

U Arctic Thematic Network on Arctic Law (TNAL)

Subgroup on Arctic Archives

Newsletter #7

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Welcome to the seventh newsletter for the [Arctic Archives subgroup](#) of the [U Arctic Thematic Network on Arctic Law](#). Feel free to share this newsletter with any colleagues that may be interested and direct them to the [website](#) for more information and remind them that it is open to all who have an interest in the topic (see more below).

The subgroup on Arctic Archives now has 76 members and is open to all those interested in Arctic archives. Please see the ultimate section of the newsletter on how to join the subgroup.

New Publications and Resources

[*International Law and Displaced Archives in Arctic Countries*](#), Johnstone and Lowry, eds., (Brill de Gruyter, 2026) is anticipated *this month* in both hardback and e-book editions. The anthology contains contributions from a total of eleven scholars, most of whom are active members of the network: Rachael Lorna Johnstone, James Lowry, Romain Chuffart, Melis Yuksel, Njörður Sigurðsson, Bjarni Már Magnússon, Rebecca Bourgeois, William T D Wadsworth, Thomas D Andrews, Apostolos Tsiouvalas, and Giorgio Baruchello. Congratulations to the subgroup on our first major publication!

[*Nils Klim webinar series on Transitional Justice in Settler States: Challenges, Contradictions and Possibilities*](#) is now available to view on [youtube](#). Subgroup member Daniela Alaattinoğlu of Turku University organised the series which offers an exceptionally timely and academically significant forum for examining the evolving landscape of Indigenous–state relations, with a focus on the Nordic region. The webinar guests are leading scholars in truth and reconciliation, focusing on colonialism and Indigenous Peoples in Nordic countries: Eva Josefsen, Otso Kortekangas, Astri Dankertsen, Láilá Susanne Vars, Billy-Ray Belcourt, and Oula-Antti Labba.

Opportunities

[IASC SHWG Secretary \(unpaid role\)](#)

The International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) invites early career researchers to apply for the volunteer position of secretary of the Social and Human Working Group (SHWG). Duties for the Working Group Secretary include preparation and secretarial support for the SHWG meetings, tracking of activities' deliverables, and communication with the Working Group and the central Secretariat during the year. In terms of time, the commitment averages a couple hours per week (though this is unevenly distributed through the year). IASC will pay for travel costs to attend SHWG meetings at ASSWs.

Recent events

No reported events since the last newsletter. Glad to see everyone taking the summer off!

Calls for Papers

The [University of the Arctic's Thematic Network on Arctic Law](#) (of which the [Arctic Archives subgroup](#) is a part), in collaboration with the Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law (NIEM) at the Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland, [invites submissions](#) for the 14th volume of "**Current Developments in Arctic Law**" (CDAL). The series publishes short academic articles, review papers, or summaries of research or projects related to Arctic law and policy. The deadline for submissions is 30th October 2026.

Forthcoming Conferences including Calls for Abstracts

[West Nordic Archive Conference, Nuuk, 8-10 September 2026](#)

The 2026 West Nordic Archive Conference on the theme of "Decolonized Archives and Archival Memory" will be held in Nuuk in September 2026. The themes this year are:

- West Nordic Archival Sovereignty
- Mapping Our Shared History – West Nordic Perspectives
- Digital Archives, AI and Data Security

[Registration](#) is open. Please bear in mind that travel and accommodation to Nuuk is in high demand so make sure to book in plenty time.

[19th Polar Law Symposium, Waikato, 9-11th November 2026](#)

The 19th Polar Law Symposium will be hosted by the Centre for Environmental, Resources and Energy Law – Te Putahi o te Ture Taiāo (CEREL), University of Waikato, Aotearoa (New Zealand) in November 2026. The themes are:

- Regime Interaction: Biodiversity, Climate, Ocean
- Protecting the Polar Environments: and Biculturalism and Polar Governance

The [Call for abstracts](#) is open until 31st July 2026.

The 20th Polar Law Symposium is due to be hosted by Singapore Management University (SMU) in November 2027.

For more information on the Polar Law Symposium and the accompanying Yearbook of Polar Law, see the [Polar Law Secretariat](#).

[Arctic Frontiers, Tromsø, 1-4 February 2027](#)

The annual Arctic Frontiers conference will be held in Tromsø in February 2027. The Call for Science Abstracts is expected on 14th August 2026, with a deadline of 5th October 2026. Side event applications are open from 15th September – 23rd October. The conference includes opportunities for [Emerging Leaders](#) and the [Student Forum](#) (application deadlines 5th October).

[The International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences \(ICASS XII\), Nuuk, 31 May-4 June 2027](#)

SAVE THE DATES: The International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS XII) will be held in Nuuk, Greenland, from May 31 to June 4, 2027, at the Katuaq Cultural Center and Hotel Hans Egede, organized by the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA).

Other Publications, Events and Initiatives

Please send news of recent publications and activities on Arctic archives from our members and any forthcoming events, initiatives or grant calls that could be of interest for inclusion in future newsletters. Contact Rachael at: rlj@unak.is.

Membership of the Subgroup on Arctic Archives

If you are not yet a member or would like to invite colleagues to the subgroup please send the following information to Rachael at: rlj@unak.is. The subgroup is non-hierarchical and does not require any academic or professional qualifications or affiliations. We ask only that all members uphold the [Basic Standards of Mutual Respect](#) as outlined on the home page.

By joining the subgroup, you are automatically included in the main Thematic Network on Arctic Law and will also receive periodic updates by email from them.

By completing this information, you consent to receive emails with news of opportunities, events and publications by other members in the subgroup. The mailing list is managed by Rachael Lorna Johnstone at the University of Akureyri. You may withdraw from the list by emailing rlj@unak.is at any time. There are no other rights or obligations attached to membership.

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