

Report for 2023: The Sub-group of Philosophy of Law in the Arctic (the Arctic Law Thematic Network, the University of the Arctic)

1. **The book *Philosophies of Polar Law*** (ed. by D. Bunikowski & A. D. Hemmings, 2021) was released by Routledge in January 2023 as a paperback. Many members of the sub-group were the contributors.
2. One of the sub-group members **Dr. Francis Joy (University of Lapland)** organised a panel *Sacred Sites in the Anthropocene* at Anthropology Congress 2023 (Rovaniemi, 21-23 March 2023). The sub-group leader Doc. Dr. Dawid Bunikowski gave a paper *Protection of Sacred Sites – Between Legal Pluralism and Cultural Ecology* at the panel.
3. On April, 28th, 2023, Dawid Bunikowski was an external examiner at a seminar on the progress of the PhD student Noor Jahan Punam at the University of Lapland (Arctic Centre).
4. **In May 2023, the sub-group members Patrick Dillon (England), Elena Gladun (Russia) and Dawid Bunikowski (Poland/Finland) published the book chapter *The role of reciprocal trust in adaptive cultural ecologies. Reconciling traditional lifestyles with pandemic regulations in the Russian Arctic*** (in: *Innowacyjny samorząd. Innowacyjność – wyzwanie samorządu terytorialnego/Innovative self-government – a challenge of territorial self-government*, ed. by J. Laskowska, R. Musiałkiewicz, F. Nalikowski, Włocławek 2023, Poland).
5. Dawid Bunikowski gave a 3-h lecture *The voice of the 'voiceless' Arctic indigenous peoples: lessons from Canada and the Nordic countries* at the University of Eastern Finland, in the School of Theology, during the **“Wisdom of silence” summer school** (mid-August 2023).
6. During *Summer Field School on Mountain Ecosystems & Resource Management* organized from 11 to 20 September in Bükk National Park in Hungary by the Grassroots Institute (Canada), Dawid Bunikowski was Chair for the Technical Session 10.1 under the Day 10 theme: *Mountain Related International and National Laws & Policies*. Dawid Bunikowski also gave a lecture *Community-Based Legal Approaches* (Technical Session 10.2).
7. One of the members **Professor Professor Makoto Usami (Kyoto University, Japan)** gave a **keynote speech *Green Transition: Perspectives of Climate Justice*** during the international panel at the 4th international scientific conference *Innovative self-government. Green transformation – opportunities and challenges* held on 24 November 2023, at the State University of Applied Sciences in Włocławek, Poland. In the past, the keynote speakers of the Włocławek conferences were also our members e.g. Professor Elena Gladun (twice) and Professors Patrick Dillon and Ko Hasegawa.
Dawid Bunikowski was the moderator of the international panel. He also gave a speech on *Depreciation of Arctic indigenous rights in the green transition at the local level* during the panel.
8. In the end of 2023 (October-November), the group established a kind of **cooperation with ARCTIC**, a journal of the Arctic Institute of North America at the University of Calgary (Canada). On the request of the journal, Dawid Bunikowski became a reviewer there. The same kind of cooperation was established with **Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS-KNAW)**, for whom an *Arctic* project was also reviewed (October).