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Introduction

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## **Arctic Today:**

Climate Change, largescale Natural Resource Development, and Indigenous Peoples



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**Key Words** 

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**Environmental Anthropology** 

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I am a social anthropologist. I'm originally from Kamakura in Japan. After getting B.A. and M.A. at University of Alaska Fairbanks in the U.S., I received a Ph.D. at University of Aberdeen in UK. I worked for the Institute of Arctic Studies at Dartmouth College, then moved back to Alaska. During my tenure at the Subsistence Division of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, I worked on regulatory issues and led research projects regarding the impacts of large-scale natural resource developments on wildlife and subsistence ways of life among Indigenous Peoples. I lived in Alaska for 18 years.

Arctic is the frontline of climate change. In rural Alaska, people depend on subsistence hunting and fishing in order to acquire their daily food. On the other hand, Alaska is part of the American capitalism and global economy. 80% of the state revenue comes from oil and gas. This seminar introduces how the federal and state governments as well as Indigenous Peoples challenge ongoing climate change, wildlife management, and sustainable development in Alaska, and protect their traditional ways of life.