

## PROGRAM

The Svalbard Social Science Initiative, SSSI

- a side meeting to the  
Svalbard Science Conference 2019

**Venue: Scandic Fornebu, Oslo**

**Date: November 4, 2019**

**Time 8.30am – 5.00pm**

### 8:30 - 9:00 - Arrival and Coffee

### 9:00-9:15 - Welcome and Introduction of the SSSI

Chair: Lisbeth Iversen, together with Zdenka Sokolickova, Dina Brode-Roger, Alexandra Meyer

### 9:15 - 10:45 - Session 1 Living on Svalbard: Looking at the Past, Present and Future

Talks from invited speakers:

Thor Bjørn Arlov, NTNU/UNIS  
Peter Hemmersam, AHO  
Annlaug Kjelstad, Longyearbyen Lokalstyre  
Thomas Hylland Eriksen, UiO

(5 minute break)

### 10:50 - 12:15 - Session 2 Current Research Projects

Short presentations of ongoing and recent projects.  
Active members of the SSSI and invited speakers

### 12:15 - 13:00 - Lunch break

### 13:00 - 14:15 - Session 3 Community-based Research on Svalbard: Defining Needs and Strengthening Cooperation

Panel discussion with Ingvild Sæbu Vatn (LPO- architects), Arild Olsen (Longyearbyen Lokalstyre), Annlaug Kjelstad (Longyearbyen Lokalstyre), Dina Brode-Roger (SSSI) and Laura Ferguson (SSSI)

Session 3 will address the strategic objective of strengthening collaboration between inhabitants, the local community, private sector, architects and planners, and individual researchers and potentially also research institutions – both Norwegian and foreign – that are involved in social science, humanities and arts research activities in Svalbard.

### 14:15 – 14:30 - Coffee Break

### 14:30 - 15:45 - Session 4 Community-based Research on Svalbard: Topics, Methodologies and Theories

Group discussion: topics, methodologies and theory – based on the outcomes of the discussions in Session 3

Moderated by Zdenka Sokolickova & Alexandra Meyer

### 15:45-16:00 - Wrap-Up and Action Points for the Future

Moderated by Lisbeth Iversen

(10 minute break)

### 16:10 -17:00 - Session 5 The SSSI

Open discussion for SSSI members and those who wish to stay

In Session 5, we will discuss organizational issues related to the SSSI, and how the SSSI could provide support and guidance to social science, humanities and arts researchers interested in future work on Svalbard.

Moderated by Lisbeth Iversen

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