



# ARCTIC CITIES

Public Lecture by Peter Hemmersam (Oslo)

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10.15-11.45, HS 150

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 exoticification.

Peter Hemmersam is an architect and heads the Oslo Centre for Urban and Landscape Studies at the Oslo School of Architecture and Design (AHO). As part of the multidisciplinary Future North project ([futurenorth.no](http://futurenorth.no)) he has been studying the planning and urbanism of settlements and cities in the Arctic. In addition, his research within urban design has focusses on retail and urban space, digital urbanism and transformation of peri-urban landscapes.