

# Tundra Kees van den End: The Arctic's Leading Expert

Tundra Kees van den End is a Dutch anthropologist and environmental scientist who has spent much of his life studying the Arctic and its people. He is a leading expert on the region, and his work has been highly influential in shaping our understanding of this part of the world.



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Van den End's research focuses on the interactions between indigenous peoples and their environment. He has conducted extensive fieldwork in the Canadian Arctic, where he has studied the impacts of climate change on Inuit communities. He has also worked with indigenous peoples in Siberia and Alaska, and has written extensively about their traditional knowledge and practices.

## Early Life and Education

Tundra Kees van den End was born in the Netherlands in 1953. He studied anthropology at the University of Amsterdam, and later earned a PhD in environmental science from the University of Oxford. After completing his studies, he worked as a researcher at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. In 1990, he joined the faculty of the University of Waterloo, where he is now a professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Management.

## **Research on the Arctic**

Van den End's research on the Arctic has covered a wide range of topics, including climate change, environmental conservation, and indigenous peoples' rights. He has conducted extensive fieldwork in the Canadian Arctic, where he has studied the impacts of climate change on Inuit communities. He has also worked with indigenous peoples in Siberia and Alaska, and has written extensively about their traditional knowledge and practices.

One of van den End's most important contributions to the study of the Arctic has been his work on the impacts of climate change. He has shown that climate change is having a significant impact on the Arctic environment, and that these changes are having a negative impact on the lives of indigenous peoples. He has also argued that indigenous peoples' traditional knowledge and practices can be valuable tools for adapting to climate change.

In addition to his work on climate change, van den End has also conducted research on other environmental issues in the Arctic, such as pollution and resource development. He has also worked with indigenous peoples to develop sustainable development strategies for the region.

## Awards and Recognition

Tundra Kees van den End has received numerous awards for his research on the Arctic. In 2007, he was awarded the Order of Canada, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a Canadian citizen. He has also received the Volvo Environment Prize, the Polar Medal, and the Royal Geographical Society's Founder's Medal.

Tundra Kees van den End is a leading expert on the Arctic and its people. His work has been highly influential in shaping our understanding of this part of the world, and he continues to be a valuable resource for policymakers, researchers, and the general public.



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