**The ICE LAW Project**

**Summary**

The ICE LAW Project has met its Year 1 objectives (4 July 2016 – 3 July 2017). During this year, each subproject held one meeting or workshop; the project organised three sessions at two international meetings; the management board engaged in regular correspondence; groundwork was laid for several publications; and contacts and connections were made with individuals and institutions within and beyond the project’s leadership.

**Impact of Delayed Start**

There was a 13-month gap between award notification (June 2015) and grant commencement (July 2016), due to delays in securing a Cooperative Agreement among participating universities (as Durham University required). Several things occurred during this period that mandated changes to the original plan of activities.

1. The original plan was for a general conference during Year 1 and then for ICE LAW subproject leaders to present at the International Conference of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS) in what was to be Year 2 (June 2017). Because of the project’s late start, however, it was impractical to hold a general conference prior to the ICASS meeting. Funds that had been allocated for the general conference were reallocated toward a) increasing participation at ICASS, b) supporting attendance by some subproject leaders at the Nordic Geographers Meeting which was held one week after ICASS, and c) supporting the Year 3 general conference.
2. Informal conversations across leadership of the Indigenous & Local Perspective (I&LP), Mobilities, and Migrations subprojects led coordinators to conclude that the remit of the first was too broad and that the second two overlapped. To this end, the Mobilities and Migrations subprojects were merged (into the Mobilities & Migrations (M&M) subproject). Since the intent was for each subproject (except I&LP) to hold two workshops over the course of the 3-year grant period, this reduced the total number of non-I&LP workshops from 10 to 8, however the budget for each M&M workshop was set higher than the others because of its broader coverage. The I&LP subproject remained dedicated to organising 3 community meetings.
3. The fall in value of the GBP impacted the budget, since many meetings are being held outside the UK. This has not yet mandated significant change in programming, but it has added fragility to the budget.
4. The Network Facilitator post was graded by Durham University lower than anticipated. This has resulted in savings that may need to be redirected to cover unanticipated costs due to falling exchange rates (point 3).
5. One of the subproject leaders, Jessica Shadian, changed universities, necessitating a change in network partner.

**Activities in 2016-2017**

Each of five subprojects held one workshop or community meeting:

* Indigenous & Local Perspectives (I&LP) - 16 November 2016. The subproject held a talking circle (community meeting) on Local Engagement in Search and Rescue in Sand Point, Alaska (USA), in cooperation with the Aleut International Association. In addition to subproject co-leader Jessica Shadian, the meeting was attended by 15-20 local participants, as well as guests from Nain, Labrador (Canada) and Noliskoye, Commander Islands (Russia) whose travel was funded by the US National Science Foundation. See: <https://icelawproject.weebly.com/november-2016-sand-point-talking-circle-on-local-engagement-in-search-and-rescue.html>
* Law - 8 April 2017. The subproject held a workshop on Laws and Regulations Currently Guiding Human Behaviour in Icy Environments in Rovaniemi, Finland, with support from the University of Lapland’s Arctic Center (Finland). There were 23 participants, including three invited speakers, from Canada, The Netherlands, and Russia, and several speakers from University of Lapland including Law subproject leader Timo Koivurova. See: <https://icelawproject.weebly.com/april-2017-laws-and-regulations-currently-guiding-human-behaviour-in-icy-environments-rovaniemi.html>
* Migrations & Mobilities (M&M) - 20 April 2017. The subproject held a workshop on Rethinking Perspectives on Arctic Issues in Halifax, Nova Scotia (Canada). The workshop was co-organised with the Company of Master Mariners of Canada and focused on shipping industry and indigenous perspectives on ice-covered marine environments. See: <https://icelawproject.weebly.com/april-2017-rethinking-perspectives-on-arctic-issues-in-2017-a-joint-seminar-with-the-master-mariners-of-canada-halifax.html>
* Resources - 11-12 May 2017. The subproject held a workshop in Durham (UK) on Anticipating Abundance: Economizing the Arctic, at which seven invited speakers from Canada, Norway, Sweden, and the UK reflected on their own research in light of a framing paper drafted by subproject leader Gavin Bridge. See: <https://icelawproject.weebly.com/may-2017-lsquoanticipating-abundance-economizing-the-arcticrsquo-durham.html>
* Territory - 12 May 2017. The subproject held a workshop at the University of Amsterdam (Netherlands) on Territory in Indeterminate and Changing Environments, hosted by the University of Amsterdam’s ACCESS-Europe programme. The workshop combined presentations by five invited speakers (from Switzerland and the UK) with a roundtable of reflections and commentary by non-Arctic experts from the Netherlands and the UK. See: <https://icelawproject.weebly.com/may-2017-territory-in-indeterminate-and-changing-environments-amsterdam.html>

In addition, the project sponsored three sessions at two international meetings:

* International Congress of Arctic Social Science (ICASS) (Umeå, Sweden, 8-12 June 2017). The project sponsored a paper session followed by a roundtable discussion. See: <https://icelawproject.weebly.com/june-2017-ice-law-project-sessions-at-the-international-congress-of-arctic-social-science-umearing.html>
* Nordic Geographers Meeting (NGM) (Stockholm, Sweden, 18-21 June 2017). The project sponsored a paper session which included presentations from project leadership as well as newcomers to the project. See: <https://icelawproject.weebly.com/june-2017-ice-law-project-session-at-the-nordic-geographers-meeting-stockholm.html>

During this period, the project also maintained its website (<https://icelawproject.weebly.com/>) and Twitter feed (@IceLawProject) as well as organising regular conversations among subproject leaders, which culminated in an annual meeting held at the June 2017 ICASS meeting.

**Future Plans**

A central theme from the annual meeting was that the network is most productive when dialogue within the subprojects is coupled with dialogue across them. To this end, a few changes in programming (with budgetary implications) are planned for the remaining two years:

* Instead of holding a second workshop, the Law subproject will use allocated funds for subproject leadership attendance at workshops organised by other subprojects. Any residual funds will be used to support attendance by other members of leadership at remaining workshops and to support a capstone writing project (see below).
* The Resources subproject may similarly choose to fold its remaining workshop (and the budget that was dedicated to that workshop) into another subproject’s workshop, instead of holding a second workshop.
* The project will fund attendance by subproject leaders for a workshop immediately before or after the final conference to draft a capstone article whose theme will incorporate all subprojects as well as addressing the broader ICE LAW theme.

**Publications by leadership on project-related topics or resulting from project activities**

Published / in press

J. Bruun & P. Steinberg. Placing territory on ice: Militarization, measurement, and murder in the High Arctic. In: *Territory beyond Terra* (K. Peters, P. Steinberg, & E. Stratford, *eds.*). Forthcoming from Rowman & Littlefield International.

S. Elden. Forthcoming in 2017. Legal terrain: The political materiality of territory. *London Review of International Law* 5(2).

K. Shake, K. Frey, D. Martin, & P. Steinberg. (Un)frozen spaces: Exploring the role of sea ice in the marine socio-legal spaces of the Bering and Beaufort Seas. Published early online in *Journal of Borderland Studies*, doi: 10.1080/08865655.2017.1340847

P. Steinberg & B. Kristoffersen. “The ice edge is lost…nature moved it”: Mapping ice as state practice in the Canadian and Norwegian North. Published early online in *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, doi: 10.1111/tran.12184.

P. Steinberg, B. Kristoffersen, & K. Shake. Edges and flows: Exploring legal materialities and biophysical politics at the sea ice edge. In *Ocean Legalities* (I. Braverman & E. Johnson, *eds.*). Forthcoming from Duke University Press.

In preparation

C. Aporta, L. Beveridge, A. Chircop, K. Coddington, S. C. Kane. Envisioning Arctic maritime spaces: re-conceptualising through reoccurrence within the Inuit homeland and Arctic shipping corridors. Target journal not yet selected.

C. Aporta, A. Chircop, A. and S.C. Kane. Shipping ‘corridors’ through the Inuit homeland: ontological tensions in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago. To be submitted to *Limn* for special issue on ‘Chokepoints’.

G. Bridge et al. Anticipating abundance: Economizing the Arctic. Paper to be co-authored with participants who presented at the first Resources subproject workshop. Target journal: *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space.*

A. Stammler-Gossmann. Editing special issue of *Polar Record* on Fish-Fishers-Fisheries.

**Presentations**[[1]](#footnote-1)

Presentations by leadership group

C. Aporta

* Workshop on Rethinking Perspectives on Arctic Issues in 2017, Dalhousie University, Halifax (Canada): April 2017

G. Bridge

* Workshop on Economizing the Arctic, Department of Geography, Durham University (UK): May 2017
* ICE LAW Project Session, International Congress of Arctic Social Science, Umeå (Sweden): June 2017

A. Chircop

* Workshop on Rethinking Perspectives on Arctic Issues in 2017, Dalhousie University, Halifax (Canada): April 2017
* ICE LAW Project Session, International Congress of Arctic Social Science, Umeå (Sweden): June 2017
* ICE LAW Project Session, Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm (Sweden): June 2017

S. Elden

* Anniversary Lecture, International Research Centre for the Study of Culture, Justus-Liebig-Universität, Gießen (Germany): December 2016
* Annual Lecture, London Review of International Law, SOAS, University of London (UK): February 2017
* Keynote lecture, University of Oslo (Norway): March 2017
* Department of Geography, National University of Ireland, Maynooth (Ireland): March 2017
* Workshop on Territory in Indeterminate and Changing Environments*,* ACCESS Europe, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands): May 2017
* ICE LAW Project Session, Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm (Sweden): June 2017

S. Kane

* Workshop on Rethinking Perspectives on Arctic Issues in 2017, Dalhousie University, Halifax (Canada): April 2017
* ICE LAW Project Session, International Congress of Arctic Social Science, Umeå (Sweden): June 2017
* ICE LAW Project Session, Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm (Sweden): June 2017

T. Koivurova

* Workshop on Laws and Regulations Currently Guiding Human Behaviour in Icy Environments, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi (Finland): April 2017
* Session on the Upcoming Finnish Chairmanship of the Arctic Council, International Congress of Arctic Social Science, Umeå (Sweden): June 2017

J. Shadian

* Talking Circle on Local Engagement in Search and Rescue, Sand Point, Alaska (USA): November 2016

A. Stammler-Gossmann

* Workshop on Laws and Regulations Currently Guiding Human Behaviour in Icy Environments, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi (Finland): April 2017
* ICE LAW Project Session, International Congress of Arctic Social Science, Umeå (Sweden): June 2017

P. Steinberg

* Workshop on Ocean Legalities, Buffalo, NY (USA): February 2017
* Department of Geography, National University of Ireland, Maynooth (Ireland): February 2017
* Workshop on Oceanic Frontiers, Toronto, ON (Canada): May 2017
* Workshop on Territory in Indeterminate and Changing Environments*,* ACCESS Europe, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands): May 2017
* ICE LAW Project Session, Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm (Sweden): June 2017

Presentations by others at ICE LAW Project-sponsored workshops and sessions

D. Avango

* Workshop on Economizing the Arctic, Department of Geography, Durham University (UK): May 2017

J. Bruun

* Workshop on Territory in Indeterminate and Changing Environments*,* ACCESS Europe, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands): May 2017
* ICE LAW Project Session, Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm (Sweden): June 2017

M. Byers

* Workshop on Laws and Regulations Currently Guiding Human Behaviour in Icy Environments, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi (Finland): April 2017

R. Caddell

* Workshop on Laws and Regulations Currently Guiding Human Behaviour in Icy Environments, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi (Finland): April 2017

J. Dahl

* ICE LAW Project Session, Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm (Sweden): June 2017

J. Fall

* Workshop on Territory in Indeterminate and Changing Environments*,* ACCESS Europe, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands): May 2017

V. Gavrilov

* Workshop on Laws and Regulations Currently Guiding Human Behaviour in Icy Environments, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi (Finland): April 2017

K. Hébert

* Workshop on Economizing the Arctic, Department of Geography, Durham University (UK): May 2017

K. Kama

* Workshop on Economizing the Arctic, Department of Geography, Durham University (UK): May 2017

S. Kirchner

* Workshop on Laws and Regulations Currently Guiding Human Behaviour in Icy Environments, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi (Finland): April 2017

B. Kristoffersen

* Workshop on Economizing the Arctic, Department of Geography, Durham University (UK): May 2017

M. Kuchler

* Workshop on Economizing the Arctic, Department of Geography, Durham University (UK): May 2017

B. Perombelon

* Workshop on Economizing the Arctic, Department of Geography, Durham University (UK): May 2017

M. Ram

* Workshop on Territory in Indeterminate and Changing Environments*,* ACCESS Europe, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands): May 2017

R. Squire

* Workshop on Territory in Indeterminate and Changing Environments*,* ACCESS Europe, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands): May 2017

G. Weszkalnys

* Workshop on Economizing the Arctic, Department of Geography, Durham University (UK): May 2017

**Grant proposals & other activities**

A. Chircop and C. Aporta

* Grant proposal to the Dalhousie President’s Fund to support the workshop, Rethinking Perspectives on Arctic Issues (successful).

S. Elden

* Proposal for British Academy Wolfson Research Fellowship (unsuccessful).

S. Kane

* Course development grant for Arctic Encounters: Animals, People and Ships at University of Indiana, USA (successful).

A. Stammler-Gossmann

* PI on grant proposal to Seed Box Programme (Sweden) on Experienced nature and recorded climate: Making cold into an asset and climate change imaginaries (pending).
* Organised poster exhibit at June 2017 ICASS meeting.

P. Steinberg

* PI on Leverhulme Doctoral Scholarship proposal on Interdisciplinary understanding for a changing Arctic (pending).

1. The M&M Subproject Workshop in Halifax was conducted under Chatham House rules, so presentations, except for those made by subproject leaders, are not included. Likewise, the I&LP Subproject Talking Circle in Sand Point did not contain formal presentations, so individual contributions, other than provided by the coordinating subproject leader, also are not listed here. Participation as discussant or chair are excluded from this list. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)