

Curriculum vitae

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Thomas Hammer is a human geographer in an interdisciplinary team at the Centre for Development and Environment (CDE) at the University of Bern/Switzerland. As an associate professor he heads research projects especially on issues of sustainable regional, landscape and large protected area development. His special interest lies in the analysis of the societal multi-functionality of cultural landscapes and large scale protected areas in order to valorise, develop, promote, and manage the different significances for people, economy and nature.

In relation with parks and sustainable regional and landscape development he is actually the leader of the project "The Cultural Dimension of Sustainable Regional and Landscape Development (SRLD) – A Comparative Analysis Using the Example of Integrative Protected Areas". This project is integrated in the European COST Action IS1007 "Investigating Cultural Sustainability".

Other major research projects in relation with parks and sustainable development he led are: "Land Use Change, Protection, and Preservation of Mire Landscape Using the Example of the UNESCO Biosphere Entlebuch" (2006-2011); "Institutional Resource Regimes and Collective Action for Sustainable Landscape Development – Using the Example of the Vineyard Landscape of Lake Biel" (2003-2007); "Cooperation in landscape management – Institutional Strategies on Local and Regional Level at the Bernese Oberland" (2002-2006). In addition he supervises and supervised many student projects concerning the possibilities and limits of parks to contribute and foster sustainable regional and landscape development.

Some relevant publications in the field of parks and sustainable development are:

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