

BCS 332: Contemporary Issues of the Circumpolar World II

This course will provide students with an appreciation of the main challenges confronting the peoples and communities of the world's northern regions. It will be beneficial to those students attempting to better understand the current questions facing the North.



(Source: <https://arctic-council.org/explore/topics/ocean/>)

Module 1: Comparative Policy

Comparative policies regarding Indigenous Peoples

Law and Policy

Article: How International Law has Influenced National Policy and Law Related to Indigenous peoples in the Arctic

(See Koivurova, T. and A. Stepien. How International Law has Influenced National Policy and Law Related to Indigenous peoples in the Arctic [Waikato Law Review 19 Waikato L. Rev. \(2011\)](#) .

Article: Indigenous Self-Determination in Northern Canada and Norway

(See Gary N. Wilson and Per Selle February 5, 2019 Institute for Research on Public Policy <https://irpp.org/research-studies/indigenous-self-determination-in-northern-canada-and-norway/>)

Comparative Approaches that affect Indigenous Peoples

Video: [Who Owns the Arctic and Why it Matters - YouTube](#)

(See Who owns the Arctic and Why it Matters

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6YOVnC65FwM&t=46s>)

Module 2: Citizenship, Institutions and Participation in Policy Making

Indigenous Participation

Indigenous voices

Website article: [It's Our Table: Indigenous People Shaping Arctic Policy | The Arctic Institute – Center for Circumpolar Security Studies](#)

(See The Arctic Institute [It's Our Table: Indigenous People Shaping Arctic Policy | The Arctic Institute – Center for Circumpolar Security Studies](#))

Report: We are One Mind: Perspectives from emerging Indigenous leaders on the Arctic

(See The Gordon Foundation. We Are One Mind: Perspectives from emerging Indigenous leaders on the Arctic. <https://gordonfoundation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/We-Are-One-Mind-FINAL-Web.pdf>)

Video: Indigenous Leadership in the Arctic: A Conversation with Gunn-Britt Retter (youtube.com)

(See [Indigenous Leadership in the Arctic: A Conversation with Gunn-Britt Retter \(youtube.com\)](#) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLFSjcuUMMs&t=222s>)

Video: Kalaallisut, language of Greenland

(See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjaSDEBa4kw>)

Module 3: Multilevel Governance

Overviews

Book Chapters: Arctic Human Development Report Regional Processes and Global Linkages Ch. 5 and 6

(See Arctic Human Development Report Regional Processes and Global <https://norden.diva-portal.org/smash/get/diva2:788965/FULLTEXT03.pdf>)

Regional views

Article: Resource Development & Land Claim Settlements in the Canadian Arctic: Multilevel Governance, Subsidiarity and Streamlining

(See Rodon T. & A. Therrien. : Resource Development & Land Claim Settlements in the Canadian Arctic: Multilevel Governance, Subsidiarity and Streamlining.

<https://arcticyearbook.com/arctic-yearbook/2015/2015-scholarly-papers/124-resource-development-land-claim-settlements-in-the-canadian-arctic-multilevel-governance-subsidiarity-and-streamlining>)

Article: Governing the green economy in the Arctic

(See Garbis, Z. *et al.* Governing the green economy in the Arctic. *Climatic Change* 176, 33 (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10584-023-03506-3> <https://rdcu.be/dPM93>)

Video: Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

(See Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKWuwj3Wxwk>)

Video: ANSCA at 50

(See ANCSA at 50 :<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6VK9VHPa78>)

Module 4: International law

Changing contexts

Article: From Territory to Rights: New Foundations for Conceptualising Indigenous

(See Nicol, H. From Territory to Rights: New Foundations for Conceptualising Indigenous Sovereignty. *Geopolitics*, 22(4), 794–814. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2016.1264055>)

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14650045.2016.1264055?scroll=top&needAccess=true#abstract>

Article: Indigenous Rights and Interests in a Changing Arctic Ocean: Canadian and Russian Experiences and Challenges

(See Anna S. Indigenous Rights and Interests in a Changing Arctic Ocean: Canadian and Russian Experiences and Challenges. *Arctic Review on Law and Politics* Vol. 13, 2022, pp. 286–311) <https://www.jstor.org/stable/48710670>)

Video: Empowering Arctic indigenous people: Our Role in Climate Change

(See Empowering Arctic indigenous people: Our Role in Climate Change
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pew4EsVbCtc>)

Module 5: Indigenous Policy in the Circumpolar North

Indigenous perspectives on policy

Article: Indigenous Peoples as a Tool for Russia's International Publicity in the Arctic Region

(See Sulyandziga P. and D. Berezhkov, *Indigenous Peoples as a Tool for Russia's International Publicity in the Arctic Region*, 29 *Ocean & Coastal L.J.* 285 (2024)<https://digitalcommons.maine.law.maine.edu/oclj/vol29/iss2/7/>)

Book Chapter: Co-production of Policy: Political Partnerships and Collaboration
Indigenous Peoples of the Arctic: Re-taking Control of the Far North

(See Coates, K.S. et al. *Indigenous Peoples of the Arctic: Re-taking Control of the Far North*. In: Coates, K.S., Holroyd, C. (eds) *The Palgrave Handbook of Arctic Policy and Politics*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-20557-7_2 https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-20557-7_2#citeas)

Website: Arctic and Northern Policy Framework

(See Government of Canada. Arctic and Northern Policy Framework <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1560523306861/1560523330587>)

Website article and video: Lessons from the Arctic about an Indigenous Voice to Parliament - ABC News

(See ABC. News. *Lessons from the Arctic about an Indigenous Voice to Parliament* <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-10-20/sami-parliaments-indigenous-voice-foreign-correspondent/101512762>)

Module 6: Social Policy

Website article: Arctic Social Engagements: Best Practice Principles | The Arctic Institute – Center for Circumpolar Security Studies

(See Arctic Social Engagements: Best Practice Principles | The Arctic Institute – Center for Circumpolar Security Studies <https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/arctic-social-engagements-best-practice-principles/>)

Module 7: Circumpolar Cooperation

Multiple perspectives

Book Chapters: One Arctic The Arctic Council and Circumpolar Governance

(See P. Whitney Lackenbauer et al. *One Arctic The Arctic Council and Circumpolar Governance*. [One-Arctic-1-2017.pdf \(sju.ca\)](#))

Video: Evon Peter, Director, Gwich'in Council International, 25th Anniversary interview - On the Council's value for Indigenous Peoples.

(See Evon Peter, Director, Gwich'in Council International, 25th Anniversary interview - On the Council's value for Indigenous Peoples. <https://vimeo.com/616094615>)

Website: Arctic Council. Indigenous people's Secretariat.

(See Indigenous Peoples' Secretariat | Arctic Council (arctic-council.org) <https://arctic-council.org/about/indigenous-peoples-secretariat/>).

Website: Wilson Centre. The Arctic Council and the Crucial Partnership Between Indigenous Peoples and States in the Arctic

(See Wilson Centre. The Arctic Council and the Crucial Partnership Between Indigenous Peoples and States in the Arctic. <https://www.wilsoncenter.org/blog-post/no-21-arctic-council-and-crucial-partnership-between-indigenous-peoples-and-states-arctic>)

Module 8: Gender Policy

Report: Pan Arctic Report on gender Equality in the Arctic

(See Pan Arctic Report on gender Equality in the Arctic <https://arcticgenderequality.network/phase-3/pan-arctic-report>)

Article: *Indigenous women's reproductive health in the Arctic zone of Western Siberia: challenges and solutions*

(See Bogdanova, E., Andronov, S., Lobanov, A., Kochkin, R., Popov, A., Asztalos Morell, I., & Odland, J. (2020). Indigenous women's reproductive health in the Arctic zone of Western Siberia: challenges and solutions. *International Journal of Circumpolar Health*, 80(1). <https://doi.org/10.1080/22423982.2020.1855913>)

Website Article: *It's Our Table: Indigenous People Shaping Arctic Policy*

(See Arctic Institute -It's Our Table: Indigenous People Shaping Arctic Policy <https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/arctic-social-engagements-best-practice-principles/>)

Module 9: Circumpolar Security

Article: Nilliajut: Inuit Perspectives on Security, Sovereignty and Patriotism

Video: Nilliajut: Inuit Voices on Arctic Security

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXVEN9YWTC0>

Module 10: Resource Policy

Article: Permanent Sovereignty over Natural Resources from a Human Rights

Perspective: Natural Resources Exploitation and Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the Arctic
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**Website: The Arctic Institute. The Old Colonialisms and the New Ones: The Arctic
Resource Boom as a New Wave of Settler-Colonialism**

(See The Old Colonialisms and the New Ones: The Arctic Resource Boom as a New Wave of
Settler-Colonialism. [https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/old-colonialisms-new-ones-arctic-
resource-boom-new-wave-settler-colonialism/](https://www.thearcticinstitute.org/old-colonialisms-new-ones-arctic-resource-boom-new-wave-settler-colonialism/))