Excursion 2: Field Trip to the Biosphere Reserve **Spreewald**



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Title: Nature conservation 2.0: innovative ideas in governance and land use

management in protection areas

Teams of the cp³, ginkoo, and STRATES research projects **Organizers:**

Friday, 16th March 2018 Date:

Time: 8:45 - 17:15

Location: Biosphere reserve Spreewald (city of Lübbenau + other locations in the

Languages: English and German (German will be translated)

Costs: 30 € (Lunch included)

Dress code: As some of the areas we will visit might be wet and also weather can be

unstable, please wear waterresistant shoes and also bring a rain coat!

Participants

Max. 20 participants, open to all conference participants (registration required, first come first serve)

Thematic Outline

The biosphere reserve Spreewald is located about 90 kilometers south of Berlin. It protects a very unique landscape within the floodplain of the river Spree with more than 200 small navigable channels crisscrossing through the area. The small-scale mosaic of different land uses with single farmsteads nested into the landscape is the outcome of the traditional land use practices which have been applied in the region for centuries. Grasslands, arable lands and forests cover about one third of the area each, and are closely interwoven with water areas and human settlements. Because of its scenic beauty, the Spreewald region is also very popular for tourism. Landscape management in support of sustainable development in the region which conserves nature and at the same time provides local livelihoods is a challenge which needs to consider and consolidate the interests and concerns of many stakeholders. Three research projects: cp³, ginkoo, and STRATES are currently exploring innovative initiatives in governance and land use which foster collaboration among stakeholders from the civil, public, and private sector. New approaches include, for instance, a "Spreewald meadow share" introduced to raise additional conservation funds for the preservation of traditionally managed biodiversity rich meadows or an alternative land use management practice that uses low quality hay, unsuitable as animal forage, for heat production in small ovens. On the field trip we will visit the areas where some of the new initiatives are presently applied and there will also be ample opportunity for discussions with the local stakeholders involved in the initiatives.

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Time Plan (first draft)

08:45	Departure from Berlin (conference venue)
10:00	Arrival in Lübbenau, Biosphere reserve Spreewald
10:15	Short introductory presentation of the biosphere reserve Spreewald and the
	cp ³ , ginkoo, and STRATES research projects, biosphere reserve
	administration
11:30	Lunch break (lunch package will be provided)
12:00	Field trip and discussion with stakeholders from the region
16:00	Estimated departure from Lübbenau
17:15	Estimated arrival back in Berlin (conference venue/S-Bahn station Adlershof)

Information and Handouts will be provided

Map of the area indicating the places we will visit, fact sheet on the biosphere reserve Spreewald, and short information leaflet on the three projects involved in the organization of the field trip.









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