

UArctic Thematic Network on Arctic Telecommunications and Networking

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Projects, closed:

The cultural appropriation of the telephone - Uncovering the hidden developments in Danish phone culture between early apparatuses and the introduction of mobiles, funded by the Danish Independent Research Council (2015-2018)

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IMAGINE PoCo- Imagining Independence: Greenland's Postcolonial Politics of Comparison, funded by the Danish Independent Research Council (2020-2023)

Bio:

Mette Simonsen Abildgaard works as Associate Professor in the Arctic research group [CIRCLA](#) at the University of Aalborg in Copenhagen. Her work is situated across Media studies, History of technology and Techno-anthropology, and she is particularly interested in the role of telecommunication and its infrastructures in everyday life. She is currently involved in project work on digital capacity building in Arctic tourism, and Greenlandic infrastructures of airtravel and telecommunication in a postcolonial perspective.

A key research question for her work on ICT in an Arctic perspective is what constitutes “good connectivity” from a socio-material, situated perspective