Sami Land Rights; Perspectives from Norway, Sweden and Finland

Despite a partially shared history between the three Nordic states, Sami rights in Norway, Sweden and Finland have developed differently. The result is that Sami land rights today are different in the three states, and that to some extent different issues are at the center of current debate.

By inviting scholars with knowledge of the development in these three separate but interconnected state arenas to this seminar, we want to illuminate and clarify differences and similarities in how Sami land rights are handled in the three Nordic states, as well as which issues are gathering the most attention.

We hope that this also will shed light on the importance today of international conventions and declarations, such as ILO’s Convention N:o 169 from 1989 and the 2007 UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as the potential impact of the proposed Nordic Sami Convention. The seminar will consist of individual presentations by invited scholars, and will end with a joint panel discussion between the presenters.