Social inclusion and exclusion in Russia

Place: Pilestredet 46, Athene 1 and 2
Date and time: 7th December, 2018, 09.00-16.15
**Conference Host - Head of Department** Gunn Bjørnsen, Faculty of Education and International Studies, LUI, OsloMet

**09.00-09.30** Welcome
Rector Curt Rice, OsloMet
Dean Sarah J. Paulson, Faculty of Education and International studies, LUI, OsloMet
Director Kåre Hagen, Centre for Welfare and Labour Research, SVA, OsloMet
Dean Ann-Helén Bay, Faculty of Social Sciences, SAM, OsloMet

**09.30-10.15** The politics of inclusion and exclusion in Russia’s welfare state
Professor Linda Cook, Brown University, USA

**10.15-10.30** Questions

**10.30-11.00** Break with Russian snacks and coffee

**11.00-12.00** Welfare research

 **Welfare state professionals’ attitudes towards migrants**
Professor Elena Piskunova, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, St. Petersburg, Russia

**Inclusion and exclusion of indigenous peoples in Norway and Russia: a comparison**
Researcher Mikkel Berg-Nordlie, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, NIBR, OsloMet

**12.00-12.30** Lunch in P42, auditorium Q1015

**12.30-13.00** Masterpieces of Grieg and Rakhmaninov
Pianist, Senior Advisor Svein Amund Skara, Faculty of Social Sciences, SAM, OsloMet

**13.00-14.00** Education and communication

**14.00-14.30** Break

**14.30-15.30** Journalism

**Inclusion and exclusion in the public sphere: digital citizenship**
Associate Professor Anna Smoliarova, St. Petersburg State University, Russia

**Freedom of expression in Russia from Catherine the Great to Putin**
Professor Robert Wallace Vaagan, Faculty of Social Sciences, SAM, OsloMet

**15.30-16.15** Panel discussion
Moderator – Senior Researcher Aadne Aasland, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, NIBR, OsloMet

**How can Russia be studied today?**
Russian exceptionalism vs. studying her as any other country
How to tackle scepticism towards Western scientists’ motives to study Russia? Blank spots: Suggestions for themes to look out for to better grasp Russian development

**16.15** Program ends