Kjersti Sternang Kvie will defend her PhD thesis at University College of Southeast Norway (USN), Faculty of Technology, Natural Sciences and Maritime Sciences (TNM). The title of her PhD thesis is:

**“Natural and human-induced impacts on the genetic structure of Eurasian reindeer”**

External members of the evaluation committee (1st and 2nd opponent):

- Dr. Glenn Yannic, Université Savoie Mont Blanc, Chambéry, France
- Professor Emeritus Eigil Reimers, University of Oslo, Norway

Internal member of the evaluation committee (Co-ordinator):

- Dr. Mona Sæbø, University College of Southeast Norway (USN)

The candidate’s supervisory team has consisted of: main supervisor – Professor Jan Heggenes, USN, and assistant supervisor – Professor Knut Røed, Norwegian University of Life Sciences.

The trial lecture will take place in Auditorium 4-311A at USN, TNM in Bø, on Friday March 17th 2017 at 11:00 hrs. The subject of the trial lecture is:

**“Rangifer conservation and human infrastructure: management vs. science?”**

The defense will take place in the same location: Auditorium 4-311A on Friday March 17th at 12:15 hrs.

Both trial lecture and defense are open to the public.