

Dr. Michael Spies

Position: Head of Working Group 'Participatory Resilience Assessment of Farming Systems'



Academic education and scientific degrees

- 04/2014 – 01/ 2018 PhD in Geography, Freie Universität Berlin
Thesis: High mountain agriculture and changing socio-natures in Nagar, northern Pakistan
- 10/2008 – 12/2011 M.Sc. Geography, Freie Universität Berlin

Professional experience

- Since 02/2026 Group Leader and Tenure Track Scientist at ZALF
- 09/2023 – 01/2026 Lecturer and Senior Researcher, Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development (HNEE)
- Teaching in M.Sc. Global Change Management & B.Sc. International Forest Ecosystem Management
- 05/2019 – 04/2025 Head of BMBF-funded Junior Research Group 'TRANSECT – Agrarian Transformations and Social-Ecological Complexities. Local Bioeconomy Scenarios in Central and South Asia', HNEE
- 04/2018 – 11/2020 Consultant, Centre for Economics and Ecosystem Management, GIZ project 'Biodiversity and ecosystem services in agrarian landscapes' in Tajikistan and India
- 08/2017 – 04/2019 Project Coordinator, HNEE
- Project 'eAgroforst – Food security and livelihood improvement through agroforestry in Central Asia'
- 04/2013 – 07/2017 PhD Researcher and Lecturer, Geographical Institute, Freie Universität Berlin
- DFG-funded project 'Climate change and multiple stressors in mountain areas. Vulnerability, adaptive capacity and human security in Nagar (Karakoram), Pakistan'
 - Teaching in Human Geography
- 01/2012 – 03/2013 Research Assistant, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research
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