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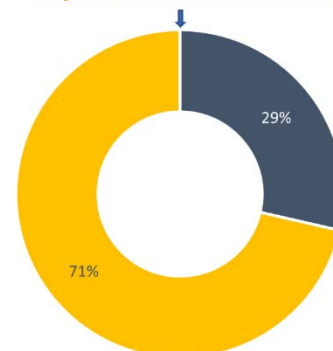
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CREATING A JUST NORTH

Welcome to the second JUSTNORTH newsletter. The project is a year old, and well underway. Four work packages are active and WP 5 (JUSTscore Integration) is due to begin its work in September this year. So far, deliverables to the European Commission have been on schedule thanks to the hard work and diligence of the researchers and the gentle whip of the project management team. The General Assembly will be held next month on-line and at the Arctic Center in Rovaniemi, Finland, organized by Tanja Joonas and her team at the University of Lapland. This will be a great opportunity to assess findings so far, evaluate strengths and weaknesses, and plan for the next crucial year of data gathering. Already, the empirical case study work packages are beginning to engage in field work, data collection and interviews with their coproduction teams and research participants, despite the difficulties of the on-going pandemic. Digital technology, community contacts, and creative solutions have, so far, kept the project on schedule at this essential and difficult stage in its evolution. Early results from 10 of the 18 case studies will be presented at the 10th International Association of Arctic Social Scientists conference, ICASSS X, in Arkhangelsk (moved on-line) next month, and several publications from the teams are already in the works.

In this newsletter we report on activities that the consortium has been engaged in over the last six months, with some longer reports reflecting on JUSTNORTH activities from several partners, and the Justice and Ethics Framework (WPI) from Dr. Johanna Ohlsson and Dr. Stephen Przybylinski (both at Uppsala University).

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NEW FROM THE LEADERSHIP

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*A critical and exciting time for
JUSTNORTH*

It is not uncommon for a TV announcer to proclaim every change in a sports match as a critical or pivotal moment. By the time the game is over, one can easily count 15 or 20 of such moments even if the outcome was a lopsided win for one team. Every research project, especially one as large, international, and interdisciplinary as JUSTNORTH also has a dozen or so events, phases, and milestones that are instrumental to its overall success.

In May 2021, we find ourselves entering one of those phases, perhaps the most important one in the entire project. JUSTNORTH researchers involved in the project's 18 case studies are gearing up for data collection and co-production this summer and autumn. The importance of this phase is not only due to the value that the collected data represents for the reports and publications that each case study team and work package will produce later in the project. The outputs of this phase will also be instrumental for the development of JUSTscore, a negotiation tool for reconciling values that different stakeholders place on

various aspects of a project or economic activity. In addition, these outputs will be critical for ensuring that the science that the project produces is complemented by the development of policy, legal, and regulatory pathways for putting the science into action.

In addition to high expectations, case study researchers will also face the challenges of interacting with Arctic communities and stakeholders as the world slowly emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic. A significant share of the interviewing, co-production workshops and focus groups will have to take place remotely. Those who will go into the field, will have to do so with extra precaution, care, and planning. All these complicating factors require and will continue requiring extra time and effort.

Yet these challenges also present an opportunity for high quality transdisciplinary research at a time when the Arctic region needs novel ideas and innovative solutions. Corine and I are proud to be part of the JUSTNORTH team that has already produced its first deliverables and publications and presented at seminars and conferences. Discussion Papers on Philosophical Schools of Justice delivered by Work Package 1 researchers and Sets of Contextual Papers produced by Work Package 2, 3, 4 researchers deserve a special mention. The hard work, creativity, and intellectual prowess of our colleagues resulted in publications that are each equal to a small book.

Our annual gathering, the General Assembly, cannot come at a better time. Organized by the University of Lapland and set to take place on June 10-11, albeit both remotely and in person, it will provide an excellent opportunity for case study leaders to exchange ideas and coordinate plans before the critical phase begins. And for the record, Corine and I have absolutely no doubt that our team will deliver results akin to a lopsided win.

JUSTICE AND ETHICS FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP REPORT

The role of Work Package 1 is to develop the justice and ethics framework upon which to base the empirical research on Arctic development to be conducted by Work Packages 2, 3 and 4. The WPI team recently completed a deliverable that consisted of a series of discussion papers on *Philosophical Schools of Justice*. Currently, they are putting the final touches on their next series of discussion papers, *Applied Theories of Justice*, to be delivered to the Commission at the end of May. In this *Newsletter* contribution, Stephen Przybylinski and Johanna Ohlsson discuss the complexities of interpreting notions of justice and placing them in real-world contexts. Podcasts based on the first set of discussion papers are available on our website. The team will be adding a similar series on applied theories of justice over the next few weeks.



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Since we completed our discussion papers on *Philosophical Schools of Justice* that examined key foundational theories of justice based on different

philosophical and normative perspectives, we have focused our attention on reviewing, discussing, and drafting papers on what we are calling “applied” theories of justice. The topical approach taken in these papers is in many ways closer to, and more grounded within, the issues of sustainable development central to the JUSTNORTH project. To do this we have examined the literature on climate, environmental, and energy justice. We have evaluated how scholars in these fields understand, interpret, and apply conceptions of justice and injustice to the distribution of the impacts of a changing climate, decisions surrounding the siting of environmental harms, and the iniquitous impacts of energy production versus the benefits of its consumption. In addition, we have examined spatial and landscape literatures that explicitly frame justice geographically in a way that is central to the many questions of sustainable development upon which the JUSTNORTH case studies will focus.

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Many of us within WPI have extensive backgrounds in these more applied justice approaches, yet, we are still learning from our discussions of comparisons across these bodies of scholarship. What is emerging is that not only is there a multitude of interpretations of the concept of justice, but similarly there are countless ways in which these justice conceptions are applied in more empirically-focused research. This complexity has its benefits and its difficulties.



Take the topic of environmental justice and environmental ethics, for instance. The origins of the concept of environmental justice are in the civil rights movement in the USA and its struggles to oppose the dumping of contaminated materials and siting of polluting industries in predominantly poor and African-American areas. Environmental ethics on the other hand is founded on human-nature relations and a moral responsibility to protect nature. Our review and discussion of these literatures has highlighted how well-developed and diverse they have become over the past four decades. We have gained perspectives not only on the relational nature of human-environment issues but also how the field of ethics and the concept of justice are often used interchangeably when addressing human-environment issues. Yet, we are also facing the challenge of the disconnection that exists between “justice” as a concept and its application in environmental, climate,

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- Liberal Schools of Justice
- Cosmopolitan Schools of Justice
- Feminist Schools of Justice
- Capabilities Approach to Justice
- Radical Schools of Justice
- Libertarian Schools of Justice

Applied Schools of Justice - New series starting in June!

or energy systems contexts. Within philosophical and normative traditions, the concept of justice does not always reflect these more grounded and topical approaches to sustainable development. To find productive points of tension between applied theories has been challenging, to say the least.

Yet, despite the often-fragmented application of justice concepts to empirical research, it is exactly this challenge that keeps us thinking, debating, and analysing. We hope, the result will help us provide ways of

framing justice so that it is not reduced to one intuitive principle - say, fairness - but instead, that it reflects a spread of values useful for any multi-faceted analysis of sustainable development. Given its philosophical, political, and even disciplinary diversity, we are firmly of the position that there is no correct or better way to apply the concept of justice in empirical (or normative) research. Indeed, it is this complexity that makes it fruitful for making sense of the complex scope and scale of developments in the Arctic.

RECENT JUSTNORTH ACTIVITIES

The lack of interest in nature conservation in Siberia and Northern Russia can be “attributed...to the success of Soviet authorities...in removing indigenous people and histories from protected natural areas”, argued **Dr. Vladislava Vladimirova**, (**JUSTNORTH Case Study 17, Associate Professor at Uppsala University**) to express the need for anthropological research on nature conservation in Siberia. Dr. Vladimirova was an invited speaker at the March 10-12, 2021 conference, *Anthropology of Siberia in the Late 19th and 20th centuries: Re-assessing the contribution of a marginal field*, convened by the Max Plank Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle, the Russian Academy of Sciences, the University of Hamburg, and Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique. An edited volume is planned that will include all the papers presented during the event. In her work on JUSTNORTH **Dr. Vladimirova**, and her colleagues **Prof. Dmitrii Funk** and **Dr. Petia Mankova**, are examining how the increasing pressures of northern development in Russia are shifting the allegiances in the fight for nature conservation and sustainability.



JUSTNORTH members **Dr. Catherine Chambers** and **Dr. Corine Wood-Donnelly** were invited presenters at the Arctic Winter College lecture series, hosted online by The Arctic Institute. The lecture

series is sponsored by the research network Arctic Migrations in Harmony, run by Dr. Victoria Hermann from The Arctic Institute. The aim of the Arctic Winter College is to create a network of emerging leaders and experts that will be brought together for 10 weeks in a series of web-based seminars focused on the theme "Arctic on the Move." Urbanization, globalization, and the impacts of climate change are activating the simultaneous migrations of species, ecosystems, settlements, and cultures across Arctic coastlines in new and unpredictable ways. Each of these intersecting mobilities challenges the quality of life, sustainable development, and environmental health of the circumpolar north. Guest lecturers contribute their knowledge on the various issues of a changing Arctic.

As part of the series, **Dr. Catherine Chambers**, co-PI of JUSTNORTH Case Studies 7 & 8 held a lecture on Feb 9th on ideas behind equitable ocean governance in light of the Icelandic experience of fisheries management. In an uncertain future, Arctic fisheries need to be flexible to adapt to rapidly changing social and environmental conditions. Catherine's talk focused on how managing for equity in ocean governance may lead to more adaptable fisheries socio-ecological systems.

Dra Elena Conde, UCM- ICEI, and JUSTNORTH Work Package 6 leader, lectured at an online event on March 23rd, organized by ELSA ([European Law Students Association](#)) UCM-ICADE, on the topic of "Issues of International Law deriving from climate change in the Arctic region." **Dra Conde**, in the final of year of her 8 years as the Spanish Delegate on the International Arctic Science Committee, attended the ASSW21 business meetings in March. She has also recently facilitated an agreement between UCM-ICEI and the Stefansson Arctic Institute, and along with colleague, Prof. Ferrada Walker at the University Chile and Antarctic expert, has created a Diploma on Polar Studies. Dra. Conde's expertise in Arctic Diplomacy has been tapped as a recent appointee as an expert for EU-Polar Net 2, and to prepare an article on the Arctic

for La Vanguardia, Catalonia's leading newspaper.

Dr. Hele Kiimann, Uppsala University, Head of Research at the Estonian Maritime Museum and Case Study 10 co-PI, presented a paper, *Arctic field research stations and knowledge production – from global to local environmental monitoring and assessment*, at the Estonian Embassy in Stockholm during the hybrid-online conference on May 5th, 2021 - Challenges in exploring the Arctic: historical maritime exploration and current realities – organized by Dr. Kiimann on behalf of Estonia's bid for observer status in the Arctic Council.

Video Series from WP 2-4 available on our [website](#)

- Traditional livelihoods in Finland
- Empowering equitable indigenous economies
- Húsavík, Iceland: Fisherman gone whale watching
- Windpower resistance in Norway
- Corporate cultures and geopolitical aspirations
- Arctic field stations – science for whom?
- The impossible course of Arctic shipping
- Arctic SAR security for whom?

UPCOMING CONFERENCES & EVENTS

JUSTNORTH General Assembly;
10-11 June, 2021, Arctic Centre, Rovaniemi, Finland, and online.

International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS X); June 15-19, 2021, Arkhangelsk, Russia.

At the 10th International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS X) organized by the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA), 10 of the empirical case studies, listed below, will be presented by JUSTNORTH researchers. Catch sneak previews of several of the presentations from the video series on the [website](#).

JUSTNORTH Panel Sessions at ICASS X, June 17 & 18, 2021.

Applying Justice to CSR: A Norway-Russia	<i>Prof. Darren McCauley, Erasmus University Rotterdam Dr. Ryan Homes, Erasmus University Rotterdam and Dr. Maria Pavlenko, Erasmus University Rotterdam</i>
Assessing mining relevant law in the Finnish Arctic from justice perspective	<i>Jukka Similä, University of Lapland Henri Wallen, University of Lapland</i>
The Power and Perish of Multiple Land-Use for Indigenous and Traditional Livelihoods in Northern Finland – A case of Teno and Tornio river valleys	<i>Mia Landauer, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Finland, Juha Joonas and Pigga Keskitalo; Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Finland</i>
Arctic Railway - Challenge for Ethical and Democratic Decision-Making	<i>Soili Nysten-Haarala, Professor of Commercial Law, Faculty of Law, University of Lapland, Tanja Joonas, Senior Researcher, Arctic Center, University of Lapland, Pigga Keskitalo, University Researcher, Docent, Faculty of Education, University of Lapland, Ilari Hovila, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Lapland, Tommi Ojamo, Research Assistant, Faculty of Law, University of Lapland</i>
Empowering Equitable and Robust Indigenous Economy through Indigenous Entrepreneurship in the Swedish & Russian Arctic	<i>Elena Bogdanova (Northern Arctic Federal University, Arkhangelsk, Russia) & Ildiko Asztalos Morell (Swedish Agricultural University, Uppsala, Sweden), Izabel Nordlund (Swedish Agricultural University, Uppsala, Sweden), Andrey Lobanov and Sergei Andronov (National Medical Research Center for Rehabilitation and Balneology, Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation), Ivan Savelev, Irina Ershova, Nadezhda Chertova and Svetlana Zhura (Northern Arctic Federal University, Arkhangelsk, Russia)</i>
Intergenerational equity and Icelandic fisheries	<i>Catherine Chambers, Stefansson Arctic Institute Niels Einarsson, Stefansson Arctic Institute</i>
Energy Development in the Arctic: Capabilities and Stranded Assets	<i>Roman Sidortsov and Anna Badya, University of Sussex</i>
Renewable and ethical? Wind power controversies in Sápmi and the Norwegian Arctic	<i>Ragnhild Freng Dale, Western Norway Research Institute, Halvor Dannevig, Western Norway Research Institute</i>
Arctic SAR: Security for Whom?	<i>Corine Wood-Donnelly, Nord Universitet Hannes Hansen-Magnusson, Cardiff University</i>
The Role of Arctic Research Stations as a Catalyst for Sustainable Development	<i>Hele Kiimann, Uppsala University, and Susan Millar, Uppsala University</i>

NEWS FROM PARTNER PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES



JUSTNORTH is a member of the EU Polar Cluster. The Polar Cluster coordinates activities amongst Horizon 2020 and Horizons EU projects. Elaina Ford from UKRI-BAS is the Cluster Coordinator leading tasks groups on Policy Advice, Communications and Dissemination, Education and Training, Stakeholder Interactions, and Data Management. More information about the polar cluster is available on their website at www.polarcluster.eu. Follow the cluster [Facebook](#) group for news and updates.

ArcticHubs is a sister initiative within the EU Horizons 2020 polar cluster that aims to develop tools for global change adaptation and sustainable development of industrial and cultural Arctic “hubs”. Follow ArcticHubs developments on their [website](#); and subscribe to their [newsletter](#).



CHARTER is a sister project coordinated by the Arctic Centre, University of Lapland. CHARTER works mainly in northern Europe and Northwest Russia examining changing climate and land use effects on Arctic biodiversity, as well as snow cover, sea ice and permafrost. JUSTNORTH, ArcticHubs and CHARTER held an Arctic Café session, last November. A recording of the event can be accessed via the CHARTER [website](#).



Tórshavn, Faroe Islands, (62.007696, -6.769221). Photo Credit: Corine Wood-Donnelly, May 2018.



JUSTNORTH QUIZ #1

Test your knowledge of the Arctic and Justice. Answers at the bottom of page # _____

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| <p>1. Located at 78 degrees north, what is the world's northernmost inhabited settlement with a permanent population of over 1,000?</p> <p>a. Arkangelsk
b. Longyearbyan
c. Iqaluit</p> | <p>2. With recorded winter lows regularly reaching -90°F (-68°C) and summertime highs upwards of 98°F (37°C), what location on Earth has the greatest known temperature range?</p> <p>a. Verhojansk, Siberia
b. Arctic Village, Alaska
c. Alert, Ellesmere Island</p> | <p>3. Which northern settlement and JUSTNORTH case study research location was made famous recently by an Oscar-nominated movie?</p> <p>a. Tromsø, Norway
b. Húsavík, Iceland
c. Umeå, Sweden</p> |
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