

Report for 2021
The Sub-group of philosophy of law in the Arctic
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I. Main publication and its reviews.

The book *Philosophies of Polar Law*, ed. by Dawid Bunikowski and Alan D. Hemmings, was published by Routledge officially in 2021. This is the main publication of the sub-group. The following sub-group's members contributed to the book: Dawid Bunikowski (introduction and chapter 2), Giorgio Baruchello (chapter 4), Leena Heinämäki (chapter 6), Tom G. Svensson (chapter 7), Agnieszka Szpak (chapter 9), Elena Gladun (chapter 10). There were 10 chapters.

The book has got good reviews so far. One review was written by Jonathan Wood: <https://nome.unak.is/wordpress/volume-16-no-1-2021/book-review-volume-16-no-1-2021/dawid-bunikowski-and-alan-d-hemmings-eds-philosophies-of-polar-law-new-york-routledge-2021/>. It was published in the journal “Nordicum-Mediterraneum”, which is edited by one of the sub-group's members - Professor Giorgio Baruchello from the University of Akureyri (Iceland).

Another review, “Philosophies of Polar Law, Edited by Dawid Bunikowski and Alan D. Hemmings (Routledge Research in Polar Law) 2021”, was written by Joseph DiMento in a very decent journal (Int Environ Agreements, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10784-021-09544-5>, published 25.7.2021).

II. Chosen publications.

Three very original papers of the sub-group's members must be mentioned:

Dr. Francis Joy of the University of Lapland published a very interesting piece (cultural studies) with a title “Children's Rock Art. A Scandinavian Study” in “Nordicum-Mediterraneum”. See <https://nome.unak.is/wordpress/volume-16-no-1-2021/new-double-blind-peer-reviewed-article-volume-16-no-1-2021/childrens-rock-art-a-scandinavian-study/>.

Prof. Agnieszka Szpak and Dr. Dawid Bunikowski published “Saami truth and reconciliation commissions” in “The International Journal of Human Rights”. See ["https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13642987.2021.1926237"](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13642987.2021.1926237).

Prof. Elena Gladun published “Indigenous economies in the Arctic: To thrive or to survive?” in “Elementa: Science of the Anthropocene”. See Elena Gladun, et al. (Soili Nysten-Haarala, and Svetlana Tulaeva) 2021. Indigenous economies in the Arctic: To thrive or to survive?. *Elem Sci Anth*, 9: 1. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1525/elementa.2019.00088>.

III. Participation in conferences and seminars.

Chosen papers by Professor Dawid Bunikowski at conferences treating on Arctic issues:

1. 25-26.3.2021. University of Eastern Finland. A seminar: *Power, control, participation*. A paper: ***The Philosophy of Law in the Arctic: Indigenous Participation***.
2. 20-21.10.2021. Murmansk Arctic State University (Russia), Nord University (Bodø, Norway). IX INTERNATIONAL KANT/BAKHTIN SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR “*HUMAN RIGHTS, LEGAL CONSTRAINTS, REDEFINED BORDERS IN THE PANDEMIC ERA*” (Murmansk). A paper: ***Philosophy of law about axiology of limitations of both rights of people and competencies of self-government in the Covid-19 pandemic***.
3. 25-26.10.2021. University of Eastern Finland. 1st International Conference on Sustainable Resource Society. A paper: ***Arctic indigenous beliefs and cosmologies on natural resources management, customary laws and nature***.
4. 26.10.2021. The Chelyabinsk branch of the Institute of Economics of the Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Yekaterinburg/Chelyabinsk). A seminar: “*Благоприятная городская среда как фактор улучшения качества жизни населения*” (*Favourable urban environment as a factor of improving the quality of life of the population*). A paper: ***Self-government in Finland, with special attention paid to revitalisation***.
5. 11-12.11.2021. Surgut State University (Russia, Siberia). IV All-Russian Scientific and Practical Conference: “*Safe North – Clean Arctic*”. A paper: ***Indigenous natural resources management in Lapland?***

Also, Bunikowski was **Chair** of Session 5.1 (*Transhumance; Pastoralism; Rangeland Governance*) on 24 September 2021 and **Special Panellist** on the Special Session (9.3) *Opening the doors into mountain sustainability* on 28 September 2021 at a conference ***Summer Field School on Mountain Ecosystems and Resource Management***, virtual, 19-28 September 2021 (Montreal, Canada/Ukraine), organised by the Grassroots Institute.

IV. Other activities.

1. Professor Dawid Bunikowski became one of the **Editorial Board** members of “Journal of Environmental Law and Policy” (Canada). The journal was established last spring. The link to the journal is here: <https://www.grassrootsjournals.org/jelp/>.
2. Associate Professor Alexander Sautkin, a philosopher from Murmansk State Arctic University (Russia), was invited to be a member of the sub-group. Alexander organised ***The Ninth International Kant-Bakhtin scientific seminar*** on October 20th–21st this year. The event was held online. This is the respective website: <https://www.masu.edu.ru/press/events/27812-the-ninth-international-kant-bakhtin-seminar-takes-place-in-autumn>. The seminar topic was “Human rights, legal constraints, redefined borders in the pandemic era”. Professor Dawid Bunikowski took part in the seminar with his paper.
3. There have been monthly **meetings (a. 6) on protection of sacred sites, organised by one of us Dr. Francis Joy** (University of Lapland) since last May. Francis is creating a kind of network of scholars interested in protection of indigenous sacred sites. Of the sub-group, Professor Patrick Dillon, Professor Dawid Bunikowski and Dr. Francis Joy are active members of this network.
4. Professor Elena Gladun and Professor Kamrul Hossain with their institutions participating in the **project entitled “Meet the Arctic: An interdisciplinary approach to learning Arctic societies, peoples and cultures (MeetArctic)”** received funding from the Team Finland Knowledge (TFK) programme under the Finnish National Agency for Education (Edu-Fi). It is 72,000 euros to implement a joint project between Finland and Russia. The consortium includes: the Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland, Tyumen State University, University of Oulu, and Yamal-Nenets Centre of Arctic Research. The project is coordinated by the Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law at the Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland, in cooperation with the UArctic Thematic Network on Arctic Law.
5. Professor Dawid Bunikowski became **Visiting Professor at Carleton** University, Department of Law and Legal Studies, Ottawa, Canada (25.10.2021-1.4.2022). His research project is about *Chosen current problems of legal philosophy in the context of so called “populism” and self-determination*. These self-determination considerations concern also the First Nations in Canada.