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Preface

This book is intended to illuminate the movement from state to markets in responses to the welfare needs in the rural north. It provides new knowledge about the needs of older people in the context of both changes in the Arctic and changes in Nordic welfare. We deliver close examinations of the effects of this transition on legal and human rights, policies, and services and on those older people who are affected by the changes being made. Through these, we demonstrate that there is a lack of political will to address both the negative consequences and the challenges of welfare change in the Arctic.

This edited volume is not only envisioned for academics; it is motivated by the local populations of the Arctic. The group of researchers who contributed to this volume are either living in the Arctic region or working on issues related to the Arctic. Their work is closely informed by the experiences and needs of local populations. Thus, the book provides important information for social welfare policy development in addressing concerns about the well-being and inclusion of older people living in Nordic Arctic communities. The diverse views and subject matter of the contributions should both appeal to a broad audience of those interested in ageing in the Nordic Arctic and enrich their understanding of the issues involved.

This book is the final output of the project AEPA-Wel (*Advancing Elderly People's Agency and Inclusion in the Changing Arctic and Nordic Welfare System*), which has been generously funded by **the Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM)**. The AEPA-Wel project has been hosted at the Unit for Gender Studies, Faculty of Education, University of Lapland. Cooperation from the University of Umeå, through Lena Wennberg as part of the TUARQ *network* (TUARQ denotes the first letters of the university cities to which the network researchers are now affiliated: Tromsø, Umeå, Arkhangelsk, Rovaniemi, and Quebec), was most helpful for this project.

The contributing authors from the *Arctic Change Network* have engaged with each other's work in developing the book. They began by commenting each other's papers both in written reviews and in a live workshop. Later on, the external

reviewers provided significant comments and suggestions to improve the text further. We wish to thank our authors and reviewers for their many insightful comments. We are grateful to all of you for your kind cooperation.

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