

apl. Prof. Dr.-Ing. Thomas Weith

Professional Experience

since 2018	Senior researcher at Leibniz-Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research Müncheberg e.V. (ZALF), Research Area 2 "Land Use and Governance", Head of enlarged Working Group "Co-Design of Change and Innovation"
2016 - 2017	Head of Working Group "Co-Design of Change and Innovation" at Leibniz-Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research Müncheberg e.V. (ZALF), Institute for Socio-Economics
since July 2015	Extracurricular Professor for „Spatial Planning and Environmental Development“ at University of Potsdam" (Department of Geography)
April - August 2015	Visiting Professor for "Spatial Planning and Applied Geography" (Humboldt-University Berlin, Germany)
2010 - 2015	Senior researcher and project manager of externally funded projects: „Sustainable Land Management - Scientific Coordination Project“ and „Innovation Groups - Scientific Coordinating Project“; Additionally: Speaker of Key Research Area „Land Management, Strategies and Evidence“ at Institute for Socio-Economics
2007	Honorary research fellow at the Department of Civic Design, University of Liverpool (9 month)
2008 - 2009	Project cooperation with KIT Karlsruhe and Leibniz-Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research Müncheberg e.V. (ZALF)
Nov. 2008 - July 2015	Associate Professor (Privatdozent) at University of Potsdam (Department of Geography)
2002 - 2008	Juniorprofessorship for "Applied Regional and Environmental Research", Department of Geography, University of Potsdam (without tenure track); scientific stays abroad in Plymouth (UK), Budapest (HU), Bucharest (RO), Utrecht (NL) and South Africa
1995 - 2002	Project manager, research associate and PhD-student at Leibniz-Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning (IRS) in Erkner (near Berlin) and project manager at private planning office Dieter Schrickel (Berlin)
1994 bis 1995	Research associate at IfS Institute for Urban Research and Structural Policy GmbH (Berlin) and

Education

2008	Venia legendi und venia docendi for „Spatial research and Environmental sciences“ at University of Potsdam (Department for Geography); Associate Professor / Privatdozent (2008 - 2015)
2002 - 2008	Juniorprofessor for "Applied Regional and Environmental Research", Department of Geography, University of Potsdam (without tenure track)
2002	Dr.-Ing. (PhD in Engineering / Planning), Technische Universität Berlin; "Regionale Strategien der Siedlungsflächenentwicklung auf dem Prüfstand (Regional strategies for settlement development put to test)
1994	Diploma in Landscape Planning (Dipl.-Ing. / Engineer in Landscape planning); Technischen Universität Berlin

Research and Funding Experience

- realisation of 25 externally funded research projects (EU, national and regional authorities)
- responsible project manager for 13 externally funded research projects
- third-party research funding over 3.5 mio € since 2009

Awards

- UNESCO decade project award in the programme „Education for a sustainable development“ in 2013 („Sustainable Land Management - Scientific Coordination Project“)

Services to the Scientific Community (selected)

- Member of ISOCARP (International Society of City and Regional Planners)
- Member of the German Academy for Spatial Research and Regional Planning (ARL) since 2010
- Member of the International Expert Group „Habitat III“ for ISOCARP 2015 - 2016
- Member of the Expert Group „Information and communication platform for land management“ for the German National Environmental Agency
- Member of the international expert group ERA-Net RURAGRI 2012 - 2013
- Board member of DeGEVal (German Society for Evaluation) 2009 - 2013
- Reviewer for funding organisations (Canada, Switzerland, UK, Netherlands, China, Germany)
- Editorial Board Member "Zeitschrift für Evaluation" and „Central European Journal of Economics and Management“ (Poland)
- Reviewer: Sustainability, Sustainability Science, Land Use Science, Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management, DISP, TRANSACTIONS of AESOP, Zeitschrift für Angewandte Umweltforschung (Z.A.U.), Raumforschung und Raumordnung

Periods abroad

- 2017: China (University of Nanjing) and Switzerland WSL Eidg. Forschungsanstalt für Wald, Schnee und Landschaft Zurich
- 2016: China (Beijing, University of Nanjing, Southeast University Nanjing)
- 2013: Australia (Brisbane)
- 2008: Hungary (University of Szeged)
- 2007: Great Britain University of Liverpool's Department of Civic Design (Honorary Research Fellow from January to September)
- 2007: Netherlands (Utrecht University)
- 2006: Romania (University of Bucharest)
- 2004, 2005 and 2008: Hungary (Eötvös Loránd University Budapest)
- 2003: Great Britain (University of Plymouth)

PhD-supervision

- currently supervision of two PhD-students
- 2014 realisation of an international „PhD-Winterschool Towards Sustainable Land Management“ with participants from Africa, Asia and Europe
- Member of Graduate School „Modern Governance“ (2005 - 2007) at University of Potsdam

Teaching (since 1998)

- Spatial planning, Spatial development, Urban development, Regional development, Environmental planning, Land management, Rural development, Urban-rural interrelations
- Applied Geography and Economic Geography
- Theories and models in spatial research (including knowledge management and innovation)
- since 2003 realisation of an interdisciplinary German-Polish University seminar together with colleagues from University of Opole (Poland), combined with field trips in Opole
- teaching experience in five European Union Member States (in english)