

# UArctic Thematic Network of Teacher Education

*Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for The New Year*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Online Seminars

There will be two upcoming online seminars during 2018, in March and in autumn. This year online seminars will focus on the joint topic "Good practices in inclusive education". Further information will be disseminated closer to the dates.

### UArctic Congress 2018

The event will begin in Oulu, Finland on September 3-6, and conclude in Helsinki on September 7. The event brings together institutional leaders, indigenous representatives, academics, scientists and students from around the circumpolar north and beyond. Call for abstracts will be on from January to end of March 2018. Conference website:

<https://congress.uarctic.org/>

### Invitation to contribute to book

The TN will produce a 'year book' with the title *Including the North: Comparative study of inclusion policies in the circumpolar North* to be published in March 2019. Each participating country in the thematic network is invited to write a chapter about their own national policy context. Detailed instructions and proposed timeline can be found in the website below.

For more information visit:

[www.ulapland.fi/uatn](http://www.ulapland.fi/uatn)



## NEWS

### The TN got UNESCO / UNITWIN status

The TN has received a positive response from UNESCO for its application to become a UNITWIN network. Once the agreement is formalized, this would be the first UNITWIN network in Finland. The domains are teacher education, inclusive education and indigenous education. Read more in the TN website.

### The TN's Symposium was held in Rovaniemi

UArctic Thematic Network (TN) Symposium Teacher Education of the Arctic region – Diversity and Identity in the North bring representatives together to Rovaniemi from the Arctic member universities from Canada, UK, Norway, Finland and Russia. During the Symposium, held 27-28 of November, a vision for the TN was co-created together with concrete steps towards strengthening the collaboration in teaching and research. The vision of the TN is:

**"Co-creating culturally responsive arctic pedagogies and transformative teacher education to enable agency and sustainability for the Circumpolar North".**

### PANEL discussion on arctic pedagogy – does it matter?

UArctic TN on Teacher Education organized a panel discussion on the topic "Does arctic pedagogy matter?" as part of the program of the FERA Finnish Educational Research Association Conference on Education, held 30th of November to 1st of December in the University of Lapland, Rovaniemi. The panel discussion, with experts in the field of Arctic and indigenous pedagogies from around the world, provided invaluable insights and a wonderful opportunity to discuss the issue of Arctic pedagogy from different points of view.

### New member universities joined the TN

During the year 2017, the TN got two new member universities, Cape Breton University, Canada and Luleå University of Technology, Sweden. Altogether, there are now 19 member universities from 10 different countries. The TN welcomes new members to join!



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