

Searching for Doggerland: Speculating Submerged Landscapes and Energy Production in the North Sea

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Introduction

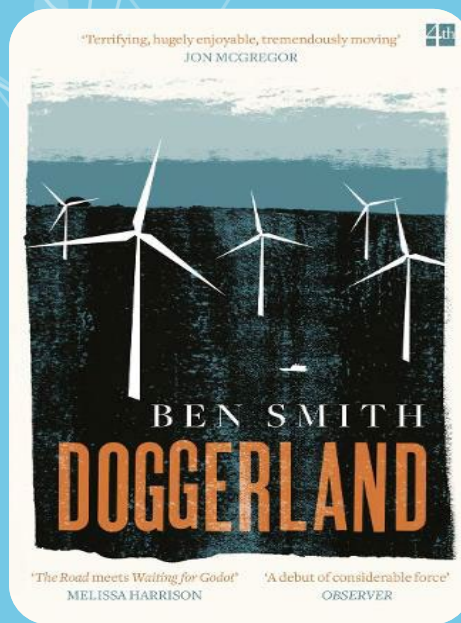
Around 8,000 years ago, Doggerland, a prehistoric landscape that once connected Britain with mainland Europe, submerged beneath the North Sea. This was due to glacial melting and ongoing sea level rise in the Late Pleistocene.

Today, Doggerland is increasingly being evoked and imagined in literature, film, public protest, political conversations, and energy discourse.



Aims and Objectives

My research explores how the cultural imagination of Doggerland's prehistoric landscape is entangled with more recent narratives of North Sea energy, governance, and identity.



Method

Textual analysis of speculative fiction, TV series, political speeches, and public affairs narratives of (North Sea) energy industry.

Results and Discussion

In the cultural imagination of Doggerland, a variety of stories emerge. Including speculative ideas on:

- Renewable futures in the North Sea
- Energy protectionism
- Origin stories of Britain as a nation
- Human resilience to climate change
- Ancestry stories of identity, belonging, and exclusion
- North Sea borders and immigration

