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Researcher Profile - Terry Rolfe



Canada's North and the vulnerability of its communities has long been of concern to Terry Rolfe. She's delighted to be in Prince George working at the University of Northern British Columbia on a two-year Post-Doctoral term. Her term is funded under a BC Future Forestry Ecosystems Scientific Council grant, working with an interdisciplinary team to look at how climate change research and awareness can be translated into long-term planning. Terry brings her background in resource management and environmental studies, agricultural economics and humanities-through-science transdisciplinary framing to learn more about socio-economic adaptation from northern communities. This experience will build on her recent work as a Visiting Fulbright Chair at Arizona State University where she focused on food security, the inter-relation of water, energy and agriculture, and the ethics of providing households' basic needs; it also builds on her prior Post-Doc experience at the University of Saskatchewan, studying Prairie agriculture and the socio-economic impacts associated with changing freshwater supply under climate change. She is keen to remain grounded with a focus on Canada's vulnerable communities although her transborder and international efforts also include research, communications and consultation on food security, drought and governance issues.

The NRF is a venue for open dialogue to address issues and opportunities which face people living in the regions of the Circumpolar North. In order to do so, the NRF hosts a biennial Open Assembly where stakeholders, including researchers, educators, politicians, business leaders, civil servants, community leaders, NGO representatives, and resource users and managers come together and address the issues that are in focus. The NRF is a UArctic institute (<http://www.uarctic.org/singleArticle.aspx?m=717&amid=7914>).

The 6th NRF Open Assembly will be held in Oslo and Kirkenes, Norway on the 24th – 27th of October 2010. The NRF is currently searching for Young Researchers to participate at the Assembly, where the NRF gives out travel grants for participation. Further information can be found at www.nrf.is.



**Northern Research Forum 6th Open Assembly
"Our Ice Dependent World"
Oslo and Kirkenes, Norway, 24-27 October 2010**

Call for Participation and for Applications from Young Researchers

Overview

The 6th Open Assembly of the Northern Research Forum (NRF), Our Ice Dependent world, is to be held on October 24th - 27th, 2010 in Oslo and Kirkenes, Norway. The event is organized together with the 6th NRF Host Planning Committee.

The 6th NRF Open Assembly

The main theme of the 6th NRF Open Assembly "Our Ice Dependent World" is to address the impact of dwindling ice - terrestrial as well as ocean bound - on the complex interface of nature and society in all climatic zones of the world. In light of man-made aspects of climate change, the natural phenomena of ice is gradually becoming a concept of global politics - a common heritage of humankind- affecting societal life in dramatic ways on a global scale. The 6th NRF Open Assembly will focus on the interrelationships of human and environmental dimensions of ice generally in a global context, and particularly in the Arctic, the Antarctic and the Himalayans. The discussions are expected to highlight the role of research, the social relevance of science, and community in addressing the issues globally.

[Thematic Program for further information](http://www.nrf.is/images/stories/pdf/oslo_kirkines_2010/6thnrf_thematicprogram_draft_forwebsite_jan_06_10.pdf)

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Funding Eligibility

Young researchers and professionals who have passed their MA and plan to complete a doctoral degree or have recently completed a doctoral degree, are eligible to receive full or partial travel funding from the NRF in order to participate in the 6th NRF Open Assembly in Oslo and Kirkenes, Norway, 24-27 October 2010.

Eligibility

- Anyone who has completed a Master's degree in the past 2-3 years and has plans to complete a doctoral degree
- Current terminal degree students (e.g., PhD, J.D)
- Post doctoral students/professionals (up to 5 years past terminal degree completion)

Application Process

If interested, please apply by filling out the online application form on the **[NRF web site, www.nrf.is](http://www.nrf.is)**, on or before March 15, 2010.

[Young Researchers 2010 Open Assembly Registration http://www.nrf.is/index.php/young-researchers/yrs-2010-open-assembly-registration](http://www.nrf.is/index.php/young-researchers/yrs-2010-open-assembly-registration)

For specific questions and additional information, please email the NRF Secretariat, **[nrf \[@ \] unak.is](mailto:nrf@unak.is)**.



Call for papers

2nd International Polar Tourism Research Network Conference

Tourism, People, and Protected Areas in Polar Wilderness

Date: 13-16 June 2010,

Venue: Abisko, Kiruna municipality, Sweden

Abstract deadline: 10 March 2010

Registration deadline: 10 April 2010

Polar areas have recently raised enormous interest from various directions. Geopolitical struggle over resources and growing concern regarding the impacts of climate change on polar environments are only two reasons for the increasing awareness directed towards polar areas often focusing the regions' ecological vulnerability.

These changes are intertwined with issues related to human mobility and here particularly the role of tourism can be highlighted. The remoteness of the polar areas promises tourists extreme climatic conditions, undisturbed wilderness, authentic heritage and exotism. These factors have been successfully used to lure an increasing number of tourists into the polar regions. Hence meanwhile desired by national and regional governments and also some communities as a way of achieving regional development and sustaining livelihoods for polar peoples, the growing numbers of tourists have created concern among environmentalists, academics and locals. Obviously, the needs and desires of tourists collide with local subsistence, global conservation interest and other resource exploitation. Hence in some cases mining, tourism, nature protection and indigenous traditions compete for the same spaces. The idea of 'peripheral' polar areas is thus increasingly contested and in the light of global change polar areas have been moved into the center of interest as never before.

This forms the background for the 2nd conference of the International Polar Tourism Research Network in Abisko, Sweden. This conference puts focus on the interrelationship of tourism development and polar communities and environments. Papers should address issues related to the following topics:

- Tourism and regional development in polar areas
 - Tourism and indigenous peoples in polar areas
 - Tourism and cultural change in polar areas
 - Tourism and nature protection in polar areas
 - Polar ecotourism and nature-based tourism
 - Polar cruise tourism
 - Polar mass tourism
 - Science tourism
 - Tourism and resource conflicts in polar areas
 - Polar tourism experiences and their interpretation
 - Management and planning for polar tourism
 - Geopolitics of polar tourism
 - Polar tourism history
 - Constructions of polar tourism spaces
- ... or any other topic relevant for the topic of the conference

Abstract submissions addressing both theoretical and empirical issues are welcomed. A review process will be applied to ensure high-quality contributions to the conference. Moreover, the location of the conference in the sub-polar region of Sweden and the subsequent logistical limitations imply that only a limited number of delegates can be accepted for the conference. Further details can be found at: http://www8.umu.se/soc_econ_geography/IPTRN/call.html



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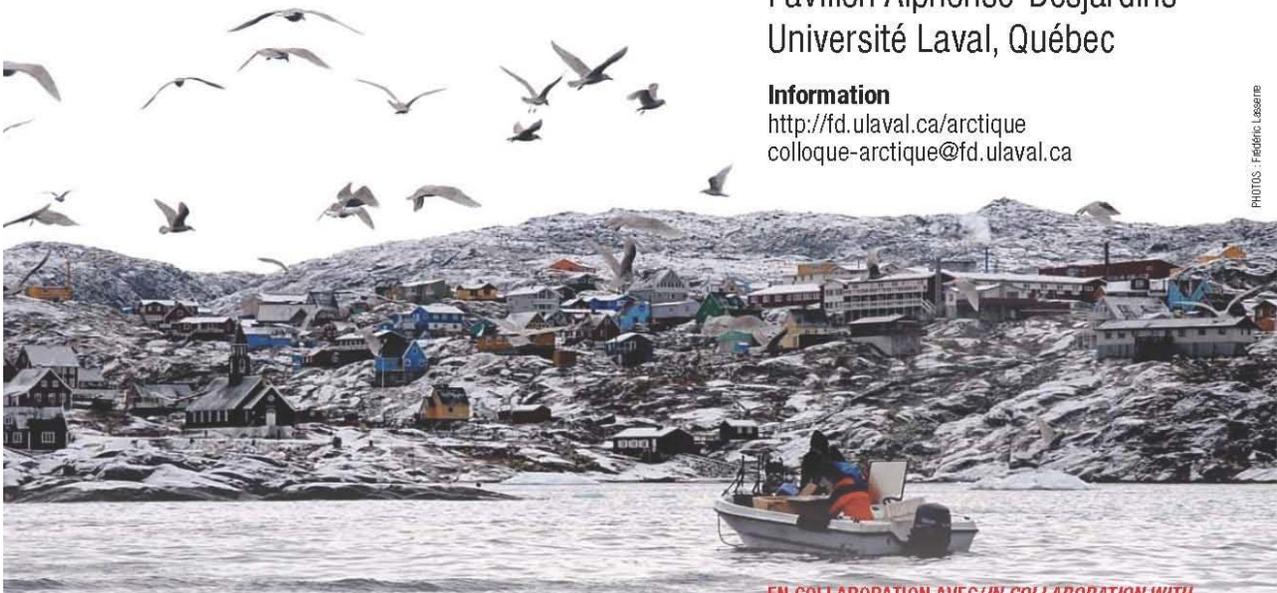
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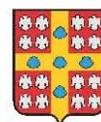


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