Despite being remote, the Arctic is in fact home to millions of people, and the region is facing some of the most rapid urban change on the globe due to climate change, resource exploitation and geopolitical posturing. The talk will present historical trajectories and contemporary dimensions of urbanism in the circumpolar region. It will unfold a critique of postcolonial perspectives on planning and urban development in the North, as well as the still-dominant architectural narrative espoused by Ralph Erskine and more recent examples of architectural climatic exotification.

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