Introduction

Project Insights from the Arctic Graduate School at the Arctic Centre, Umeå University

The Arctic Graduate School with a focus on Sustainable Development, coordinated by the Arctic Centre at Umeå University, is proud to present the first batch of doctoral students. The different projects presented in this issue of the *Journal of Northern Studies* represent research important for the region and its people.

Situated under the umbrella of the Arctic Centre, the graduate school offers extensive possibilities for interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research and collaboration. Thus, different academic disciplines that focus on Arctic sustainability can meet, and researchers are encouraged to engage in collaborative projects outside of the university as well. The graduate school and the Arctic Centre work to facilitate this by offering workshops, Arctic-themed field trips, thought-provoking seminars, and international partnerships, in research and education at the university and beyond.

The projects presented here are a result of project presentations made at Umeå Arctic Forum 2022—Connecting in the Arctic. The forum is held once a year with different themes and is a meeting place for people with different interests within and beyond academia to come together to discuss sustainable development from an Arctic vantage point.

At the Umeå Arctic Forum, the doctoral candidates present in this issue—Petrus Garefelt, Lieuwe Jan Hettema, Janica Jokela, Paul Schmidt, Rebecca Tapper, Maria Camila Urrea, Hilde Weiser, and Mikaela Wikström—presented the work they had just started. They will be the future of Arctic research and are part of the crucial transformation that is needed for a sustainable future.

All of you who feel inspired to join in discussing and engaging in this transformation, please do not hesitate to contact the Arctic Centre or the young researchers directly.

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