

Cornell Roundtable on Environmental Studies Topics

Subsistence and Sustainability

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The goal of our roundtable will be to look at the relationship between subsistence communities and sustainability. Subsistence communities tend to have both a smaller ecological footprint and much tighter ties to nature than urban, consumer-oriented communities. We will be looking at subsistence communities in three geographical contexts: the Yukon, Newfoundland, and Iceland.

The goal of our discussion will be to understand what sustainability means in subsistence communities. This refers both to how they conceive of "sustainability" and to the sustainable practices they engage in, even though not labeled as such. In doing so, we will seek lessons for how we can conceive sustainability more broadly in our scholarly work.