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Our Organization

Established in 2011, The Arctic Institute – Center for Circumpolar Security Studies (TAI) is an independent, non-profit 501c3 organization headquartered in Washington, D.C with a network of researchers across the world. Led by Arctic experts, TAI's main objective is to put well-researched evidence into action. TAI is both a non-profit organization with mission to educate the public about current Arctic affairs (including security, governance, economic, environmental, and social issues) and a think tank that produce timely research on the Arctic.

In this dual capacity, we believe that policy recommendations and capacity building programs must be rooted in strategic, field-based research. TAI uses its research to empower northern communities to be more secure through network building, workshops and seminars, summer schools, and knowledge exchange programs.

With a team of more than 30 Arctic researchers from different backgrounds, we are committed to promoting diverse voices, knowledge, and new ideas on Arctic policy. TAI's research and projects provide data, analysis, and policy recommendations that focus on different themes all pertaining to Arctic security, from global and regional sustainability to promoting peace, collaboration, environmental justice, and equity in the Arctic.

Our Values

Collaboration

No challenges can be resolved or opportunities identified without collaboration. In order to achieve our mission, we partner with organizations who share our commitment to building a more just, sustainable, and secure Arctic. We focus on building collaborations with diverse Arctic and non-Arctic organizations, with a particular interest in supporting early career work, to learn from, listen to, and work with partners towards a common goal.

Accessibility

Our aim is to make transdisciplinary knowledge accessible to all. We emphasize and collaborate with early career scholars and marginalized groups, and perspectives based on Indigenous and Traditional knowledge. We disseminate informative and varied content about the Arctic which is readily available and comprehensible for all readers. All The Arctic Institute resources go through a comprehensive review process by our team members, and we aim to keep our content free so it is within reach for anyone who is interested in our work and the topics we cover. We take complex issues and contextualize them for a broad audience.

Integrity

Integrity is at the heart of all that we do. We uphold academic honesty and excellence, seeking a range of voices to make fundamental inquiries about the most pressing issues in the Arctic and beyond. We affirm our integrity to each other at The Arctic Institute, and to our readers, ensuring that we will be honest, transparent, and accountable.

Deep-Inclusion

We believe in the importance of diversity: not only because representation matters, but also because it's essential to making sure the best ideas are heard. We are active in promoting the wealth of knowledge held by the Arctic's diverse Indigenous and non-Indigenous linguistic and cultural communities, especially those that are historically marginalized. We also believe in the importance of making Arctic research of all types as accessible as possible: whether that means creating a space for early career work to shine, or bringing together traditional scholarship with more boundary-pushing or less-conventional approaches, we're committed to expanding the field of Arctic scholarship to everyone.

Our Mission

Inform Arctic policy through inclusive research collaborations

Our mission is to help inform Arctic policy in the context of the climate crisis. We believe that Arctic decision-making must be based upon interdisciplinary, inclusive research that addresses the most pertinent issues facing the circumpolar region. That's why our team leads research projects, supports scholarly publications, and organizes events that elevate diverse perspectives, including from young scholars and those from communities that have been historically marginalized. The Arctic Institute is building the future of Arctic research through partnerships across the globe. We welcome ideas for collaboration in our mission to promote the Arctic as a secure, just, and sustainable region.

Our Vision

Peace, Justice, and Sustainability

We envision a world in which the complex security issues facing the Arctic are identified, understood, and inclusively resolved. To accomplish this, our work spans the many dimensions of Arctic security.



Economic Security



Military Security



Food Security



Health Security



Environmental
Security



Cultural Security



Political Security



Energy Security

Message from our President

2022 has been a challenging year for Arctic geopolitics and circumpolar collaboration. Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine at the end of February put a halt to one of the region's main forums for collaboration: the Arctic Council. With some arguing it never existed, the idea of Arctic exceptionalism has been put to the test. In this context of heightened geopolitical tensions and uncertainties, Arctic collaboration all seems but a distant memory from years gone by. We wanted to focus even more on our mission to inform Arctic through research collaboration.

That's why in 2022 our team continued to lead research projects, supports scholarly publications, and organizes events that elevate diverse perspectives, including young scholars and those from communities that have been historically marginalized. With this purpose in mind, The Arctic Institute has renewed its commitments to build the future of Arctic research through partnerships across the globe. As I stepped in my new role at the tail end of 2022, I wanted to reassert our organizational belief that Arctic decision-making must be based upon interdisciplinary, inclusive research that addresses the most pertinent issues facing the circumpolar region.

Having celebrated our tenth anniversary last year in 2021, we asked ourselves where our next challenge would be. At the core of our organization, our values have always been to bring new voices to the table and build bridges between established and emerging leaders and scholars.

This past year, The Arctic Institute rose to the challenge of bringing emerging leaders and researchers together. Under the directorship of Dr. Lillian Hussong (August 2021 – August 2022), our Institute organized its first-ever conference. With close to 200 registered participants, our conference "Polar (In)Securities: The Future of Global Affairs in the Circumpolar North." I am personally grateful to Dr. Hussong for her year as Interim Managing Director. The Arctic Institute would not have been able to do without her leadership in the first half of 2022.

Speaking of dedication, I am so proud the global network of TAI staff and researchers. Week in, week out, our staff deliver quality analysis, news, and commentaries to fulfill our mission. In 2022, the reach and impact of our key weekly publications have grown exponentially. In a year filled of worldwide difficulties, the success of The Arctic Institute reminds us more than ever that it will not take a village, but a city of smart and committed people to tackle the challenges of the climate crisis. As one year ends and the next slowly begins, I cannot wait to see what 2023 has in store for us. One thing is certain, though, The Arctic Institute will continue its mission and vision of a more just, peaceful, and sustainable Arctic



Romain Chuffart
President and Managing
Director

Publications

This year, with Editor-in-Chief Alina Bykova at the helm, our editorial team continued to deliver high quality peer-reviewed commentaries and articles from our in-house experts and scholars around the world. In 2022, the editorial teams published more 50 research articles. From the blue economy in Alaska to the impact of Russia's invasion on Arctic relations to the beginning of a Greek Arctic policy, our TAI staff members have continued to shape the landscape of Arctic research.

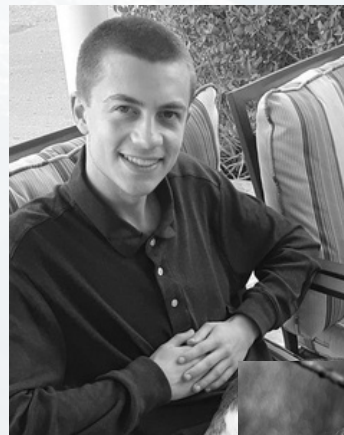
Besides our regular weekly, and sometimes biweekly publications, The Arctic Institute expanded our partnership with the Gordon Foundation to publish a series of papers by Jane Glassco Northern Fellows, a cohort of early career northern Canadians who are passionate about addressing emerging policy challenges and building a strong North.



Editor-in-Chief, Alina Bykova

We also published three special policy briefs on Arctic Infrastructure and Marine and Maritime issues (I & II) as outcomes of the Arctic Winter College and Arctic Spring College in partnership with the National Science Foundation-funded Migration in Harmony Research Coordination Network and the Ecologic Institute. All policy briefs were written by early-career researchers who participated in the Colleges.

In addition, former TAI visiting fellow Olivia Wynne Houck and current Research Associate Jen Evans each edited a special series on Arctic Infrastructure and Colonialism in the Arctic.



Research Interns, Luke Campopiano (top picture) and Anastasiia-Posnova



Publications

Infrastructure Series 2022



In 2022, TAI published two series of articles about specific Arctic issues. The first on Arctic infrastructure, led by former TAI Visiting Researcher Olivia Wynne Houck. Through a series of enlightening articles, contributors from diverse fields explored the multifaceted nature of built spaces in the Arctic—ranging from the political, historical, and legal aspects to the social, cultural, and theoretical dimensions. This work underscored the critical role of infrastructure in shaping operations and systems within the region, emphasizing the importance of connectivity.

Highlights from the series include Jeremy Greenwood's insightful argument on the significance of icebreakers for sustainable development in the U.S. Arctic, Ebru Caymaz's examination of the Northern Latitudinal Passage's role in the Yamal Peninsula's growth, and Alexandra Middleton and Bjørn Rønning's evaluation of the potential impact of subsea cables and data centers. The series also tackled historical and contemporary challenges, such as nineteenth-century tourism access in Norway, policies around undersea cables, and the strategic implications of military and private ownership of infrastructure, highlighted by the case study of a Norwegian naval base.

In addition, the series addressed critical issues like the Iqaluit water supply crisis and the transition of energy supply systems in Svalbard, showcasing the vital, yet often vulnerable, nature of infrastructural systems. The edited volume "More than 'Nature'- Research on Infrastructure and Settlements in the North" by Doris Friedrich offered a comprehensive view of these themes, emphasizing the dynamic relationship between nature, natural resources, and human settlements in the Arctic.

Publications

Colonialism Series 2022



Led by Research Associate Jen Evans, The Arctic Institute's Colonialism Series in 2022 was a groundbreaking initiative that brought together a diverse group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous writers to shed light on the colonial pasts of Arctic nations and the ongoing evolution of relationships between Arctic Indigenous peoples and settler governments. This series offered a profound exploration of various dimensions of colonialism in the Arctic, featuring insightful analyses that spanned historical legacies, contemporary policies, and future implications.

Luke Laframboise delved into the colonial impacts of the European Union's "Green New Deal" on the Indigenous communities of northern Fenno-Scandia. Gabriella Gricius argued that the colonial past continues to shape the security policies of Arctic nations today. Seira Duncan took a unique approach by examining poverty and wellbeing among the Inuit of Nunavut through music.

The series also delved into the experiences of the Komi People in Russia, as Maria Fedina discussed the process of their minoritization, and Kara K. Hodgson critiqued Russia's internal colonial policies. John Last highlighted the Church of Sweden's attempts to reconcile with the Sámi people, and Samuel Kramer offered a fresh perspective on the Alaska Purchase, emphasizing colonialism and Indigenous sovereignty. Pedro Allemand Mancebo Silva provided a critical analysis of the Arctic's resource boom as a form of new settler colonialism. In a poignant look at reproductive justice, Maya Crawford, Jayde Lavoie, and Reanne Bremner addressed the impacts of colonial genocide on Arctic Indigenous communities. Joaquim Gagnard assessed China's interactions with Arctic Indigenous peoples, contributing to a broader understanding of external influences in the region.

The articles within this series not only challenged existing narratives about Arctic governance and the living conditions of its peoples but also highlighted the complexity and sensitivity of these issues. The discussions presented were insightful, significant, and pressing, underlining the urgency of addressing these matters as the Arctic faces unprecedented changes.

Outreach and Events

Our First Conference

Polar (In)Securities **The Future of Global Affairs** **in the Circumpolar North**

June 8 - 10, 2022

<https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/polar-insecurities-future-global-affairs-circumpolar-north/>

In June this year, we organized our first conference focusing on security and (in)security in the Arctic. The climate crisis destabilizes traditional understandings of security in the Arctic. Many conferences and scholars have produced invaluable scholarship that seeks to understand how climate change affects security, regional development, and social and Indigenous welfare in the Arctic. We choose to upend the narrative by reframing our central question. How will global developments affect the circumpolar north?

The first day (June 8) began with an opening remark from TAI Interim Managing Director (August 2021 - August 2022), Lillian Hussong, PhD. The remainder of the first day was dedicated to early-career researchers. With eight different panels on Energy Security in the Arctic, Security Architecture and Operational Security Historical Studies of the Arctic The Arctic / Non-Arctic Connection (Part I & Part II), Narratives & Media Coverage of the Arctic, Governance (Part I & II), more than 30 emerging scholars presented their research and ideas for the future of Arctic governance in a time of global insecurities.

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The second day (June 9) was centered around conversations with experts and leading scholars in the field of international governance and security. Our speakers included Dr. Peter Convey (British Antarctic Survey) on governance and conservation management mechanisms in the Antarctic, Cynthia Lazaroff on "How Can Track II Citizen Diplomacy Initiatives Help Build Peace and Address the Existential Threats of Climate Change and Nuclear War?", Dr. Nicolien van Luijk (Environmental, Society, and Policy Group) on Canadian Shipping in the Arctic, Larry Ibrahim Mohammed on the green transition and Indigenous self-determination in Norway and Canada, and 'Breaking Barriers in Polar Research' with Accessibility in Polar Research and Women in Polar Research.

On the last day (June 10), the conference began with a keynote speech from Dr. Daria Shapovalova (Aberdeen University), one of the leading experts in Arctic law and energy transition. Day 3 focused on giving a voice to our partners across the world. Several sessions were organized by the Canadian Northern Corridor (CNC) on "a multi-faceted perspective on security in the context of northern Canadian infrastructure development" (CNC session 1) and "Indigenous engagement and knowledge coproduction in the context of northern Canadian infrastructure development" (CNC session 2). The conference concluded with the Sandia National Labs holding a session on "Evaluating MACCS Capabilities and Investment Areas Benefiting Arctic Environments."

Outreach and Events

High North Dialogue 2022

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Since 2013, TAI has been a key partner to the High North Dialogue in Bodø, Northern Norway. Each year, TAI has provided support by promoting the Dialogue in the months' up to the event, leading the strategic social media outreach on event days, and helping the organizer assess and better understand how to improve upcoming years' conferences and the High North Center's future work.

High North Dialogue 2022 was held between April 6 -7 and focused on Business in the Arctic. Under the guidance of Leadership board member, Karen Marie Oseland, TAI provided institutional expertise and helped organize panels and side events. Dr. Andreas Raspotnik moderated the conference, while Research Associate Apostolos Tsiouvalas presented the outcomes of AlaskaNor on fisheries and aquaculture in the Arctic. Interim Managing Director, Lillian Hussong, PhD, Research Associate Trym Eiterjord and Research Assistant Elise Nyborg all assisted and attended the event.



Network North at Arctic Circle Assembly 2022

THE ARCTIC INSTITUTE NETWORK NORTH SERIES: DEBATING POLAR (IN)SECURITIES

The Arctic Institute's event at the Arctic Circle Assembly in October 2022, held in Reykjavik, was a significant contribution to discussions on polar (in)securities, as part of their Network North Series: Debating Polar (In)Securities.

Romain Chuffart (Managing Director), Dr Andreas Raspotnik and Dr Sanna Kopra (Senior Fellows) and Gabriella Gricius all presented their research and engaged in networking with friends of The Arctic Institute. With more 50 participants, this event was a success and a true testament of the reach of our think tank in Arctic research and security.

Beyond our Network North event, TAI researchers organized and took part in several breakout sessions at the Arctic Circle Assembly 2022 in Reykjavik (13 - 16 October).

Managing Director, Romain Chuffart took part in the breakout session "In the wake of the Belgica, Belgium's Arctic Journey" co-organized with the Egmont Institute and the International Polar Foundation, alongside Belgian Ambassador to Norway and Iceland, H.E. Frank Arnauts, Prof Dr Huybrechts (VUB), Mr. Nicolas Van Hoecke (IPF), Mr. Pol De Witte (Egmont Institute), and Ms. Clara Ganslandt (European External Action Service) .

Outreach and Events

Brazil Chamber of Deputies



2022 saw an increased in worldwide outreach from TAI staff members. In December, TAI Research Associate Apostolos Tsiouvalas was invited to Brazil's Chamber of Deputies to give a presentation about the rights of Indigenous peoples in the Arctic.

In a politically historical moment for Brazil, when the first Indigenous Ministry is currently planned, Apostolos shared best practices from indigenous parliamentarism in the Arctic.

He discussed the Arctic Council experience with indigenous deputies and local community leaders.

Apostolos further provided lectures on Arctic governance, environmental law and Indigenous peoples rights at the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro.

Partnerships

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In 2022, The Arctic Institute has collaborated with national and international partners ranging from academic organizations to non-governmental organizations, non-profits and businesses. our organization has remained at the forefront of Arctic research through research projects, organizing events, outreach and advocacy.



2022 in Numbers



In 2022, our team continued our educational mission to foster cutting-edge Arctic research. From news to research articles to multimedia publications, The Arctic Institute covered everything happening in the region.

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TakeFive

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Research Articles

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Commentaries

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**Podcasts and
Infographics**

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Our Team

The Arctic Institute would not be a successful non-profit and think tank without the support and expertise of its staff members

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