



Arctic Centre at the University of Lapland, Finland

Examples of recent research projects

Annual Meeting of the Arctic Research Consortium of the U.S.

29 October, 2020

WOLLIE: Live, Work or Leave? Youth – wellbeing and the viability of (post) extractive Arctic industrial cities in Finland and Russia

- Finding out what Arctic industrial cities should be like, for young people to feel well and providing opportunities for them to build a good life there.
- Building a broader theory of viable Arctic communities combining approaches from different disciplines integrating anthropology, legal studies, geography, political sciences, and economics.
- Producing a “best practice guide” jointly with municipal administrations, industry and civil society



Annual summer city beach festival, Neryungri coal mining city, Siberia

Co-funded by a Finnish and a Russian governmental science funding agency:
Academy of Finland and Russian RFBR.

Coordinated by Arctic Centre,
University of Lapland

Project duration: 2018 – 2020

www.arcticcentre.org/youthwellbeing
<https://arcticanthropology.org>

CHARTER – Drivers and Feedbacks of Changes in Arctic Terrestrial Biodiversity



CHARTER intends to advance the adaptive capacity of Arctic communities to climatic and biodiversity changes through state-of-the-art synthesis via data collection, analysis and modeling of Arctic change with major socio-economic implications and feedbacks. The project has three central aims:

- Work with Arctic communities to co-develop strategies and policy pathways for livelihoods such as herding, hunting and fishing
- Simulate the effects of social-ecological changes for indigenous and local communities and traditional livelihoods
- Better understand responses of Arctic terrestrial social-ecological systems to changes in the cryosphere across decadal and centennial timescales



Consortium

9 European countries

21 Research Institutions

Coordinator

Arctic Centre

University of Lapland

Finland

Duration

08.2020 – 07.2024

Budget

5.9 M Euro



www.charter-arctic.org

JUSTNORTH – Towards Just, Ethical and Sustainable Arctic Economies, Environments and Societies



- JUSTNORTH merge justice theories with sustainable development goals to enable EU policy coherence toward just transitions. This will be integrated with an investigation of the empirical realities of existing Arctic economic activities in 18 case studies using innovative research methodology.
- JUSTNORTH will offer policy, legal and regulatory pathway recommendations, by developing a frameworks from the reconciliation of the various ethics and value systems present in the Arctic to determine the viability of economic activities in the Arctic.
- JUSTNORTH provides both a negotiation tool for stakeholders to Arctic development create transparency, documentation and standardisation for sustainable development across the Arctic (and the EU market).
- JUSTNORTH in cooperation with stakeholders will bring insights from indigenous, local, business, State and NGO perspectives of the social, economic and environmental complexities of the Arctic into the realm of policymaking for sustainable development.

Consortium

13 + 2 partners from
7 disciplines

Coordinator

Uppsala University, Sweden

(Finland/Ulap, Arctic
Centre, Tanja Joona biggest
partner with 1 M Euro budget)

Duration

1.6.2020 – 30.11.2023

Budget

5,99 M Euro

www.justnorth.eu



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