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Ngāi Tahu Research Centre invites you to attend a guest lecture by Per Axelsson



### **Indigenous health in Sápmi: past, present and future**

**Date:** 18 November 2016

**Time:** 2.00pm – 3.00pm

**Venue:** LAW Room 108

Associate Professor Per Axelsson works at the Vaartoe - Centre for Sami Research, The Centre for Population Studies and the Department for Historical Philosophical and Religious Studies, Umeå University, Sweden. His research focusses on the effects of colonization on indigenous health, medical history and interdisciplinary longitudinal population health research.

#### **Abstract**

The health of the Indigenous Sami people are today considered almost as good as non-indigenous people in the same region. In an international comparison, that is remarkable. Nevertheless, Sami People live in Sweden, Norway, Finland and Russia and circumstances for health and longevity varies considerably. Their traditional land, Sápmi, has endured colonisation in the form of religion, politics, industry and science, since the first churches were built in the 16th century. Today, mining, forestry, hydroelectric power-plants and wind-plants add cumulative pressure that affects Sami peoples' way of living. Recent years have seen a rise of suicide among young Sami in various locations. Based on findings in a recent Lancet study on Global Indigenous Health (Anderson et al. 2016); this seminar addresses challenges for Sami Health in Sápmi.

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