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Shaping Tomorrow's Arctic

Message from the Guest Editors

Decisions made now are fundamentally shaping the multiple Arctics of 2050. This Special Issue explores the past, present and future of Arctic sustainability. What are possible Arctic futures? How does the current path dependency on fossil fuels interplay with the need for long term Arctic sustainability? What do trajectories towards sustainable Arctics look like? How might these differ for different arctic populations? What are the effects of human activities in the Arctic on local environmental conditions? What can we do to reduce disruptions and mitigate impacts? How do the current and projected changes in climate affect issues of Indigenous rights, rights to resources and human rights? Do we have the proper tools, mechanisms and regulations to manage the multiple Arctics? How do we ensure involvement in decision-making for sustainability? How do we decide on directions for management and development of arctic resources, and what voices are missing? What steps should we be taking now, such as coproducing knowledge for sustainability, to lay the foundation for an equitable, just and inclusive Arctic?

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