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Call for papers

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Arctic Dreams –

Histories Uncovering the Imagined, the Forgotten and the Hidden Arctic

Guest editors: Janina Priebe and Nina Wormbs

As the Arctic has moved from the margins to the centre of public discourse, we should re-visit its history. The connected Arctic is now at the centre of political and cultural debates about globalized trade and transport, climate change, energy transition, and transnational Indigenous rights movements. However, this renewed focus has not necessarily deepened our historical knowledge. Surfacing and dominant master narratives run the risk of concealing other broader, unexpected, and more complicated stories of the Arctic and overlook its rich and contradictory history.

We invite scholars to propose papers with historical perspectives on the Arctic, emerging from within or outside the Arctic itself. (Invited disciplines include, but are not limited to, the history of science and ideas, history of knowledge, history of technology, environmental history, STS, literature, anthropology, and media and cultural studies.) The contributions should revolve around how people, places, ideas, resources, cultures, or pasts in the Arctic, have been imagined, depicted, or described, and what has been forgotten or become hidden as a result. Empirical papers, or papers challenging established historiographical discourses, are welcome.

Possible themes could be:

- What forms of knowledge were produced and circulated about the region and in the region? And if these forms of knowledge interacted, how did these meetings occur and what were the results?
- How has the story of Arctic exceptionalism changed over time and what kind of mediations, outlets and forums were important?
- How were ideas of the Arctic region conveyed in fictional or non-fictional form, and what kind of metaphors were employed to bridge the distance or situate the stories?



The following types of contributions will be considered:

- Research paper (max 8000 words)
- Reflections on Arctic historiography (max 5000 words)
- Comments (max 3000 words)

Time frame:

1 November 2022: Deadline for sending in abstracts.

14 November 2022: Acceptance of abstracts communicated by the guest editors.

1 March 2023: Deadline for submission of full manuscript. All manuscripts will go through a process of double-blind peer review. Manuscripts should be submitted using the journal website: www.tidskriftenlychnos.se

31 August 2023: Final manuscript ready for print.

Abstracts as well as questions about this special issue should be sent to the guest editors, Nina Wormbs or Janina Priebe.

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