

Through the TN's activities, we aim to highlight the value a community planning perspective brings to discourse on climate resilience, and shed light on local government decision dynamics around motivational factors and extent of planning for climate resilience. This past year was dedicated to collaboration and dissemination, showcased below through two main activities: Webinar and Speaker Series.

Webinars

In collaboration with the scientific journal PLOS-Climate, we delivered two webinars on climate adaptation and governance related themes.

- “Exploring climate adaptation in northern communities”, featured speakers from Russia/ Finland, United States, and Denmark, and homed in on adaptation from across local sectors; including infrastructure / utilities, economy, and governance.
- “Bolstering climate adaptation implementation at the local scale”, brought together scholars from Canada and Australia, and focused on themes related to managed relocation, community-based adaptation, and climate mainstreaming, drawing attention to opportunities for overcoming implementation challenges.

Speaker Series

In collaboration with the Northern Student's Associate (NSA) at the University of Alberta, we delivered five sessions in our speaker series. Showcasing research from early-career to more established scholars, from Canada, United Kingdom and United States, the following titles were explored:

- Planning the Great Acceleration;
- Visualizing the Landscape of Tribal Communities: A context for working in rural Alaska;
- Global Challenges, Local Struggles: Dissecting Arctic climate change and Indigenous Peoples adaptation in Nunatsiavut;
- Planning for change: Exploring resilience in the Yukon through local and regional approaches to climate change adaptation



Nome, Alaska. Photo: Jeff Birchall

Other Activities

This past year we:

- Hosted a panel, “Climate adaptation through urban planning: Enabling and constraining factors”, at the Adaptation Futures conference (New Zealand);
- Developed “Adapting to environmental hazards in Norway: Confusion over legal responsibility results in stalled action and greater risk of disaster”, an article published with International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction, and resulted from a research exchange between the University of Alberta (Canada) and The Arctic University of Norway (Norway);
- Developed, in collaboration with colleagues from GRID-Arendal (Norway), Læra Institute for Circumpolar Education (Canada), and University of Alaska Anchorage (USA), “Transforming Education in the Arctic: Co-creation, Decolonization, and Participatory Approaches”, published with the journal ARCTIC.

Moving forward, we are looking forward to the next session in the Speaker Series “Building resilient places: the promise and paradox of place-based adaptation”, and further developing a research exchange with colleagues at Aalborg University (Denmark).

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