



JUSTNORTH

Newsletter

Visualising (In)Justice: JUSTNORTH Documentary

Coming Soon to Theatres* Near You!

As a scientific research project, most of what we produce comes in the form of written texts. But what does (in)justice and issues for sustainability actually look like in the Arctic?

To answer this question, the JUSTNORTH team has collected video footage on economic, environmental, and social sustainability issues in the Arctic. As you can expect, the task of preparing the project's documentary has faced a few challenges, but now the story is taking shape.

The documentary is finally entering its final stage with the Scientific Coordinator Corine Wood-Donnelly and Documentary Filmmaker Adrian Fisk meeting with the editorial team in Uppsala in May.



Collecting visual material for this task has faced some challenges. An early challenge for the documentary team came with the all-too-familiar travel

lockdowns during the Covid-19 pandemic.

With travelling off the table and many parts of the project's co-production activities moved online, our lead partner for this task --Adrian Fisk had to continuously amend the planned filming schedule. The first opportunity to get some footage for the documentary didn't arrive until October 2021.

For the very first filming site, Adrian travelled to Iqaluit, Nunavut in Canada with Corine Wood-Donnelly, Susan Millar and Barbara Baczynska to join their fieldwork for the project's studies on

research stations, search and rescue and cruise ship tourism. Although the travel to and from the Canadian north was surprisingly snarl-free, when the team arrived in Iqaluit, they faced a new crisis - a lack of drinking water.

The water crisis gave the team a striking, although unexpected backdrop for issues of Arctic sustainability. The crisis highlights a critical issue for the security of Arctic communities --access to safe drinking water compromised by legacies of waste pollution and infrastructure deteriorating from climate change. While in Iqaluit, Corine gave an interview for the [Polar Journal](#) about the situation.

The first time Adrian met the larger JUSTNORTH team in real life finally came in June 2022--an entire two years after the project started at our annual General Assembly in Wageningen, the Netherlands.

This obviously non-Arctic location may just appear in the final cut of the documentary since Adrian interviewed a number of project team members while on site: Eduard Ariza, Adam Stępień, Johanna Ohlsson and Elena Condé among them. The team is still working with the challenge of how to incorporate the green leafy suburbs of this southern urban film location into an Arctic documentary!

Another issue you will see includes the connections between Arctic resources and global supply chains. In summer 2022, Adrian travelled from Norway, driving with Corine and Gustav Sigeman from Bodø, up to Narvik--the destination for iron ore from the Kiruna mine.

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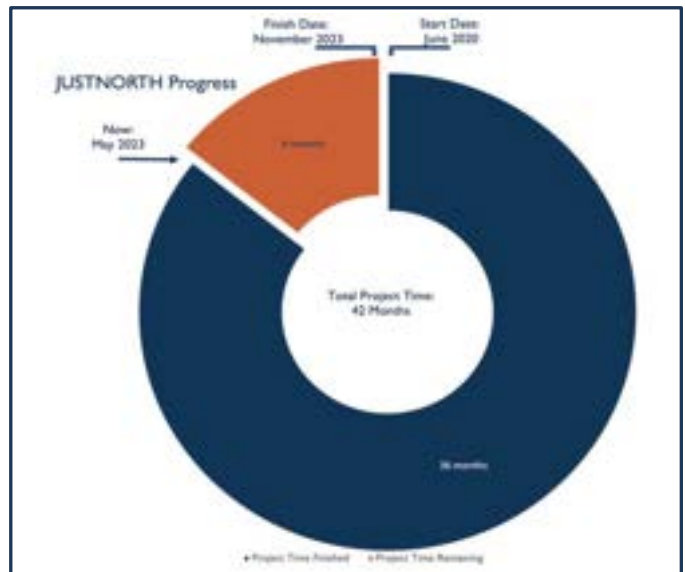
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Update on Project Progress

How long is JUSTNORTH?

JUSTNORTH is a 3.5 yearslong (42-month) research and innovation action. The project started in June 2020 and currently plans to finish in November 2023. As of the date of this newsletter in May 2023, JUSTNORTH has only 6 months remaining to reach the scheduled finish.

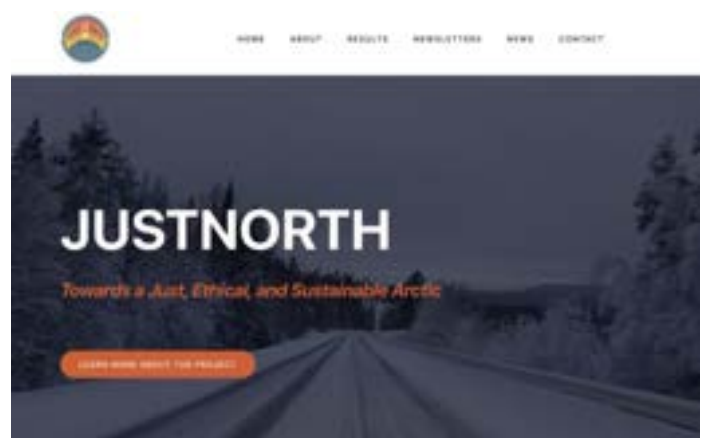
This means that the project team is now working hard to integrate the data collected in the field, making progress on the project's main outcomes: JUSTscore, the project documentary and our EU policy recommendations.



JUSTNORTH Website Update

In April, the JUSTNORTH communication team launched a new project website.

If you're looking for project results, such as our policy briefs, economic briefs or Comparative Integrated reports from the project case studies then visit our website at www.justnorth.eu/results.



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JUSTNORTH at Arctic Events

EU Arctic Forum & Indigenous Peoples' Dialogue

Team members Adam Stępień and Corine Wood-Donnelly were invited by the EU Commission to facilitate the EU Policy Lab session--Arctic Youth Dialogue at EU Indigenous People's Forum in Nuuk.

This session made a small step towards addressing the challenges that hinder wider participation in Arctic decision-making across generations, bringing together Indigenous youth leaders and participants across generations, asking participants what perspectives and values Indigenous young people bring to Arctic debates and what challenges they experienced in their life and activism.



Arctic Science Summit Week

On 17-24 February, JUSTNORTH team members participated in the Arctic Science Summit Week, organised by the International Arctic Science Committee in Vienna, Austria.



JUSTNORTH team members from, Cardiff University, the University of Lapland, Nord University, University of Sussex, the Western Norway Research Institute and the Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona (in photo: Jade Zhogbi) participated in scientific panel organised by the project.

The project Scientific Coordinator, Corine Wood-Donnelly also participated two panels organised by the EU Polar Cluster and a joint report has been published on the findings of

[Best Practice Recommendations for Polar Research Communications.](#)

The main JUSTNORTH panel was titled: Just, Equitable and Sustainable Development in the Arctic: Lessons from JUSTNORTH and included Hannes Hansen-Magnusson, Tanja Joona, Corine Wood-Donnelly, Paul Upham, Ragnhild Freng Dale and Jade Zhogbi.

Photo credit: Ragnhild Freng Dale

High North Dialogue

JUSTNORTH WP6 (Legal and Regulatory Frameworks) organised a co-production Policy Lab: Bringing Justice to Arctic Policy as part of the High North Dialogue, 18-21 April.



Arctic Frontiers



Along with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science-Stockholm Office and JUSTNORTH Scientific Experts Advisory Board Member, Professor Rasmus Bertelsen, the project collaborated in a side event on Implementing Justice Theory for Sustainable Economic Development of the Arctic.

Our project Co-coordinator Roman Sidortsov presented on *Utilising Energy Justice in Research* and the Scientific Coordinator Corine Wood-Donnelly told some of the background story to JUSTNORTH, asking the audience "How would you evaluate the viability of sustainable development for the Arctic?" in the event that ran from 30 Jan-2 Feb.

Collaboration with Other Arctic EU Projects

In early February 2023, four Arctic Polar Cluster projects (Arctic Passion, Charter, Arctic Hubs and JUSTNORTH) finally met for a collaborative workshop during Arctic Frontiers, hosted by NOFIMA in Tromsø. Tanja Joonas and Corine Wood-Donnelly led a session on issue of competing land use and legacies of development are seen in the landscape. Read more about this event on the [Arctic Passion website](#).

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Arctic Justice – Economic development and Just Green Transition Seminar



On 24 February, Tanja Joonas at the University of Lapland organised a one-day seminar to showcase JUSTNORTH, Arctic Hubs and Charter project results to stakeholders in Finnish Lapland. Speakers from the projects included Pasi Rautio, Bruce Forbes, Sirpa Rasmus, Tanja Joonas, Gustav Sigeman, Pigga Keskitalo and Juho Kähkönen with the keynote lecture given by Corine Wood-Donnelly.





Photo Credit: Corine Wood-Donnelly

Economic Briefs

JUSTNORTH economic briefs are topical outputs drawing research findings from the JUSTNORTH project's 17 case studies. They have been produced by the project's Regulatory and Legal Frameworks team.

The objective of the briefs was to provide an evaluation of existing legal mechanisms and the regulatory gap which creates the ethical concerns found in the studies of current economic activities. The briefs make a number of key recommendations for future policy development of the Arctic.

The five briefs consider: 1. Energy (production and extraction), 2. Transport (including shipping and railroads), 3. Non-energy primary sectors (forestry, fisheries and mining), 4. Recreation and tourism, 5. Social services, health and water service.

The briefs make key recommendations which will help to address existing injustices in

regulatory arrangements, especially with regards to concerns regarding traditional economic activities of vulnerable groups, gender inequities, compromised ecosystem services, with a special focus on cultural ecosystem services.

Sustainability, understood here as the responsible use and management of spaces, common goods and shared resources with the aim of guaranteeing a fair use and enjoyment of them by future generations, is intrinsically linked to the idea of justice.

With the aim to reach a wider audience, the economic briefs constitute short analysis of different aspects of frameworks in the Arctic economic sectors. As such, they are knowledge resources for policymakers, scholars and stakeholders/ rightsholders.

There are 5 briefs in the series. You can find the set of economic briefs on our project website at: www.justnorth.eu/



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Along the way, the team caught sight of the iron ore train winding its way through the Swedish Arctic and poked around old electric transfer stations that line the route. The challenge of this step included many sunlit nights camping in tents and cooking by the campfire in the Arctic landscape--while also looking for places to charge the camera batteries.

When reaching Kiruna, the team interviewed community members about the transformation of the city, at risk of collapse into the mine cavity below. The cultural icon of the community --the local church- was being prepared for removal to a new home in the new site for the city. Community residents noted with sadness they would no longer be able to see Kebnekaise, Sweden's highest mountain from the new city location.

After Kiruna, the road film crew drove to Rovaniemi to meet Tanja Joona, Juha Joona and Roman Sidortsov for some adventures with reindeer calf marking and fishing on the Tornio River over the bright midsummer nights. In Finland, there are examples of the issues of sustainability from competing land use where interests from tourism, wind energy, mining and reindeer husbandry intersect in the same place.

As if visualising these tensions isn't enough of a challenge, the team also experienced living in the

Finnish mosquito season.

Highlighting the changing condition for fishing from climate change and inequities in resource exploitation privileges, our filmmaker Adrian has also spent time working with Sveinbjörg Smáradóttir in Húsavík, Iceland. While battling the fierce elements and whims of the Icelandic weather gods, he met community members involved in whale-watching tours and public education for ocean biodiversity.

The Húsavík community shared their rich experiences for the JUSTNORTH documentary and it's now easy to understand why this place has been designated as a Hope Spot for protecting biodiversity.



The video footage for the JUSTNORTH documentary is now in the hands of the editorial team, including the technical experts at Phosworks, who are helping us with the production of the film over the next few months. Our greatest challenge is still ahead: sharing key findings from JUSTNORTH through our documentary.

Want to have a screening of our documentary in theatres* near you? Sign up for updates on the JUSTNORTH documentary release date or let us know if you'd like to have a showing at your university or workplace.

You can do this on our website homepage at: www.justnorth.eu



Upcoming Events

JUSTNORTH ECR Day, Stakeholder Meeting & General Assembly 14-16 June 2023 Madrid, Spain

The 2023 project conference and General Assembly will be hosted by Universidad Complutense de Madrid. The event will be held in Madrid, Spain at the Complutense Campus from 14-16 June. If you are unable to travel--the events will also be online. The event will launch with an ECR session on Day 1, a Stakeholder session on Day 2, and the project's annual General Assembly on Day 3. If you would like to participate, contact Belén Franco at belenreq@ucm.es.

Arctic Circle Assembly 2023

Are you going to the Arctic Circle Assembly in Reykjavik in October? Be sure to look up JUSTNORTH side events in the conference programme.

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JUSTNORTH Webinar Week

We are planning dedicated Webinar Week in Week 39, focusing on specific project outcomes and groups of stakeholders. Want to know more or suggest a webinar topic? Keep an eye our website or write to us!



JUSTNORTH Research Results

Read these recent scientific publications from the project team in the papers below.

Journal Articles

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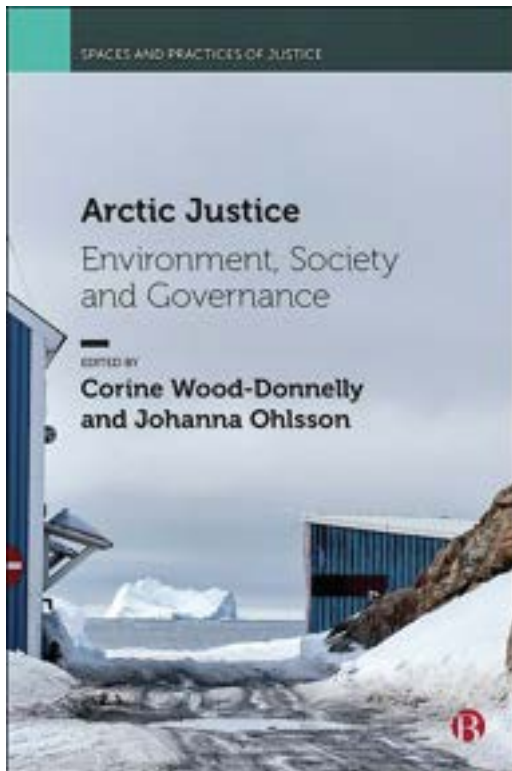
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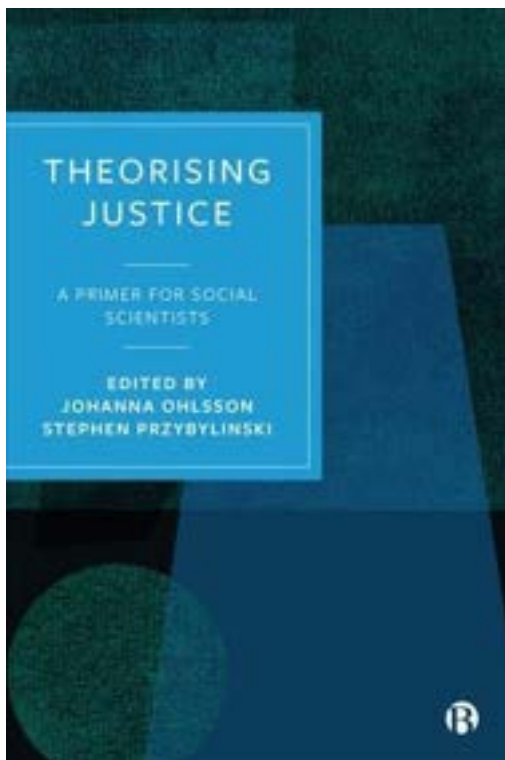
Books

**Arctic Justice:
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Available in print and online (open access)

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