

Vilis Brukas



Forest policy with focus on countries in the Baltic Sea region is the thematic core of my research and teaching.

Presentation

Professor in Forest Planning

Teaching

I am directing the MSc course "National and International Forest Policy ", 15 ECTS credits. It is delivered by an international teacher team, examining forest governance and linkages between forest policy and management in different countries.

My interest in improving the practice of teaching and learning has been nurtured through various engagements, such as coordinating EUROFORESTER Master's programme; designing a new programme (FORPEC); delivering intensive courses on student-centred learning for university staff; taking part in the SLU Education Board dealing with strategic development of education at our university; and initiating new international Bachelor's programme Forest & Landscape (started in September 2021).

Pedagogic awards:

- SLU pedagogic award for Euroforester teacher team, 2006
- SLU individual pedagogic award, 2015

H-index Google Scholars: 21; H-index Scopus: 17

Research

My research spans various issues in forest policy, with focus on the countries of the Baltic Sea region. Approaches to forest governance differ widely within the region, constituting an exciting venue for comparative analyses. The topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Mixes of policy instruments
- Interface between policy and planning
- Approaches to forest management accross Europe
- Forest governance in transition economies

The most important engagements in the latest years have been in the frame of:

1. The EU Horizon 2020 project [ALTERFOR "Alternative models and robust decision-making for future forest management"](#).
2. Formas project Co-Creator, [Enhancing planning and advice for diversified forest management practices in Swedish family forestry](#)

Cooperation

In various research and education projects, I had a pleasure to cooperate with important forestry organisations, including, among others, the Swedish Forest Agency, the forest owner cooperative Södra and County Board Kronoberg.

Background

I grew up in Lithuania that back then (before 1990) was part of the Soviet Union. Having earned my Master's degree in forestry in Lithuania (1997) and PhD degree in Denmark (2000), i had a fortune to be exposed to very different ways of governing and managing forests in countries with different historical backgrounds. This sparked my interest in forest policy as academic discipline.

Supervision

I am currently main supervisor for three PhD projects:

- "Instrumentation of the Swedish forest policy with a focus on advisory services" by **Keeli Curtis**
- "Studying system innovations to promote fast growing broadleaves in Sweden" by **Derek Garfield**
- "Co-Creating forest management plans for better accommodation of owner needs and landscape perspective" by **Anna Karlsson**

And a postdoc project "Stakeholder cooperation and forest advisory services for more diversified forests" by **Luis Andrés Guillén Alm**

Selected publications

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