

# Online workshop: Multilevel Governance and Interregional Cooperation: Vol.1 – The Pacific Arctic

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Video conference software: Zoom (hosted by Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center)

Date and Time: (Tue) January 12, 2021, 16:00-17:30 (Japan Standard Time, GMT +9)

Opening

## **PART 1:**

Aleksandr Voronenko: Presentation:

“Interregional cross-border cooperation in the Eastern Arctic: Bering Pacific-Arctic Council”

Mia Bennett (Assistant Professor, University of Hong Kong, Department of Geography):  
Commentary

Aileen Espiritu (Researcher, UiT The Arctic University of Norway, the Barents Institute):  
Commentary

Q&A

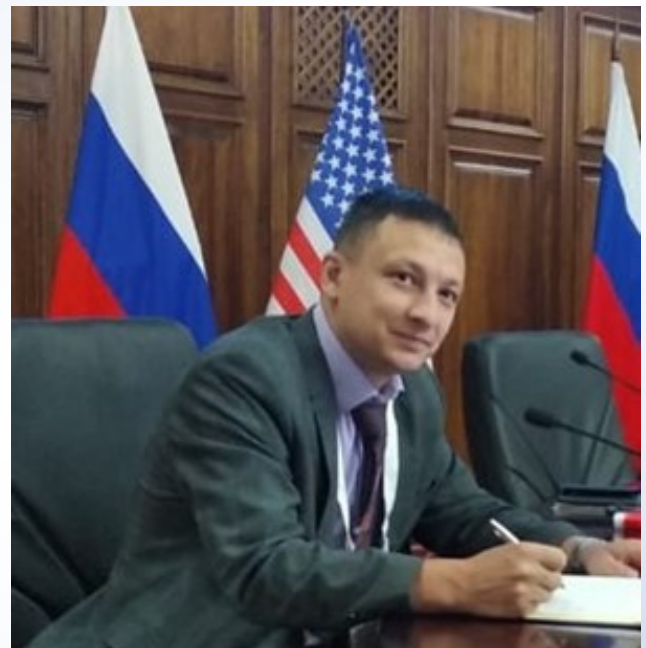
## **PART 2:**

Introducing recent and future activities:

Fujio Ohnishi (Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center): ArCS II-project, International relations group

Marina Lomaeva (Hokkaido University, International Affairs Department, HaRP Secretariat): Collaboration with government bodies and private companies as part of the HaRP Project

Aileen Espiritu: UArctic Thematic Network on the Arctic in Asia, Asia in the Arctic.



**Aleksander Voronenko, Head, Research Center for SCO and APRKhabarovsk State University of Economics and Law**

Aleksandr graduated from Khabarovsk State University of Economics and Law in 2007, worked as researcher at the Economic Research Institute Far Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Science in 2007-2009 and as a consultant of the Interregional Association of Economic Interaction «Far East and Transbaikalia» in 2007-2015. He started as a scholar at the Far Eastern Institute of State Service under the president of Russian Federation in 2015 and earned his PhD. at the Khabarovsk State University of Economics and Law in 2016. Before obtaining his current position as the head of the Research Center for Shanghai Cooperation Organization and Asia-Pacific Region, Khabarovsk State University of Economics and Law in 2018, he served the same institution in the role of senior adviser for two years. He has authored more than 20 scientific articles and 3 external-economic digests focusing on the socio-economic development of the Russian Far East. He is one of the initiators and a member of the Working Group «Bering Pacific Arctic Council». The Working Group was created during the 2019 Russian American Pacific Partnership (RAPP) meeting in Khabarovsk. Its main goal is to explore the possibility and necessity of the establishment of the bi-national Bering Pacific Arctic Council and to develop its draft structure and statute.

**PRACTICAL:** Free of charge, but registration needed. If you are interested in joining the event, please send a message (including your name, affiliation and the email address where you would like to receive the Zoom Meeting Invitation) to Juha Saunavaara, Hokkaido University Arctic Research Center:

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