

## Editorial Note

The *Journal of Northern Studies* is one way of consolidating the position of Umeå University in the field of Northern Studies. The refereed journal was launched with a double issue in 2007, and from 2008 there will be two journal issues per year. Electronic publication is also planned and will be in full operation from 2010. Publication languages are English, German and French, with abstracts and keywords in English accompanying each article.

The journal contains scholarly articles concerning human activities in northern spaces. There are articles concentrating on people as cultural beings discussing, for instance, linguistic, historical or anthropological questions and articles focusing on people in society, treating economical or social issues. Other articles concern people in their natural environment with an emphasis, for example, on the opportunities for human activity provided by the special features of northern eco-systems and the consequences disturbances of these systems may have. Articles within the medical field deal with the health situation of people in the North. In many cases, the articles published represent exciting interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches.

Apart from the scholarly articles, the journal contains a review section, a section with reports from conferences etc. and information about upcoming events relevant for Northern Studies.

Umeå University is responsible for the publication of the journal, together with Kungl. Skytteanska Samfundet (The Royal Skyttean Society), Sweden's northernmost Royal Academy.

Welcome with your contributions!

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