: Continuation with the discussions towards the consolidation of the Observatory and connected activities and endeavours, such as the *Arctic & Antarctic Journal*, the next IACSI Workshops, the convergences with existing Post-Graduate studies and programs devoted to the Arctic and/or Antarctic circumpolar issues, to encourage the ICO impact in the socio-cultural circumpolar realms through diverse institutional actions such as art and scientific contests, the conferring of scientific, ecological, political and/or institutional prizes for the positive and creative impact of initiatives addressed to the circumpolar worlds and their populations and communities, with special reference to the indigenous peoples.

17:00: Coffee break

17:15-18:00: Conclusions

18:00: Free time

21:30-23:30: Cultural-artistic activity (optional, to be defined).

TUESDAY APRIL 19<sup>th</sup>

**VI INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON CIRCUMPOLAR  
SOCIOCULTURAL ISSUES / I**

Place: Main Room, Ground Floor, Faculty of Social Sciences, USAL  
Perón St., 1818, City of Buenos Aires

09:00-09:30: Registrations. Coffee

09:30-11:00: TABLE I /Scientific presentations and discussion  
(coordination: Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez)

**Daniel Chartier:** *“The Research Chair on Images of the North, Winter and the Arctic of the Université de Québec à Montréal: Past, Present and Future”*

**Ekaterina Romanova** (Institute for Humanities Research and Indigenous Studies of Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Laboratory of Complex Geocultural Studies of the Arctic, Yakutsk / Sakha Republic, Russia), **Vera Nikiforova** (Arctic State Institute of Culture and Arts, Laboratory of Complex Geocultural Studies of the Arctic, Yakutsk /

Sakha Republic, Russia) and **Samona Kurilova** (Institute for Humanities Research and Indigenous Studies of Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Laboratory of Complex Geocultural Studies of the Arctic, Yakutsk / Sakha Republic, Russia): ***“Presentation of the Laboratory of Complex Geocultural Studies of the Arctic”***

**Helgi Gunnlaugsson** (University of Iceland): *“Undergraduate and graduate studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences: Circumpolarity as a new perspective”*.

11:00-11:15: Coffee break.

11:15-13:15: TABLE II / Scientific presentations and discussion (coordination: Daniel Chartier)

**Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez** (PIECA, Faculty of Social Sciences, Universidad del Salvador, Argentina): *“The International Program on Circumpolarity and Local Communities in Extreme Environments (PIECA) and the undergraduate students of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Universidad del Salvador: experiences on teaching, publishing and international cooperation (IACSI and the ‘Arctic & Antarctic International Journal on Circumpolar Sociocultural Issues)’”*.

**Fabián Lavallén Ranea & Mariana Colotta** (Faculty of Social Sciences, Universidad del Salvador): *“The School of International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Universidad del Salvador: the importance of new areas of research and teaching”*.

**Agustín García Serventi** (Institute of Culture, Society and State, ICSE, National University of Tierra delFuego, Argentina): *“The university institution at the southern territory: goals, functions and perspectives”*.

**Piers Vitebsky** (Scott Polar Research Institute –SPRI-, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom): *“Seventy years in the Russian North: The Scott Polar Research Institute since 1947”*.

13:00-15:00: Lunch

15:15- 16:00: TABLE III / Presentations and discussion (coordination: Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez):

**Konstantin Krivoshapkin** (Vice-Rector of North-Eastern Federal University, Yakutsk –UFNE-Russia) & **Liudmila Zamorshchikova** (North-Eastern Federal University, Chair of Thematic Network of the

University of the Arctic, Yakutsk / Sakha Republic, Russia): *“The role of the universities in the Northern circumpolarity: The case of the North-East Federal University, Yakutsk –UFNE-, Russia”*.

**Anna Stammer-Gossmann** (Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Finland): *“Research on Arctic issues, Space and Time: Experiences and Perspectives from the Arctic Centre at the University of Lapland”*.

16:00:-16:15: Coffee break.

16:15-17:15: General conclusions (coordination: Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez & Daniel Chartier)

THURSDAY APRIL 21th  
**VI INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON  
CIRCUMPOLAR SOCIO-CULTURAL ISSUES / II**

**Place:** Auditorium “Nini Marshall”, Culture House, Municipality of Ushuaia

8:30-9.00 Registration

9:00-9:15 Inauguration of the sessions: Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez & Daniel Chartier

9:15-11:00: TABLE IV / Presentations and discussion (coordination: Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez):

**Helgi Gunnlaugsson** (Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Iceland): *“Crime and Punishment in four island arctic nations: Greenland, Iceland, Faroe islands and Åland”*.

**Alfredo Isasmendiz Preti** (ICSE, National University of Tierra del Fuego – AIAS: *“Between the ‘end of the world’ and the law of electronics. The representation of the Province of Tierra del Fuego in the on-line press”*.

**Ayelén Martínez, Nadia Finck, Sabrina Lobato, Julieta López, Fernanda Moreno Russo and Natalia Torre** (ICSE, National University of Tierra del Fuego - AIAS: *“Producing the city: the access to housing and the land in the Province of Tierra del Fuego, Antarctica and Islands of the Southern Atlantic Ocean (2005-2015)”*.

11:00-11:15: Coffee break.

11:15-12:45: Screening and discussion of documentary and fiction films devoted to Southern and Northern circumpolar issues / I (Coordination: Agustín García Serventi)

**“Noi Albinoi”** (90’), by **Dagur Kári** (Iceland, 2002) –Feature film showing how space, time and representations of reality impact the human relations in a very small and isolated community located in the Northern circumpolarity.

12:45-13:00: Discussion.

13:00-14:00 Lunch (optional)

14:00-16:00: TABLE V / Presentations and discussion (Coordination: Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez)

**Piers Vitebsky** (Scott Polar Research Institute –SPRI-, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom): *“Nomadic senses of space, time and personhood”*.

**Franco Zacobich & Agustín García Serventi** (ICSE, National University of Tierra del Fuego – AIAS): *“Discussion about the construction of space and time in the Province of Tierra del Fuego”*.

**Anna Stammer-Gossmann** (Arctic Centre, University of Lapland): *“Glaciers – Permafrost Dynamics and Society: Patagonian and Siberian case studies”*.

15:30-15:45: Coffee break.

15:45- 16:30: Screening and discussion of documentary and fiction films devoted to Southern

and Northern circumpolar issues / II (Coordination: Agustín García Serventi):

**“The Ship”** (30’), produced and directed by **Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez** - Documentary film about the scientific campaign of the Argentine oceanographic vessel “Puerto Deseado” during 2010, from Ushuaia to Cape Horn meridian.

16:30-16:45: Coffee break

16:45-18:30: TABLE VI / Presentations and discussion (coordination: Daniel Chartier):

**Vera Nikiforova** (*High School of Music, Yakutsk/Sakha Republic, Russia*) &  
**Ekaterina Romanova** (*Institute for Humanities Research and Indigenous Studies*)

of Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Yakutsk/Sakha Republic, Russia): **“Music from the Arctic: Steps in the Snow”**.

**Marisol Vereda** (Institute of Economic Development and Innovation, National University of Tierra del Fuego -AIAS): *The meaning of wilderness in the experience of Antarctic visitors”*

18:30-18:45: Coffee break

18:45-20:15: TABLE VII / Presentations and discussion. General conclusions (Coordination: Piers Vitebsky)

**Daniel Chartier** (Research Chair on Images of the North, Winter and the Arctic, Université de Québec à Montréal): *(title to be confirmed)*

**Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez** (PIECA, Faculty of Social Sciences, Universidad del Salvador, UBA-CONICET): *“Inhabiting the confines: circumpolarities, socio-cultural worlds and imaginaries: theoretical approaches and some comparative empirical data”*.

**General conclusions of the Workshop** (Daniel Chartier & Enrique del Acebo Ibáñez)

21:00: Dinner (optional)

FRIDAY APRIL 22th

**FIELD TRIPS TO THE NATIONAL PARK OF TIERRA DEL FUEGO  
AND THE BEAGLE CHANNEL**

Place: UshuaiaCity / Tierra del Fuego Island

7:30: Breakfast

8:00: Departure to the **National Park of Tierra del Fuego**

9:15-13:00: **Visit to the National Park**

13:00-14:00: Lunch

14:00-15:00: Free time

15:00: Departure to Ushuaia

16:15: Arrival to the city of Ushuaia.

16:15-17:00: Free time

17:00-20:00: Trip by boat around the Island of Tierra del Fuego (subject to climate conditions)

SATURDAY APRIL 23th

## **FIELD TRIP TO THE CITY OF RIO GRANDE**

Place: University of Tierra del Fuego, Rio Grande campus, and Cabo Domingo

7:00-7:45: Breakfast. Check out.

7:45: Departure from Ushuaia to the city of Rio Grande (by bus/cars)

10:45: Arrival to Rio Grande.

10:45-11:45: Visit to the University campus (Address: Thorne 302, Río Grande)

11:45: Departure to “*Cabo Domingo*” (historic indigenous site).

12:15-14:00: Visit to “Cabo Domingo”.

14:00-15:30: “*Asado*”, lunch with typical Patagonic food.

15:30-16:30: Free time

16:30-17:00: Transfer to Rio Grande Airport.

17:45: Departure to Buenos Aires.

20:57: Arrival to the Airport of the City of Buenos Aires (Aeroparque).