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- *The University of Oulu
- *University of Helsinki

2. Sweden

- *University of Umeå
- *University of Gothenburg

3. Norway

- *The UiT Arctic University of Norway
- * Uni Research Rokkan Centre, Bergen

4. Iceland

- *University of Akureyri

5. Canada

- * Dalhousie University

6. Russia

- *NArFU, (Arkhangelsk)

Aims & Objectives of the project

- To increase understanding of, and support for, the wellbeing, agency, and inclusion of older people living in the Nordic Arctic.
- The focus is on how older women and men experience their own wellbeing and agency in relation to their social welfare needs and entitlements.
- The project highlights on the practices, choices, challenges and opportunities for welfare policies with regard to the ageing population in the Nordic upper north area.

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- The book defines age and ageing as multiple, culturally and historically constructed phenomena that are only loosely connected to the years of one's life. In focusing on the peripheral North located in the Nordic, Canadian and Russian north, it highlights important questions and viewpoints that can be found and adapted to other rural areas.
- The book answers the following questions:
 - What is the relevance of legislation and international legal agreements in ensuring the rights of elderly people under political and economic changes?
 - What challenges do geographic isolation, changing age structure, and cultural and ecological transformations pose to possibilities for meeting older people's needs for engagement in society as well as for their care?
- Keywords: Ageing in Rural Arctic Setting, Changing Age Structure, Changing Welfare of the Elderly Elderly Care and Quality of Life, Gender, Agency and Voice

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