

# PERSPECTIVES ON ARCTIC BLOGGING

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# Contextualizing the Arctic

A red snowcat is driving through a deep snowdrift in an Arctic environment. The snowcat is the central focus, moving from the bottom right towards the top left. The background is a vast, snowy landscape with some wooden structures or equipment visible in the distance. The overall scene is bright and hazy, suggesting a snowy, overcast day.

- Deeper **historical** and broader **spatial** perspectives
- Interconnections between **climate change, industrialization, and globalization**
- The **view from the ground** and the **view from space**





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# COP21: NO CHANCE OF TURNING DOWN THE HEAT ON THE ARCTIC



*The Greenland Ice Sheet melts out partly through supraglacial rivers that slowly drain it. Photo: Mia Bennett, August 2014.*

The world's leaders are meeting in Paris this week for the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, generally known as COP21. In the eyes of many, this is the make-it-or-break-it moment for action on climate change. If we don't act now, it's believed, then the world will barrel full steam ahead to a planet that's at least 2°C warmer on average. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon intoned, "A political moment like this may not come again... We have never faced such a test. But neither have we encountered such great opportunity." But climate activist and journalist Bill McKibben offered a more cynical take on the meeting. Even if world leaders manage to reach an agreement, he

An aerial photograph of a winding, light blue river in a rugged, mountainous landscape. The terrain is covered in snow and ice, with dark, rocky outcrops. In the foreground, the grey metal ledge of a vehicle or structure is visible, with a person's black and tan boots resting on it. A blue tarp is partially visible on the left. The text "FIELD NOTES FROM GREENLAND" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the lower-left quadrant.

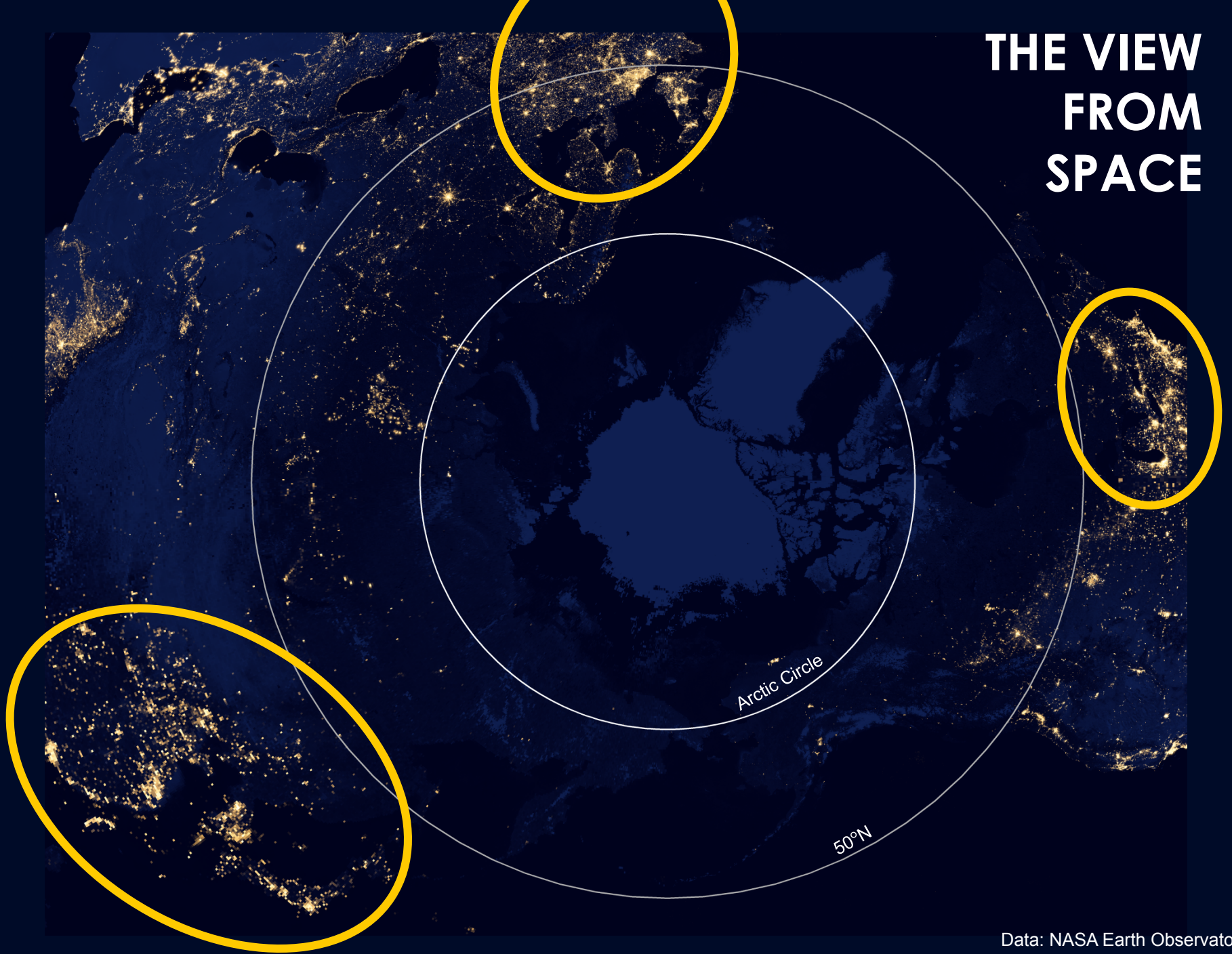
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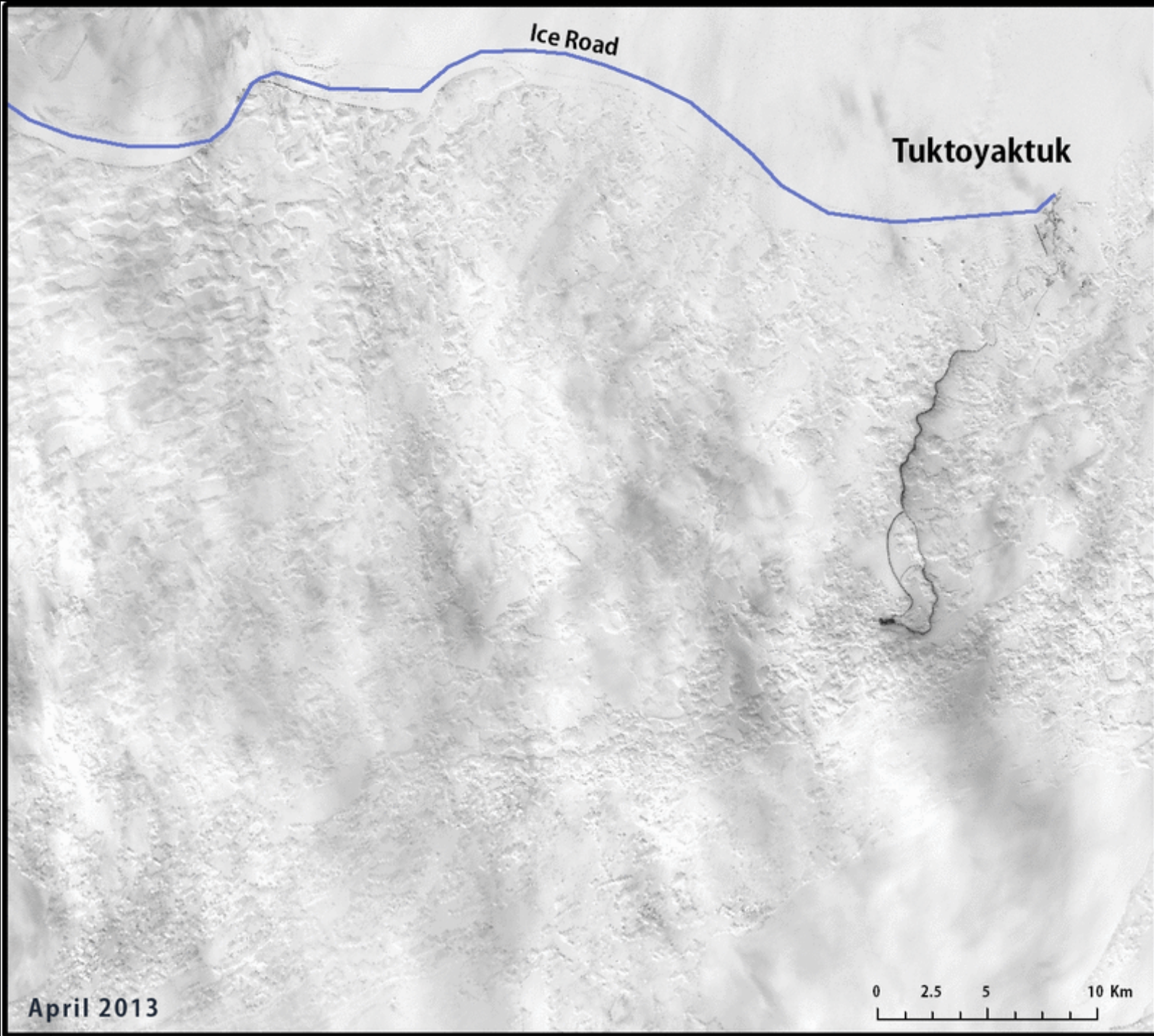




# FIELD NOTES FROM RUSSIA

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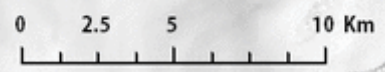




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