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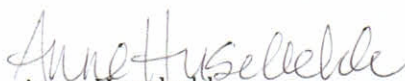
Dear colleagues,

We would like to express our support for the European University at St Petersburg. We hope and expect that the situation will be resolved in the best possible way such that we can continue to benefit from, and share knowledge with EUSPb.

UIT The Arctic University of Norway and the European University in St Petersburg have an agreement of academic cooperation as well as active academic exchanges, and we are both partners of the University of Arctic. EUSPb contributes to some of the most central thematic networks at the University of the Arctic, which we consider to be very valuable to our own social science and humanities programs, including "Arctic Extractive Industries" (which houses one of the flagship educational programs offered by U Arctic) and "Arctic Geopolitics and Security".

Our academic interests specifically overlap in diverse fields of social sciences including History, Visual Anthropology and Peace and Conflict Studies, conducting leading edge research that embrace both Arctic as well as global perspectives. The academic community at EUSPb is composed of highly regarded professionals and colleagues who are conducting original research projects, and contributing to cooperative exchanges with vast scholarly erudition. Through academic presentations, conferences and workshops, lectures and scholarly publications, we have come to know the solid body of academic work produced at EUSPB and we greatly respect the rich academic skills of your academic staff. We would very much like to develop and strengthen our collaboration.

We hope that the current challenges will be overcome and the EUSPb will continue the educational and research activities in the future for the benefit of the wider local, regional, and international academic community.

  
Anne Husebekk,  
Rector