

**Global Change - Social
Challenges: an inter-
generational and gender
perspective on ongoing social
processes**



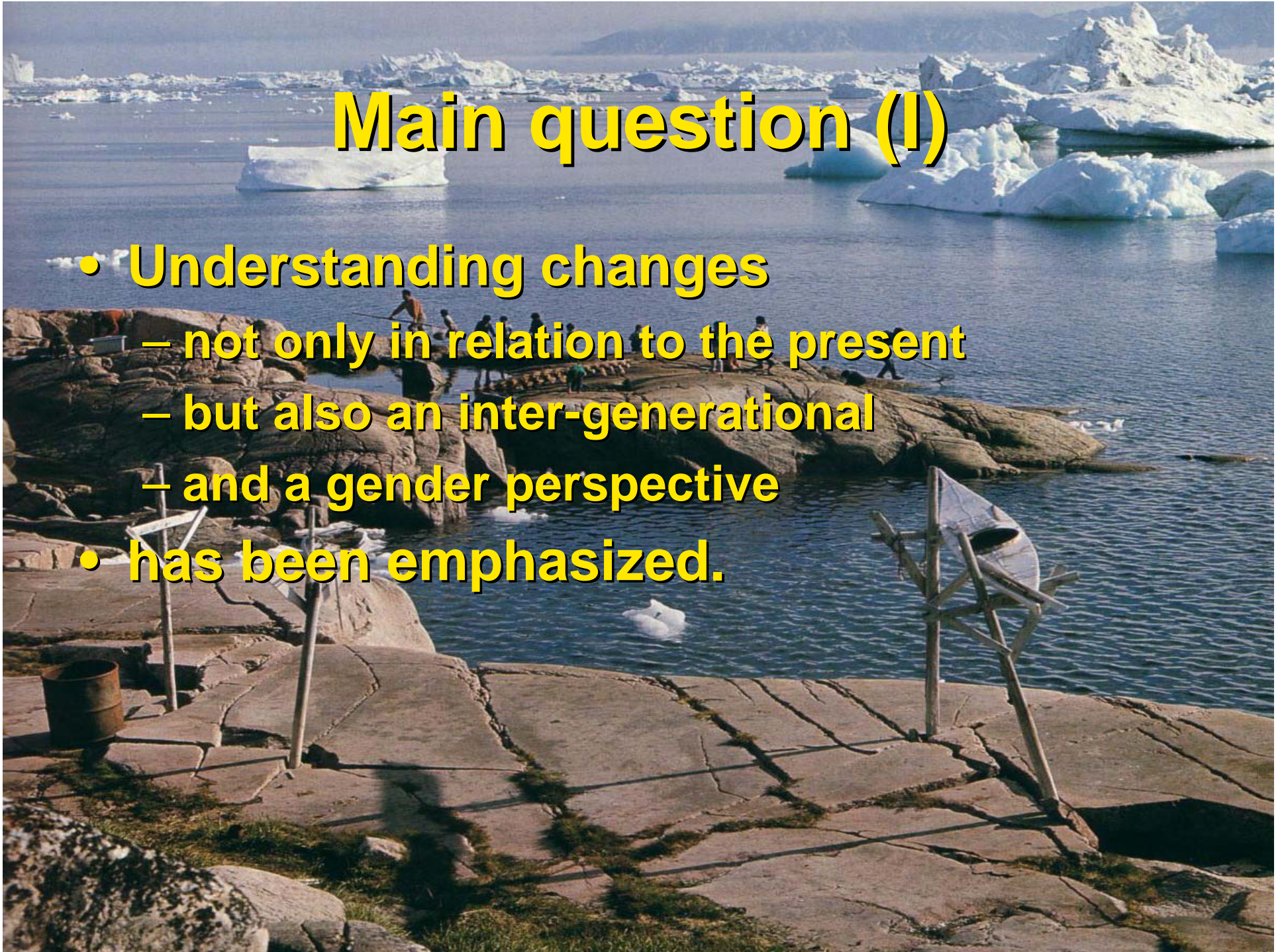
A provocative starting point

- **From a focus on the mid aged males**

- **To realities....**

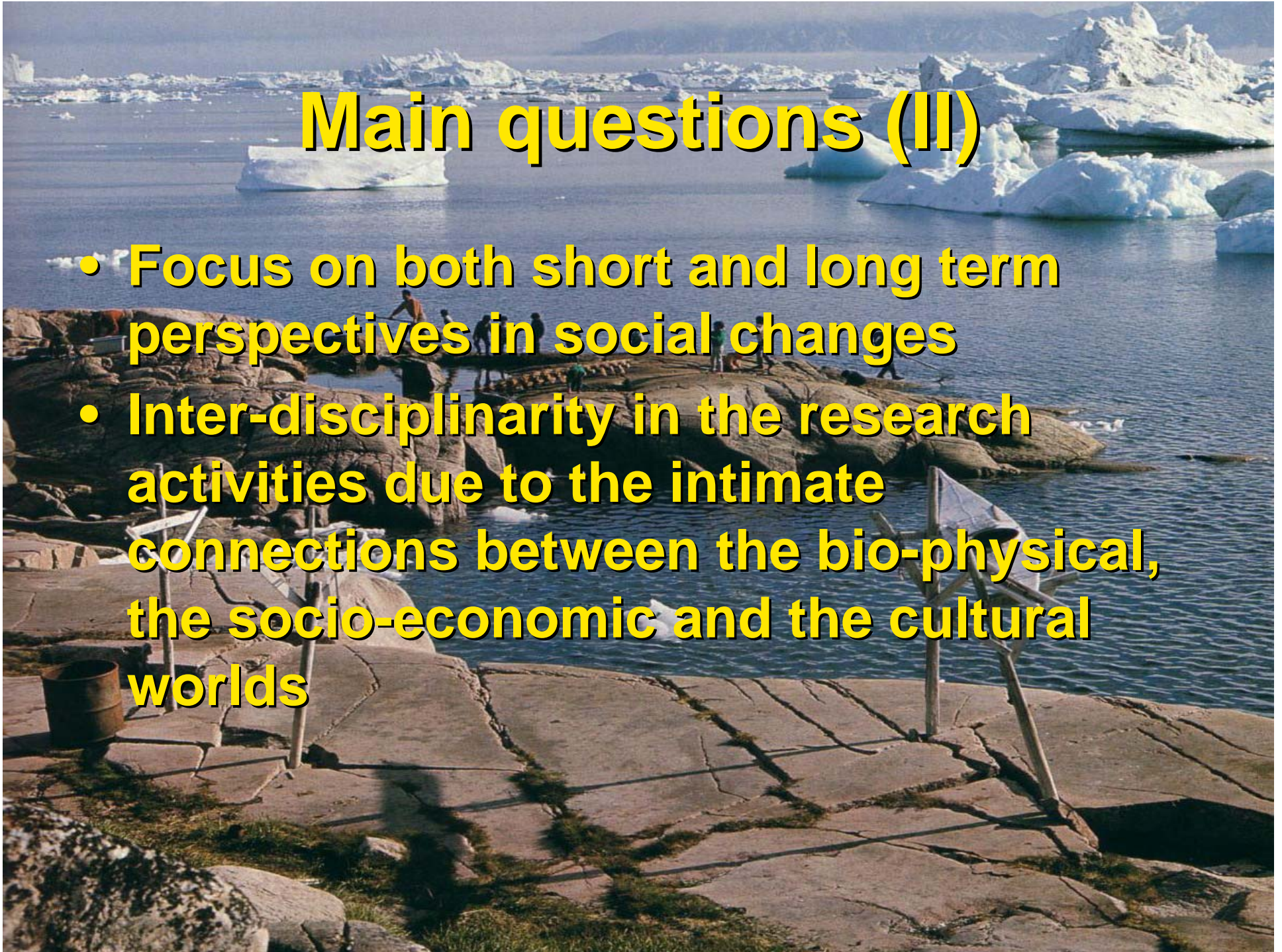
Main question (I)

- Understanding changes
 - not only in relation to the present
 - but also an inter-generational
 - and a gender perspective
- has been emphasized.



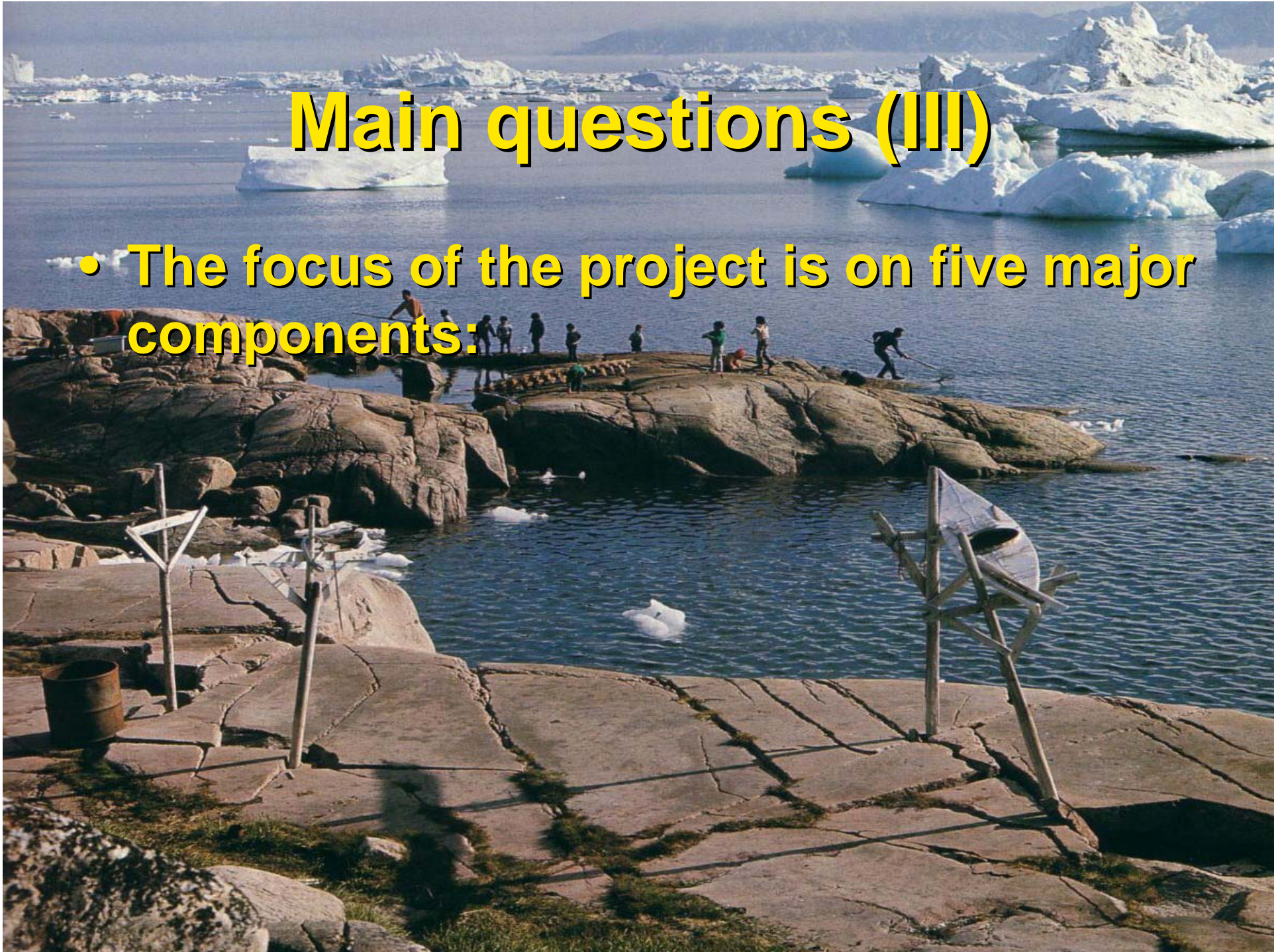
Main questions (II)

- Focus on both short and long term perspectives in social changes
- Inter-disciplinarity in the research activities due to the intimate connections between the bio-physical, the socio-economic and the cultural worlds



Main questions (III)

- The focus of the project is on five major components:





1:

- **A status of the living conditions, health and welfare situation characterizing the communities in the Arctic**
- **Focus on regional and structural characteristics of different types of settlements**
 - the divide between towns and villages
 - the differences in perceptions of development goals



2:

- **Status of education and research activities**
- **The question of the interaction between the two divergent processes of centralization and decentralization**

A photograph of an Arctic landscape. In the foreground, there are large, dark grey rocks. A group of people is standing on a rocky outcrop in the middle ground, looking out at the water. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a pale, hazy blue. In the background, there are mountains and a large number of icebergs of various shapes and sizes floating in the water. The overall scene is serene and remote.

3:

- **Information, its access and distribution**
- **How it contributes to the shaping of the future**
 - **due to increased access by Arctic residents to the global flow of information**
 - **the access for outsiders to a more in-depth understanding of the Arctic perspectives**



4:

- The questions of risk, threads and crises in the development process
- How realities as well as the perceptions of realities are influencing the social interaction in Arctic communities.
 - The question of establishing and maintaining efficient and competent health system in sparsely populated Arctic regions
 - The modification and transfer of technology to quite different settings.
- Understanding and managing violence, both in its public and domestic forms



5:

- **A cross-cutting issue is the youth and gender perspectives on the development process**
- **The question of participation and involvement in the social processes**
- **Their specific role in the processes of change, influencing both the direction and characteristics of the development process**