

NORDIC-RUSSIAN SEMINAR 12.-14.11.DRAFT SEMINAR AGENDA (29.10.2021)

Friday 12.11

- 12.00 Arrival
Registration
Lunch at Anker hotel
- 13.00 **Introduction to the seminar**
Open meeting: Challenges regarding safe storing of nuclear waste
Oleg Bodrov, physicist/ environmental activist from nuclear city Sosnovy Bor and Kjersti Album from Friends of the Earth Norway present experience from cooperation between Russian and Norwegian environmental groups on nuclear waste issues. What are the main challenges for the work and what lessons can be drawn from the cooperation? Brief information is given on the status of nuclear waste handling in Russia and the Nordic countries. Also contributing is a Norwegian youth environmental organization
Speakers
Oleg Bodrov, South Coast of the Gulf of Finland, Russia,
Kjersti Album, Naturvernforbundet/Friends of the Earth Norway
Chairs
Åse Berg, WILPF Norway and Ariana Durani, WILPF Sweden
- 15.00 Coffee break
- 15.30 **Musical contributions**
Håkon Kornstad: Russian music treasures my way
- 16.00 **Workshop 1: Rethinking security and strategies for peace**
The workshop will focus on key elements in a peace strategy : fighting enemy perceptions, promoting culture of peace and human security, integrating gender and environmental concerns.
The workshop will include presentations by speakers as well as questions and discussion.
Speakers
Ingeborg Breines, WILPF/Peace Association, Norway
Karin Utas Carlsson, Peace House, Gothenburg, Sweden
Ariana Durani, WILPF, Sweden
Elena Kruglikova, Initiative for Women for Peace, Russia"- digitally
Chair
Penny Heymans, Grandmothers for Peace, Norway
- 18.00 End of meeting
- 18.30 Dinner at restaurant, "Isabella", Korsgata 31.(5 min. walk from the hotel.)

Saturday 13.11

- 9.00 **Speakers' corner**
- 10.00 **Workshop 2 : Towards demilitarization of the Baltic Sea**
The Baltic Sea has often been spoken of as «The Sea of Peace», although the surrounding countries are now building up provoking military « defense » - more than ever. The aim of the workshop is to come up with concrete ideas for ways to bring people together in meaningful and peaceful dialogue, and find ways to break down the enemy images, promoted to create fear.
Speakers
Nikolay Kuzmin, Russia or Oleg Bodrov
Ola Tunander, Research Professor Emeritus, PRIO, Sweden
Benjamin Ulbricht, Gotland Peace Center, Sweden
Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, Åland Peace Institute, Åland
Gertrud Åström, Women's Baltic Peace-building Initiative, Sweden - digitally
Chair: Ida Harsløf, Denmark
- 12.00 Lunch at Anker hotel
- 13.00 **Musical contributions: Lars Klevstrand: Tear down the fences**
- 13.30 **Workshop 3 : Specific challenges regarding the Arctic**
The Arctic is a part of the world which is experiencing dramatic change at an unprecedented pace. Strategies for overcoming geopolitical militarisation, environmental destruction, ensuring indigenous rights and people power are raised all over the region.
The online workshop presents several crucial topics and allows time for questions and discussion:
Speakers
Thomas Nilsen, the Independent Barents Observer, Norway - digitally
Galina Horeva, Russian Soldiers' Mothers, Russia - digitally
Qivioq Livi Løvstrom, Academic, Human/Indigenous Rights Activist, Greenland - digitally
Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir, researcher, Iceland - digitally
Chair : Tim Liebenhoff , Norwegian Peace Association, Norway
- 15.30 **Final statement on highlights and way forward: Input and ideas**
- 16.30 **Informal discussion: Networking towards a Nordic Peace Council**
The Nordic peace organizations have many common visions, objectives and challenges, and many wish for a closer cooperation.
The discussion start with brief introductions by Nordic peace organisations.
Hasse Schneidermann, Peace Ministry, Denmark
Helge Ratzer, Peace Ministry, Denmark
Marianne Laxen, Peace Union of Finland
Tim Liebenhoff, Peace Council, Norway
Karin Utas Carlsson, FREDSAM/Network of Peace Organizations, Gothenburg, Sweden
Chair : Liss Schanke, Norway
- 18.00 Dinner

Sunday 14.11

9.00 **Speakers' corner**

10.00 Presentation of draft final statement
Plenary discussion

11.15 **Musical contributions**
Elfi Sverdrup and Birgitte Grimstad: Improvisations and Sing-along

11.30 **Open meeting: How can the Nordic countries and Russia promote peace?**
The Nordic countries and Russia can play a key role for peace in our region – and give a valuable contribution to a more peaceful world. Key elements are dialogue and mutual respect. The Nordic countries have a broad cooperation regarding military defense policies, but less so when it comes to peace strategies. There will be a panel with representatives from the Nordic countries and Russia, followed by questions and discussion.
Speakers:
Christian Juhl, Parliamentarian and Nordic Council member, Denmark, digitally
Geir Jørgensen, Parliamentarian, Norway
Nikolay Kuzmin, Russia
Erkki Tuomioja, Parliamentarian and Nordic Council member, Finland
Chair: Sia Spilipoulou Åkermark, Finland

13.30 **Presentation of final statement**

14.00 Closing of meeting

14.30 Lunch at Anker hotel