

Workshop - Indigenizing Education: Historical Perspectives and Present Challenges in Sámi Education
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DAY 1: 16 November at 13:30-14:30 (UTC+1):

Sámi Education Policy and Rights in Different Countries

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Sápmi is the traditional settlement area of the Indigenous Sámi people. Sápmi stretches over large parts of three Nordic countries, Norway, Sweden and Finland, and over the Kola Peninsula in Russia. Although the Sámi people are often seen as one Indigenous nation, there is a great variation and heterogeneity within the nation when it comes to the nine surviving languages, cultural expressions, arts, livelihoods and many other things. The Sámi live in four nation states that regulate Sámi rights, schooling and education, livelihoods, media and knowledge channels in different ways. These four short presentations focus on giving an overview of the issues that are connected to Sámi education, to the educational, policy and legal systems that steer and regulate Sámi learners' opportunities to participate in language revitalization processes, to language rights, and to other educational matters in legally and educationally divided Sápmi.