Experiences from Finland and Australia: Developing collaborative local mining governance

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Date
Tuesday, 7 May

Time
9am – 10am

Venue
The Sustainable Minerals Institute, Level 4 Seminar Room

In his SMI Seminar Prof. Sairinen will discuss the ideas of applying collaborative governance in mining sector. His examples of governance networks involving levels of government, civil society and mining companies come both from Australia and Finland. From Finland he refers to developments on “Sustainable Mining Network” and on Sodankylä community development agreement on mining in Finnish Lappland. In Australia he has analysed collaborative processes in handling mining conflicts in Hunter Valley region.

Rauno Sairinen works as a professor of environmental policy at the University of Eastern Finland in Joensuu and as a scientific leader of the Institute for Natural Resources, Environment and Society (https://www.uef.fi/web/lyy) and SERM (Research Center for Socially and Environmentally Responsible Mining/ https://www.uef.fi/web/serm). His major research themes have concerned mining policies and its social responsibility, environmental and natural resources governance and social impact assessment. He is a member of the Board of Directors at the Geological Survey of Finland (GTK) and has been appointed as Honorary Professor in the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (CSRM) at the UQ in Australia. Currently he is responsible WP-leader in the EU’s Horizon2020 IMP@CT-project (www.uef.fi/web/serm/impact) and Finland’s Strategic Research Funding’s Core -project (http://www.collaboration.fi), which analyses and develops modes of collaborative governance in various sectors of Finland’s environmental and natural resources policy-making. https://uefconnect.uef.fi/en/person/rauno.sairinen/

Interested people will adjourn for a roundtable discussion on Collaborative Governance in different mining jurisdictions, from 10 am in the boardroom on level four.