

Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology



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1. Introduction

The Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology is one of the larger departments at the university, with about 120 employees: 13 professors, ca 45 lecturers and researchers, ca 30 PhD students and ca 25 technical/administrative staff. The personnel now consists of a broad mix of people coming from around the world, together creating a very dynamic and creative research and education environment at the department.

Together with our neighbours, the Department of Geology and Geochemistry, the Department of Applied Environmental Science and the Department of Human Geography, in the Geosciences building at the campus of Stockholm University, we constitute one of the most complete geocentres in Scandinavia. Within one building, we have all the facilities of a modern university: library, laboratories, and equipment to conduct increasingly successful scientific studies and offer stimulating and advanced education to current and prospective students.

We conduct multi-disciplinary research in the fields of ecological geography, geomorphology and paleoglaciology, glaciology, hydrology, paleoclimatology, Quaternary geology, remote sensing and GIS, and tropical geography. Our research can be grouped under the following research profiles: i) climate, environment and landscape development; ii) glacier and polar environments; iii) land and water resources and iv) landscape analysis and geomatics. Basic research is oriented towards furthering our understanding of short- and long term processes and interactions that lead to landscape development and environmental and climate changes. The behaviour of past and present systems and interactions between systems are modelled for predictions of future likely trends. The department is equipped with sediment laboratories and a dendroclimatological laboratory.

We also take pride in providing a broad high-quality basic education. The goal of the undergraduate education is to offer high quality learning, reflecting the research profiles of the department, and meeting the society's need for a sound theoretical competence. The department carries out undergraduate education in geography, earth sciences, integrated biology-earth science, and in environmental sciences. Every year slightly more than 1000 students attend our undergraduate education programmes.

Arjen Stroeven Head of the Department

History

Geography was established at Stockholm University as a subject in its own right in 1912, but it was not until 1929 that the first professor, Hans W:son Ahlmann, was appointed. He held this position until 1950. Gunnar Hoppe was appointed professor in 1954, one year before the division between Physical Geography and Human Geography commenced. Professor Hoppe retired in 1980 and was succeeded by Gunnar Østrem, Wibjörn Karlén, and, in 2003, by Peter Kuhry. Hans W:son Ahlmann, particularly interested in Arctic research, led several expeditions to the Arctic and initiated the establishment of a glaciological research station in the Swedish mountains, the Tarfala Research Station. Valter Schytt was appointed professor of glaciology in 1970 and held the position until 1985. Per Holmlund succeeded him in 1999.

Gunnar Hoppe pioneered the incorporation and interpretation of aerial photographs in geomorphological research. His strong interest in remote sensing led to the creation of a professorship in remote sensing at the Department of Physical Geography in 1980, a position held by Leif Wastenson until 2001. Johan Kleman succeeded him. Leif Wastenson developed and expanded the field of remote sensing leading to the establishment of a professorship in ecological geography, held by Margareta Ihse since 1997. In 2005, following a strategic decision to develop the Department's profile in hydrology, a new professorship in hydrology, hydrogeology and water resources was established. The position is held by Georgia Destouni.

As long as geology has been a subject at Stockholm University, Quaternary Geology has received considerable attention. Two early professors of geology, Gerard De Geer (1897-1924) and Lennart von Post (1929-1950) had international reputations in Quaternary geology, De Geer for his invention of the clay-varve dating method and von Post as the father of pollen analysis. In 1956 von Post's successor, Ivar Hessland, created an assistant professorship, the first holder of which was Carl-Gösta Wenner, who gave the department new direction towards applied geology. In 1962 Quaternary Geology became an independent subject and in 1963 a department on its own. Jan Lundqvist succeeded Wenner in 1980 and became the first full professor of Quaternary Geology at Stockholm University. Lundqvist retired in 1993 and was succeeded by Bertil Ringberg, and, from 2002 to 2007, by Barbara Wohlfarth.

The Department of Physical Geography and the Department of Quaternary Research amalgamated to create the Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology on January 1, 2001. Research interests of other professorships at the department are in tropical geography (Carl Christiansson), paleoclimatology (Karin Holmgren), glaciology (Peter Jansson), remote sensing (Bengt Lundén), paleoclimatology (Gunhild Rosqvist) paleoglaciology (Arjen Stroeven) and Quaternary stratigraphy (Stefan Wastegård). Together with the aforementioned professorships we successfully straddle both traditional and innovative directions in physical geography and Quaternary geology.

2. Current Research

Research groups in the fields of ecological geography, geomorphology and paleoglaciology, glaciology, hydrology, paleoclimatology, Quaternary geology, remote sensing and GIS, and tropical geography contribute to four research profiles described below. All research groups are involved in the BBCC program (2.5).

2.1. Glaciers and polar environments

Research themes and areas

Research focusses on glaciers, ice sheets and cold (permafrost) environments in a global perspective. Study areas include Antarctica and Greenland, alpine environments in Scandinavia (and elsewhere), and the tundra regions. In a temporal perspective we are working with three different time slots: the entire quaternary period (last 2 million years), the present (last 200 years) and the future. Research activities can be subdivided into:

- Climate related processes and impacts of Global Change.
- Glacial processes and ice physical properties
- Paleoglaciological inverse and numerical modelling of past and present ice sheets.
- Coupling between high latitude land ecosystems and the global climate system.

A significant number of projects are linked to Tarfala Research Station in the Kebnekaise massif where the department is running an extensive monitoring programme. Tarfala is used as a platform for both education and for national and international research programmes.



The Blomstrandbreen glacier has retreated significantly during the last few years, exposing a "new" small island with a tiny glacier remnant on top. Northwestern Svalbard. Photo: Helena Alexanderson.

Ongoing projects

- 1. Applying the optically stimulated luminescence (OSL) technique to date the Weichselian glacial history of south and central Sweden / *Alexanderson H*.
- 2. Arctic natural climate and environmental changes and human adaptation (SciencePub) ice-sheet variability on Svalbard (project leader J. Landvik) / *Alexanderson H*.
- 3. Estimating volume changes of Patagonian glaciers using inventory data and scaling techniques / *De Angelis H*.
- 4. Exploring the conditions for stability and modes of behaviour of glacier systems / De Angelis H.
- 5. Deglaciation of the British-Irish ice sheet / Greenwood S.
- 6. Mega-scale glacial geomorphology from the Laurentide ice sheet / Greenwood S., Kleman J
- 7. The north Greenland Eemian ice drilling / Hansson M.
- 8. The European Programme on Ice Coring in Antarctica / Hansson M., Holmlund P., Karlin T.
- 9. Climate, glaciers and permafrost in the Swedish mountains / Holmlund P.
- 10. Subglacial thermal conditions through a glaciation phase / Holmlund P.
- 11. The Japanese-Swedish Antarctic Expedition (JASE) / Holmlund P., Hansson M., Ingvander S., Karlin T., Johansson M.
- 12. Terrestrial history of the Muonionalusta meteorites / Hättestrand C.
- 13. Spatial and temporal snow accumulation patterns along an icedivide in Dronning Maud Land, Antarctica / *Ingvander S*.
- 14. Spatial and temporal variations in surficial melt on the Greenland ice sheet and the effects on glacier dynamics / *Johansson M*.
- 15. A statistical approach to former ice shelf configurations in the Arctic Ocean / Kirchner N.
- 16. Assessing the timing, extent and volume of Tibetan Plateau ice during the last 130.000 years by numerical simulations: a model for interpreting its Quaternary glacial history / Kirchner N., Stroeven A.P., Heyman J.
- 17. Paleoglaciology of the northern sector of the Cordilleran ice sheet / Stroeven A.P., Kleman I.
- 18. Paleoglaciology of the NE Tibetan Plateau / Stroeven A.P., Hättestrand C., Alexanderson H., Kleman J., Heyman J.
- 19. Paleoglaciology of the Shaluli upland on the SE Tibetan Plateau / Stroeven A.P., Hättestrand C., Fu P., Heyman J.
- 20. Post YD deglaciation of the Fennoscandian ice sheet / Stroeven A.P., Hättestrand C., Heyman J., Kleman J., Jansson K., Alexanderson H., Johnsen T., Lundqvist J.

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Sampling a boulder on the southeastern Tibetan Plateau for cosmogenic exposure dating. Photo: Jakob Heyman.

2.2. Climate, environment and landscape development

Research themes and areas

Our research is aimed at describing climate, environment and landscape changes in time and space, and understanding underlying processes and causes. Investigations address recent and rapid change as well as long term evolution over millions of years. We work over the whole world with ongoing projects in the Nordic countries, the rest of Europe, Africa, South-America, northern Russia, Canada, China, Antarctica and Greenland.

We make use of long instrumental records as well as natural archives such as lake sediments, peat deposits, ice cores, drip stones, tree rings, glacial sequences and archeological evidence to investigate changes in climate, environment and associated biological, chemical and physical processes. The comparison between multiple archives allows a better reconstruction of past changes at local, regional and global scales. We interpret landscape, landforms and sediment layers to understand landscape development. Regional reconstructions of landscape and ice sheet development are performed through a combination of spatial analyses based on aerial photos, satellite images, digital terrain models and field mapping with studies of sediments and their stratigraphy, and dating of landforms and sedimentary deposits. We also apply computer simulations to investigate how glaciers, ice sheets and global sea level are affected by climatic change.



A core of sub-till interstadial sediments at Riipiharju, northern Sweden. Photo: Helena Alexanderson.

Ongoing projects

- 1. Late Holocene humidity variability in central Sweden / Andersson S.
- 2. Bridging the gap between rhetoric and practice in integrated conservation and development efforts. Experiences from South Africa / Dahlberg A.
- 3. The role of land ownership and land use for sustainable landscape care and management: The case of Sweden in a European and global comparative analysis / *Dahlberg A*.
- 4. Cenozoic landscape evolution in northern Sweden. Geomorphological interpretation within a GIS-framework / *Ebert K*.
- 5. Meteoric ¹⁰Be dating of Miocene-Quaternary saprolites on plains with residual hills in northern Sweden / *Ebert K*.
- 6. NEEM project / Hansson M., Wastegård S.
- 7. The urban mind / Holmgren K.
- 8. The impacts of the climate: sea level rise and flood legends in Mozambique / Holmgren K.
- 9. Africa's climate and the survival of communities eastern Africa during the 18th and 19th centuries / *Holmgren K*.
- 10. Holocene climate variability in southern Greece / Holmgren K.
- 11. CARBO-North: Quantifying the carbon budget in northern Russia: past, present and future / Kuhry P., Holzkämper S., Hugelius G.
- 12. Landscape analysis for tectonic applications / Lidmar-Bergström K.
- 13. Climate in the last millennium / Moberg A.
- 14. Human impact in the Fållnäs area, south of Stockholm, Sweden / Risberg J.
- 15. Environmental changes in the eastern parts of Lake Mälaren, west of Stockholm, during the last 3000 years / Risherg J.
- 16. Construction of palaeogeographical maps for eastern Svealand for the last 7000 years / Risberg J.
- 17. Sea level changes along the Mozambiquan coast during the last 7000 years / Risberg J.
- 18. Climate change in southern Mozambique during the last 4000 years / Risberg J.
- 19. Climate change in northwestern Tanzania / Risberg J.
- 20. Black carbon aspect of climate change / Rosqvist G.
- 21. Africa's climate and the survival of communities Eastern Africa during the 18th and 19th centuries / *Ryner M*.
- 22. Understanding the spatial and temporal variability of climate in northern Tanzania during the last 1000 years / Ryner M.
- 23. Temporal and spatial dynamics of subarctic peat plateau / thermokarst lake complexes / Sannel B.
- 24. DAPHNE dated speleothem archives of the paleoenvironment / Sundqvist H.
- 25. Holocene climate variability over Scandinavia / Sundqvist H., Moberg A., Holmgren K.
- 26. Sharpening the tools improving tephrochronology around the Atlantic Sea / Wastegård S.
- 27. SMART project (synchronising marine and ice-core records using tephrochronology) / Wastegård S.
- 28. Potrok Aike Lake sediment archive drilling project / Wastegård S., Veres D.
- 29. MILLENNIUM: European climate over the last millennium / Wastegård S., Moberg A., Rosqvist G., Bergman J., Schoning K., Gunnarson B., Grudd H., Berntsson A.
- 30. The role of climate-environmental change, in relation to socio-economic factors, in the rise and fall of Engaruka fossil land use system, Tanzania / Westerberg L.O.
- 31. The impacts of the climate: sea level rise and flood legends in Mocambique / Westerberg L.O.
- 32. Environmental change in northern Tanzania during the last 1000 years / Oberg H.

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Coring interstadial sediments at Riipiharju, northern Sweden. Photo: Helena Alexanderson.

2.3. Landscape analysis and geomatics

Research themes and areas

Research and education in these fields comprises methods development in satellite image processing, air photo interpretation, positioning, geographical information systems, and the application of these methods to a wide variety of geoscientific, bioscientific, landscape ecologic and environmental issues. Study areas are in Sweden, other Nordic countries, the British Isles, Russia, Canada, South America, Eastern Africa, Southeast Asia, Antarctica and Greenland.

Research in glacial and periglacial environments include glacial geomorphological mapping for reconstructions of paleoglaciological and long-term landscape evolution, the mapping of recent dynamics in permafrost landscapes, and glaciological remote sensing. Remote sensing and modelling techniques are developed to monitor changes in water quality and coastal ecosystems. The research of landscape ecological questions includes vegetation mapping for change detection in sensitive mountainous environments, analysis of landscape ecological structures, and mapping and monitoring of biodiversity and biological values in cultural landscapes. GIS is applied for monitoring and analysis of the cultural landscape and for environmental management and protection in urban/semiurban areas.

The Department has been instrumental in the development of the National Atlas project and its GIS components, as in applied projects of landscape and habitat inventory and monitoring in cooperation with the Swedish Environmental Protection agency in the Landscape Monitoring project of the agricultural landscapes, LiM, and the Natura 2000 program.



Small remnant habitats of a traditional rural landscape at Långmaren, Nynäs Nature Reserve on the coast of the Baltic Sea. Photo: Sara Cousins.

Ongoing projects

- 1. Land use change and effects of functional and spatial connectivity on historical and present biodiversity patterns / Cousins S., Aggemyr E.
- 2. Historical land use influence on dispersal and diversity of grassland species in rural landscapes / Cousins S., Auffret A.
- 3. Modelling plant species dispersal in fragmented landscapes / Cousins S.
- 4. Linking management and feedback across scales in social-ecological systems examples from forest ecosystems / *Eriksson S*.
- 5. Studies of actual and medieval vegetation in summer farming areas of Snorre Sturlasson, Iceland / *Ihse M*.
- 6. EMMA Environmental Mapping and Monitoring with Airborne laser and digital images / Skånes H.
- 7. Natura 2000 follow-up project / Skånes H.

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2.4. Land and water resources

Research themes and areas

We investigate natural processes and anthropogenic effects in different land, soil and water environments and their changes in space and time.

The research relates also to other Earth and environmental sciences, and to environmental monitoring, management and regulation of land and water resources in different applications. We carry out research for different parts of the world on:

- Land, water and waterborne substance interactions, flow and transport dynamics and changes in space and time.
- Freshwater interactions with climate, coastal and marine waters, snow/ice and socio-economic systems.
- Land and water resources in different physical, biogeochemical, ecological and cultural
 environments.
- The interaction between climate extremes, air pollution, soil conditions and forest ecosystems.
- Climate feedbacks and effects on land-water systems within the cross-disciplinary Stockholm University Climate Research Environment (BBCC)

In this research, we use, develop and couple tools such as hydrological flow and solute-pollutant transport models, geographical information systems and remote sensing for both basic process quantifications and different applications.



Collecting river sand from the eastern Tibetan Plateau for erosion rate measurements. Photo: Jakob Heyman.

Ongoing projects

- 1. Pan-Arctic ice-water-biogeochemical system responses and social-ecological resilience effects in a warming climate / *Destouni G.*, *Bring A.*, *Lyon S.*
- 2. Pan-Arctic hydrological and biogeochemical responses to climate change, The Swedish Research Council Formas / Destouni G., Mård Karlsson J., Lyon S., Dyurgerov M., Peterson G.
- 3. The subsurface water system role for land-to-atmosphere and land-to-sea vapor-water partitioning and solute mass flows / Destouni G., Asokan S., Prieto C., Darracq A.
- 4. Risk quantification for accidental pollutant spreading through subsurface water / Destouni G., Persson K., Prieto C., Darracq A., Jarsjö J.
- 5. Water quality modelling based on landscape analysis: importance of riparian hydrology / *Grabs T*.
- 6. Quantifying the potential of carbon dioxide storage, long-term retention and surface return flow minimization in Swedish bedrock / Jarsjö J., Destouni G., Desouche C.
- 7. Mitigating agricultural pollution impacts on health and environment in the Aral Sea Basin / Jarsjö J., Destouni G., Törnqvist R., Asokan S.
- 8. Stream flow modeling and variation of runoff in a boreal landscape / Nathanson M.
- 9. Mapping global regime shifts / Peterson G.
- 10. Modelling dynamics of multiple ecosystem services / Peterson G.
- 11. Hydrological modelling for climate-change impact assessment / Seibert J., Teutschbein C.
- 12. Water package an information package for increased awareness in water issues / Seibert J.
- 13. Northern Watershed Ecosystem Response to Climate Change, NORTH-WATCH / Seibert J.
- 14. Green Governance / Schlyter P., Stjernquist
- 15. National Environmental Objectives in the Mountain Environment management, future and conflict analysis / Schlyter P., Stjernquist
- 16. The effect of biomass withdrawal on the nutrient balance in forest soils / *Schlyter P.*, *Stiernquist*
- 17. Hydrological modelling for climate change impact assessment / Teutschbein C.

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2.5. The Bert Bolin Centre for Climate Research (BBCC)

The centre conducts a 10-year research and research environment-building program, funded by a Linné-grant from FORMAS and VR. The research program brings together the climate research expertise in four departments, and the program is coordinated by the Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology. The research program focuses on five cross-disciplinary core themes; climate variability, atmospheric and ocean circulation, geodata for circulation system modeling, biogeochemical cycles, and climate governing small-scale processes. The financial framework is 10 Mkr (1.7 mill \$)/year over the 10-year period 2006-2016, with an additional 2 Mkr/year for the associated research school.

Important policy decisions for sustainable development are based on climate scenarios derived through numerical climate modeling. Such models are a synthesis of our current understanding of climate-influencing processes in the various components of the climate system. Our challenge and aim is to provide improved knowledge about climate-influencing processes, over a range of time-scales and subsystems. The BBCC research program embraces natural climate processes and variability, as well as changes imposed by man's ever-increasing impact on the climate system through emission of greenhouse gases and aerosols, and changes in land-use, vegetation and hydrology. With the present strong public and political interest in climate research, interaction with media and policy makers is an important task for many of the researchers involved in the program. There is already a strong involvement by BBCC researchers in IPCC, and on the policy side in the climate commission of the Swedish government.



Stranded "icebergs" at a beach close to the actively calving Blomstrandbreen glacier on NW Svalbard. Photo: Helena Alexanderson.

3. Publications

Reviewed articles

- 1. Alekseeva I., **Jarsjö J.**, Schrum C. and **Destouni G.** 2009: Reproducing the Aral Sea water budget and sea-groundwater dynamics between 1979 and 1993 using a coupled 3-D sea-ice-groundwater model. *Journal of Marine Systems*, 76, 296-309.
- 2. Baresel C. and **Destouni G.** 2009: Diffuse subsurface zinc loads from mining areas in the Dalälven River Basin, Sweden. *Hydrology Research*, 40, 445-453.
- 3. Bayer-Raich M. and **Jarsjö J.** 2009: Breakthrough of attenuating contaminant plumes in pumping wells: Analytical model and implications for integral pumping tests. *Water resources research*, 45, W02413.
- 4. Bennett E.M., **Peterson G.D.** and Gordon L.J. 2009: Understanding relationships among multiple ecosystem services. *Ecology letters*, 12, 1394-1404.
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- 6. Bos J.A.A., **Helmens K.F.**, Bohncke S.J.P., Seppä H. and Birks H.J.B. 2009: Flora, vegetation and climate at Sokli, northeastern Fennoscandia, during the Weichselian Middle Pleniglacial. *Boreas*, 38, 335-348.
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- 9. Broxton P., Troch P. and Lyon S. 2009: On the role of aspect to quantify water transit times in small mountainous catchments. *Water resources research*, 45, W08427-W08427.
- 10. Burke J. and **Kuylenstierna J.** 2009: The Water Variable Producing enough food in a climate insecure world. In: *Perspective papers on Water and Climate Change Adaptation*. 5th World Water Forum.
- 11. Conley D.J., Björck S., Bonsdorff E., Carstensen J., **Destouni G.**, Gustafsson B.G., Hietanen S., Kortekaas M., Kuosa H., Meier H.E.M., Muller-Karulis B., Nordberg K., Norkko A., Nurnberg G., Pitkänen H., Rabalais N.N., Rosenberg R., Savchuk O.P., Slomp C.P., Voss M., Wulff F. and Zillén L. 2009: Hypoxia-Related Processes in the Baltic Sea. *Environmental Science and Technology*, 43, 3412-3420.
- 12. Conley D.J., Bonsdorff E., Carstensen J., **Destouni G.**, Gustafsson B.G., Hansson, L.-A., Rabalais N.N., Voss M. and Zillén L. 2009: Tackling hypoxia in the Baltic Sea: Is engineering a solution?. *Environmental Science and Technology*, 43, 3407-3411.
- 13. **Cousins S.A.O.** 2009: Landscape history and soil properties affect grassland decline and plant species richness in rural landscapes. *Biological Conservation*, 142, 2752-2758.
- 14. **Cousins S.A.O.** 2009: Extinction debt in fragmented grasslands: paid or not? *Journal of Vegetation Science*, 20, 3-7.
- 15. **Cousins S.A.O.**, Lindborg R. and **Mattsson S.** 2009: Land use history and site location are more important for grassland species richness than local soil properties. *Nordic Journal of Botany*, 27, 483-489.
- 16. **Dahlberg A.** and Burlando C. 2009: Addressing trade-offs: Experiences from conservation and development initiatives in the Mkuze Wetlands, South Africa. *Resilience Alliance*, 14.

- 17. **Dahlberg A.** and **Trygger S.** 2009: Indigenous medicine and primary health care: The importance of lay knowledge and use of medicinal plants in rural South Africa. *Human Ecology*, 37, 79-94.
- 18. Dahlke H.E., Easton Z.M., Fuka D.R., **Lyon S.W.** and Steenhuis T.S. 2009: Modelling variable source area dynamics in a CEAP watershed. *Ecohydrology*, 2, 337-349.
- 19. Dahlke H.E., Behrens T., **Seibert J.** and Andersson L. 2009: Test of statistical means for the extrapolation of soil depth point information using overlays of spatial environmental data and bootstrapping techniques. *Hydrological Processes*, 23, 3017-3029.
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5. Education

The goal of the undergraduate education at the Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology is to offer a high quality education, reflecting the research profile of the Department, and meeting the society's need for theoretical and practical competence within the fields of education.

The department carries out undergraduate education in Geography, Earth sciences, integrated Biology-Earth Science, and in Environmental issues. In addition, a wide spectrum of graduate (master's level) programmes and courses are given, reflecting the research profiles of the department. Every year about 1500 students attend our undergraduate and graduate education.

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- First cycle: Högskoleexamen 2 years, Kandidatexamen (Bachelor's Degree) 3 years
- Second cycle: Magisterexamen 1 year, Masterexamen (Master's Degree) 2 years;
- Third cycle: Licentiatexamen 2 years, Doktorsexamen (Doctorate) 4 years.

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5.1. Undergraduate (First Cycle) education

Three undergraduate (Bachelor's) programmes are given by the Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology:

- Bachelor's programme in Geography
- Bachelor's programme in Earth Science
- Bachelor's programme in Biology-Earth Science

Bachelor's programme in Geography

The *Geography programme* includes courses up to 180 Higher Education Credits (HEC), which correspond to three years of full-time studies (1 HEC is roughly 3 days of full-time studies):

- 1-30 HEC: Geography I, 30 HEC
- 31-60 HEC: Geography II, 30 HEC
- 61-90 HEC: Geography III, 30 HEC
- 91-165 HEC: Optional courses
- 166-180 HEC: Geography, Degree Project (Bachelor's Thesis), 15 HEC

The Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology and the Department of Human Geography at Stockholm University collaborate within the geography education, and much of the education is integrated physical and human geography. Every year 100-120 students starts their Geography studies. They study geography either as a part of ordinary university studies or as a part of the theoretical education within the teachers' training programme at Stockholm University. Geography can be studied within a programme framework or as stand-alone courses. Seen over a period of ten years, the influx of students has increased substantially. One reason for

this increase is the elevated interest, and need for knowledge, in the field of geography in a world where globalisation is steadily increasing.

Bachelor's programme in Earth Science

The bachelor's programme in *Earth Science* (180 HEC) is given in collaboration with the Department of Geology and Geochemistry at Stockholm University. Courses can be taken within the programme framework or as stand-alone courses, both study paths leading to a Bachelor's Degree. Within the programme, the first year (60 HEC) consists of compulsory courses where students learn the basics in earth science: Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology (30 HEC) and Geology (30 HEC), respectively. After the first year the students specialise within Physical Geography, Hydrology, Quaternary Geology, Geology, Marine Geoscience, or Geochemistry. The programme is completed with a 15 HEC Degree Project (Bachelor's Thesis), which at the Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology is either in Quaternary Geology, Physical Geography, or in Hydrology/Hydrogeology.

Bachelor's programme in Biology-Earth Science

The Biology-Earth Science Study Programme encompasses 180 HEC, and is carried out in collaboration with the Department of Biology Education at Stockholm University. The programme consists of 90 HEC mandatory courses in earth sciences and environmental issues and 90 HEC in biology. A 15 HEC Degree Project (Bachelor's Thesis) ends the programme. A distinctive feature of the programme is the integration between Earth Science and Biology. The Earth Science part focus particularly on biogeography, climatology, geomorphology, cartography, soil science, aerial photograph interpretation and GIS, and environmental issues and nature conservation.

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The Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology offers a wide range of courses on environmental issues on basic level (first cycle) and advanced level (second cycle). The courses are stand-alone courses that are optional within the study paths of the bachelor programmes in Geography, Earth Science, Biology, and many other subjects.

5.2. Graduate (Second Cycle) education

The Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology offers advanced courses in glaciology and glacial geomorphology, climatology and palaeoclimatology, palaeoecology, Quaternary geology, hydrology and hydrogeology, soil science, Geographic Information Systems, cartography and map production, remote sensing, ecological geography, and natural resources, environment, and land use in the tropics. The courses provides the prospective geoscientist and geographer with an overall breadth to be used in working with, for example, nature and environmental control, geoscientific examinations, planning, risk assessment and research.

The advanced courses are compiled in a number of Master's Programmes. These are all two years long and always include a research task in the form of a Degree Project, which may be one semester long (20 weeks), one and a half semester long (30 weeks) or a full study year long (40 weeks). The programmes in general start with 1.5-2 semesters of mandatory courses with a certain topical emphasis. Thereafter the students take 1-1.5 semester of optional courses and finish the programmes with a Degree Project of 1-2 semesters.

Master's Programmes

- Biology-Earth Sciences
- Environmental Analysis and Management

- Environment and Health Protection
- Environmental Protection and Physical Planning
- Geography
- Glaciology and Polar Environments
- Globalization, Environment and Social Change
- Hydrology, Hydrogeology and Water Resources
- Landscape Analysis with Remote Sensing, GIS and Cartography
- Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology
- Quaternary Science and Climate Development

Other courses

The course "Science Communication, 30 HEC" is an advanced course, which offers a generally deepened understanding of the role that scientific research plays in society and the problems attached to it, and offers a practice in the style of scientific writing and in communicating science in media.

The summer course "Glaciers and high mountain environments, 7.5 HEC" is a glaciology field course held at the Tarfala Research Station, northern Sweden. The field-based part of the course introduces different methods of measurement and analysis and the study of glacial or periglacial landscapes and processes.

5.3. Postgraduate (Third Cycle) education

The postgraduate education program at the Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology, Stockholm University, includes courses, seminars, excursions and the writing and defence of a Licentiate and a Doctoral thesis. Students can choose to either graduate in "Physical Geography" or in "Quaternary Geology". The success of our postgraduate programme is reflected in the amount and quality of Doctoral theses produced (see section 6 in this report for a list of recent theses). Below, we will tabulate currently enrolled students and their projects within each examination subject.

Physical Geography / Geography with emphasis on Physical Geography:

Elsa Aggemyr

Land use change and effects of connectivity on past and present plant patterns in the archipelago

Ingela Andersson

The influence and concerns of the local physical landscape in regional planning of water quality

Alistair Auffret

Historical land use effects on dispersal of grassland species in rural landscapes

Arvid Bring

Distributed modelling of hydrological dynamics and waterborne mass fluxes in cold regions

Martial Duguay

The effects of climate change induced glacier melt on water resources in the La Paz region, Bolivia

Malin Johansson

Spatial and temporal variations in surficial melt on the Greenland ice sheet and the effects on glacier dynamics

Sofia Eriksson

Linking management and feedback across scales in social-ecological systems — Examples from forest ecosystems

Thomas Grabs

Water quality modelling based on landscape analysis: importance of riparian hydrology

Jakob Granit

Coping with global environmental change: water resources management and development

Jakob Heyman

Paleoglaciology of the northeastern Tibetan Plateau

Gustaf Hugelius

Landscape patterns of soil organic matter quantity and quality in permafrost terrain

Susanne Ingvander

Spatial and temporal snow accumulation patterns along an ice divide in Dronning Maud land, Antarctica

Martin Margold

Paleoglaciological reconstructions using digital elevation models and satellite imagery

Shilpa Muliyil Asokan

Basin-scale hydrological impacts of climate and land use changes

Johanna Mård Karlsson

Mapping Arctic social-ecological resilience to hydrological change

Marcus Nathanson

Stream flow modeling and variation of runoff in a boreal landscape

Klas Persson

Solute transport processes and risk propagation in coupled groundwater and surface water systems

Josefin Reimark

Plant functional traits on grazed and abandoned satellite islands; effects of space and time

Britta Sannel

Temporal and spatial dynamics of subarctic peat plateau / thermokarst lake complexes

Shyhrete Shala

Early Holocene deglacial environment and hypsithermal warming at high latitudes (N Fennoscandia) as recorded by multi-proxy evidence.

Claudia Teutschbein

Hydrological modelling for climate change impact assessment

Rebecka Törnqvist

Basin-scale hydrological och pollutant load impacts of land use and climatic changes

Dan Warghagen

Water management and changing land use. Coping with expansion — Norrtälje as a case study. How intensified land use due to expansion affects the use and management of a municipality's water resource.

Helena Öberg

Environmental change in northern Tanzania during the last 1000 years

Quaternary Geology:

Sofia Andersson

Late Holocene humidity variability in central Sweden

Annika Berntsson

Reconstruction of environmental and climate changes in Vindelfjällen, northern Sweden, using lake sediments

Timothy Johnsen

Dynamics and chronology of ice sheet dynamics in the central Fennoscandian mountain range

Päivi Kaislahti Tillman

Holocene climate and environmental change in high latitudes as recorded by stable isotopes in peat deposits

Carl Lilja

Synchroneity of late-glacial tephra horizons

Ewa Lind Mettävainio

Tephrochronology of the north Atlantic region during the early Holocene

Torbjörn Karlin

Deep ice core analysis of processes in the climate system

List of examinations for 2009

| Name | Date | Degree |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Christina Jonsson | 02 Oct 2009 | PhD, Physical Geography |
| Karin Ebert | 04 Dec 2009 | PhD, Physical Geography |
| | | |
| Sofia Eriksson | 14 Jan 2009 | PhLic, Physical Geography |
| Gustaf Hugelius | 08 Jun 2009 | PhLic, Physical Geography |
| Klas Persson | 26 Nov 2009 | PhLic, Physical Geography |

6. Dissertations

- The Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology, Stockholm University Thesis in Geography with emphasis on Physical Geography (2001-2006)
- SARA A. O. COUSINS, 2001. Plant species diversity patterns in a Swedish rural landscape: Effects of the past and consequences for the future. Dissertation No. 17. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Roy Haines-Young
- CECILIA RICHARDSON-NÄSLUND, 2001. Spatial distribution of snow in Antarctica and other glacier studies using ground-penetrating radar. Dissertation No. 18. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Robert W. Jacobel
- THOMAS SCHNEIDER, 2001. Hydrological processes in firn on Storglaciären, Sweden. Dissertation No. 19. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Andrew Fountain
- HANS W. LINDERHOLM, 2001. Temporal and spatial couplings between tree-ring variability and climate in Scandinavia. Dissertation No. 20. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Astrid Ogilvie
- MARIANNE I. LAGERKLINT, 2001. Marine multi-proxy records of late Quaternary climate change from the Atlantic Ocean. Dissertation No. 21. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Lloyd H. Burckle
- RICHARD Y. M. KANGALAWE, 2001. Changing land-use patterns in the Irangi hills, central Tanzania. A study of soil degradation and adaptive farming strategies. Dissertation No. 22. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. William Adams
- ANDERS CLARHÄLL, 2002. Glacial Erosion Zonation Perspectives on Topography, Landforms, Processes and Time. Dissertation No. 23. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Chris Clark
- KRISTER N. JANSSON, 2002. Glacial geomorphology of north-central Labrador-Ungava, Canada. Dissertation No. 24. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Andrée Bolduc
- BJÖRN E. GUNNARSON, 2002. Holocene climate and environmental fluctuations from subfossil pines in central Sweden. Dissertation No. 25. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Mike G. L. Baillie
- KATARINA. LÖFVENHAFT, 2002. Spatial and temporal perspectives on biodiversity for physical planning Examples from urban Stockholm, Sweden. Dissertation No. 26. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Jan Bengtsson
- ANNA ALLARD, 2003: Vegetation changes in mountainous areas A monitoring methodology based on aerial photographs, high-resolution satellite images, and field investigations. Dissertation No. 27. Fakultetsopponent: Doc. Timo Helle
- PER KLINGBJER, 2004: Glaciers and climate in northern Sweden during the 19th and 20th century. Dissertation No. 28. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Georg Kaser
- OLA FREDIN, 2004. Mountain centred ice fields in northern Scandinavia Dissertation No. 29. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Jon Landvik
- JOHAN M. BONOW, 2004. Paleosurfaces and paleovalleys on North Atlantic previously glaciated passive margins-reference forms for conclusions on uplift and erosion. Dissertation No. 30. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Adrian Hall
- RICKARD PETTERSSON, 2004. Dynamics of the cold surface layer of polythermal Storglaciären, Sweden. Dissertation No. 31. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Helgi Björnsson

- KATARINA LUNDBLAD, 2006. Studies on Tropical Palaeo-variation in Climate and Cosmic Ray Influx. Geochemical Data from Stalagmites Collected in Tanzania and Northern South Africa. Dissertation No. 32. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Augusto Mangini
- LENA RUBENSDOTTER, 2006. Alpine lake sediment archives and catchment geomorphology; causal relationships and implications for paleoenvironmental reconstructions. Dissertation No. 33. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Catherine Souch
 - The Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology, Stockholm University Thesis in Quaternary Geology, published in Quaternaria, ser A. (2001)
- KRISTIAN SCHONING, 2001. Marine conditions in middle Sweden during the late Weichselian and early Holocene as inferred from foraminifera, Ostracoda and stable isotopes. Dissertation No. 8.
- LAIMDOTA KALNINA, 2001. Middle and Late Pleistocene environmental changes recorded in the Latvian part of the Baltic Sea basin. Dissertation No. 9.
- ANNA HEDENSTRÖM, 2001. Early Holocene shore displacement in eastern Svealand, Sweden, based on diatom stratigraphy, radiocarbon chronology and geochemical parameters. Dissertation No. 10.
- TIIT HANG, 2001. Proglacial sedimentary environment, varve chronology and late Weichselian development of the Lake Peipsi, eastern Estonia. Dissertation No. 11.
 - The Department of Physical Geography and Quaternary Geology, Stockholm University Thesis in Quaternary Geology (2002-2005)
- GREGER LINDEBERG, 2002. The Swedish varved clays revisited: Spectral- and image analysis of different types of varve series from the Baltic Basin. Dissertation No. 1. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Björn Malmgren
- RATHNASIRI PREMATHILAKE, 2003: Late Quaternary palaeoecological event stratigraphy in the Horton Plains, central Sri Lanka with contributions to the recent pollen flora. Dissertation No. 2. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Francoise Gasse
- ANGELICA FEURDEAN, 2004: Palaeoenvironment in north-western Romania during the last 15,000 years. Dissertation No. 3. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Katherine J. Willis
- ANDERS BORGMARK, 2005: The colour of climate: changes in peat decomposition as a proxy for climate change. Dissertation No. 4. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Bas van Geel
- JENS HEIMDAHL, 2005: Urbanised nature in the past site formation and environmental development in two Swedish towns, AD 1200-1800. Dissertation No. 5. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Jane Sidall

- HÅKAN GRUDD, 2006: Tree rings as sensitive proxies of past climate change. Dissertation No. 1. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Brian Luckman
- ULF JONSELL, 2006: Sulfur in polar ice and snow. Interpretations of past atmosphere and climate through glacial archives. Dissertation No. 2. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Mark Curran.
- HANNA S. SUNDQVIST, 2007: Speleothems as environmental recorders A study of Holocene speleothems and their growth environments in Sweden. Dissertation No. 3. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Frank McDermott.
- PATRIK KLINTENBERG, 2007: More water, less grass? An assessment of resource degradation and stakeholders' perceptions of environmental change in Ombuga grassland, northern Namibia. Dissertation No. 4. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Stein Bie.
- MARIA RYNER, 2007: Past environmental and climate changes in northern Tanzania. Vegetation and lake level variability in Empakaai Crater. Dissertation No. 5. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Henry Lamb.
- DANIEL S. VERES, 2007: Terrestrial response to Dansgaard-Oeschger cycles and Heinrich events: the lacustrine record of Les Echets, south-eastern France. Dissertation No. 6. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. John J. Lowe.
- YOSHIHIRO SHIBUO, 2007: Modelling water and solute flows at land-sea and land-atmosphere interfaces under data limitations. Dissertation No. 7. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Clifford Voss.
- GESSESSE DESSIE, 2007: Forest Decline in South Central Ethiopia: Extent, history and process. Dissertation No. 8. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Mats Widgren.
- HERNÁN DE ANGELIS, 2007: Palaeo-ice streams in the north-eastern Laurentide Ice Sheet. Dissertation No. 9. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Colm Ó Cofaigh.
- AMÉLIE DARRACQ, 2007: Long-term development, modeling and management of nutrient loading to inland and coastal waters. Dissertation No. 10. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Andrea Rinaldo.
- ELIN NORSTRÖM, 2008: Late Quaternary climate and environmental change in the summer rainfall region of South Africa A study using trees and wetland peat cores as natural archives. Dissertation No. 11. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Michael Meadows.
- FREDRIK HANNERZ, 2008: Making water information relevant on local to global scale the role of Information Systems for Intergrated Water Management. Dissertation No. 12. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Dennis Lettenmaier.
- MATTIAS DE WOUL, 2008: Response of glaciers to climate change Mass balance sensitivity, sea level rise and runoff. Dissertation No. 13. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Roger Braithwaite.
- BRADLEY W GOODFELLOW, 2008: Relict non-glacial surfaces and autochthonous blockfields in the northern Swedish mountains. Dissertation No. 14. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Adrian Hall.
- MARTINA HÄTTESTRAND, 2008: Vegetation and climate during Weichselian ice free intervals in northern Sweden interpretations from fossil and modern pollen records. Dissertation No. 15. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Donatella Magri.

- LINDA AMPEL, 2008: Dansgaard-Oeschger cycles and Heinrich events in western Europe A diatom perspective. Dissertation No. 16. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Sherilyn Fritz.
- GULL OLLI, 2008: Waterborne sediment and pollutant transport into lakes and accumulation in lake sediments. Dissertation No. 17. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Ingmar Renberg.
- CHRISTINA E. JONSSON, 2009: Holocene climate and atmospheric circulation changes in northern Fennoscandia interpretations from lacustrine oxygen isotope records. Dissertation No. 18. Fakultetsopponent: Dr. Philip Barker.
- KARIN EBERT, 2009: Cenozoic landscape evolution in northern Sweden. Geomorphological interpretation within a GIS-framework. Dissertation No. 19. Fakultetsopponent: Prof. Paul Bishop.



Documenting a saprolite excavation in the Parkajoki area, northern Sweden, August 2009. Photo: Karin Ebert.

7. International exchange

INK has the perfect preconditions for international exchange. Our department is popular among incoming students from our partner universities (and other universities). This has always been the case but English Master Courses have increased INKs popularity. Some students get back to us after their Erasmus-stay as visiting students to write their thesis here. We can observe an increased interest among our own students to study in other countries.

7.1. Lecturer exchange

Exchange programme and joint master programme with the Institute of Environmental Science and Management, University of Latvia / Stjernquist I., Schlyter P.

Nordic-Russian cooperation in heigher education with the Russian State Hydrometeorological University, St Petersburg, Russia; the Arkhangelsk State Technical University, Arkhangelsk, Russia; the The Nansen International Environmental and Remote Sensing Centre, St petersburg, Russia, the The Department of Physics at the University of Helsinki, Finland; and the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden / Stjernquist I., Schlyter P.

NordPlus: Bilateral teaching exchange with University of Turku, Finland / Skånes H.

7.2. Student exchange

Erasmus exchange (coordinator: K. Ebert)

Bern University, Switzerland Innsbruck University, Austria Freiburg University, Germany Bordeaux University, France University of Burgundy, Dijon, France University of Grenoble, France University of Ostrava, Czech Republic Leuven University, Belgium

8. Conferences and seminars

January

Lyon: State of the art of catchment-scale residence time: conceptualization, modeling and

analysis, Vienna, Austria

Moberg: MILLENNIUM 'Error Bar' Workshop 1, Oxford, UK

Skånes: EMMA kickoff, Stockholm, Sweden

February

Alexanderson: Geodiversity: water, ice, landscape and people in variable climate, Ås, Norway

Exploratory workshop on the frequency and timing of glaciations in northern

Europe (including Britain) during the Middle and Late Pleistocene, Berlin,

Germany

Sundqvist: 1st International Cave Monitoring Workshop, Gibraltar, Spain

March

Cousins: Biosphere as a global force of change, Kyoto, Japan

Dahlberg: The multifunctional commons of the world landscapes: Between private property

and public use. Nordic Landscape Research Network and the Centre for Forest

and Landscapes, Slangerup, Denmark

Greenwood: VII Drumlin Symposium, Westport, Ireland Holmlund & Rosqvist: Swedish Polar Research meeting, Ånn, Sweden

Ihse: Paneldebatt Geografiska Förbundet, Stockholm, Sweden

Jarsjö & Teutschbein: Hydrologidagarna 2009: Hydrologiska processer i samhällsbyggandet: modeller,

osäkerhet och risker, Gothenburg, Sweden

Jarsjö: AquaTerra Final Conference, Tübingen, Germany

Jarsjö: Världsvattendagen 2009: Det gränslösa vattnet, Stockholm, Sweden

Moberg, Rosqvist &

Wastegård: MILLENNIUM 3rd Milestone Meeting, Cala Millor, Spain

April

Alexanderson & Kirchner: Arctic Palaeoclimate and its Extremes (APEX) – beyond the frontier,

Copenhagen, Denmark

Cousins: International Association of Vegetation Science, Crete, Greece

Finné, Grabs, Heyman, Holmgren, Hugelius, Kirchner, Lyon, Moberg, Norström, Seibert &

Sundqvist: EGU General Assembly, Vienna, Austria Risberg: Nordic Diatomists Meeting, Helsinki, Finland

May

Margold: CANQUA (Canadian Quaternary Association) Meeting, Vancouver, Canada Schlyter & Stjernquist: Nordic-Russian University Cooperation in Higher Environmental Education,

Helsinki, Finland

Teutschbein: Lund RCM2009 conference, Lund, Sweden

June

Hugelius & Sannel: 2nd CAPP Workshop: Carbon Pools in Permafrost Regions, Stockholm, Sweden

Lind Mettävainio & Shala NEPAL workshop, Bergen, Norway

August

Andersson & Warghagen: World Water Week, Stockholm, Sweden

Andersson: The Water Framework Directive – sharing experiences and meeting future

challenges, Stockholm, Sweden

Fu & Heyman: The 5th International Symposium on Tibetan Plateau / The 24th Himalaya-

Karakorum-Tibet Workshop, Beijing, China

Holmlund: The northern regions of the World: Civilizations and the Environmental Change,

Sapporo, Japan

Stjernquist: The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Conference, Oslo, Norway

September

Andersson: SIWI seminar, Stockholm, Sweden

Grabs: Geomorphometry Conference, Zürich, Switzerland

Desouche, Grabs, Jarsjö,

Kirchner, Lyon,

Teutschbein & Wastegård: BBCC annual meeting, Stockholm, Sweden

Holmlund: Planet Earth under pressure: Global Changes, Regional Challenges. IGBP-

KVA, Stockholm, Sweden

Ihse: International workshop of "Biodiversity, ecosystem services and governance",

Tjärnö, Sweden

Ihse: Swedish IALE conference on "Green environment in urban landscapes",

Stockholm, Sweden

Ihse: Swedish Man and Biosphere organisation meeting, Gränna, Sweden
Norström: Southern African Society for Quaternary Research, Knysna, South Africa
Sannel: The Role of Peatlands in the Global Carbon Cycle: Past, Present and Future,

Prague, The Czech Republic

Seibert: NorthWatch workshop, Dorset, Canada

October

Andersson & Warghagen: Klimatanpassningsseminarium Naturvårdsverket, Sweden

Finné: Climate and Ancient Societies, CAS, Stine Rossel Memorial Conference,

Copenhagen, Denmark

Hind & Moberg: MILLENNIUM 'Error Bar' Workshop 2, Gower, UK
Holmgren: The Stine Rossel Memorial Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark
Holmgren: Diversitas OSC2, Biodiversity and Society, Cape Town, South Africa

Holmlund: Space and the Arctic, ESA, Stockholm, Sweden

Holmlund: Polarforum, Swedish Polar Secretariat, Stockholm, Sweden

Ihse: National seminar at Royal Academy for Forestry and Agriculture, Stockholm,

Sweden

Thse: Nordic Council of Ministers seminar, Trondheim, Norway

Jarsjö: Klimatförändring – klimatanpassning. Naturvårdsenhetens temadagar,

Länsstyrelsen i Västra Götaland, Karlsborg, Sweden

Peterson: 2009 science meeting of Resilience Alliance on Gabriola Island, Canada

Warghagen: Nordens roll i klimatförhandlingarna - Norden i Fokus, Stockholm, Sweden

November

Alexanderson: SciencePub 3rd annual meeting, Oscarsborg, Norway

Dahlberg, Ryner &

Westerberg: Historical Ecologies of East African Landscapes, HEEAL-PLATINA

research meeting, Stockholm, Sweden

Lyon: Synthesizing International Understanding of Changes in the Arctic Hydrological

System, Stockholm, Sweden

Törnqvist: The 2009 International Conference on Integration of Sustainable Agriculture and

Rural Development in the Context of Climate Change, the Energy Crisis and

Food Insecurity, Agadir, Morocco

Warghagen: Hur kan vi öka samarbetet mellan universiteten och skolorna, Stockholm, Sweden

December

Cousins: Changing Nature of Nature: New Perspectives from Transdisciplinary Field

Science, Kyoto, Japan

Dahlberg: What belongs in a changing nature? Northern and southern perspectives on nature

and everyday landscape. International workshop at Hönö, Sweden

Hind & Moberg: MILLENNIUM Nordic Data Workshop, Rovaniemi, Finland

Lyon: AGU Fall Meeting, San Francisco, USA
Skånes: NILS annual landscape meeting, Umeå, Sweden

9. Conference/Seminar convers, Editorships, PhD opponents

Alexanderson: Programme responsible for SciencePub 3rd annual meeting, Oscarsborg,

Norway, November.

Cousins: Faculty opponent at University of Tartu, Estonia

Editor for Journal of Vegetation Science

Dahlberg: Member of Examining committee for Hoang Thi Sen, Swedish University

of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden, October.

Holmgren: Convenor: Conflicts over Land in the 21st Century. Colloquium at Royal

Swedish Academy of Sciences, organised by the National Committee for

Geography, Stockholm, Sweden, November.

Faculty opponent for Jemma Finch, University of York, UK.

Faculty opponent for Aina Dahlo Janbu, University of Bergen, Norway.

Ihse: Convener at Swedish IALE conference on "Green environment in urban

landscapes", Stockholm, Sweden, September.

Chair of Swedish Man and Biosphere organisation meeting, Gränna,

Sweden, September.

Convener at National seminar at Royal Academy for Forestry and

Agriculture, Stockholm, Sweden, October.

Member of organization committee for the Nordic Council of Ministers

seminar, Trondheim, Norway, October.

Faculty opponent for Anders Bryn, Bergen University, Norway, October.

Moberg: Organizer of Workshop on Statistics and Climate (Bert Bolin Centre for

Climate Research and Division of Mathematical Statistics), Stockholm

University, Sweden, May.

Peterson: Review editor for Ecology and Society.

Seibert: Associated editor for Hydrology and Earth System Sciences.

Associated editor for Geography Compass.

Associated editor for Water Resources Research.

Associated editor for Geografiska Annaler: Series A, Physical Geography.

Skånes: Member of editorial board of Fennia, international journal of geography.

Stjernquist: Faculty opponent for Evelin Urbel-Piirsalu, Lund University, Sweden,

December.

10. Financial support

| Grant organizations | | | |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| C-Core | Centre for Cold Ocean Research Engineering | | |
| ESF | European Science Foundation | | |
| EU | European Union | | |
| FORMAS | The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial | | |
| | Planning (Forskningsrådet för miljö, areella näringar och samhällsbyggande) | | |
| KSLA | The Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (Kungliga Skogs- och | | |
| | Lantbruksakademien) | | |
| KVA | The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences (Kungliga Vetenskapsakademien) | | |
| RS | Swedish National Space Board (Rymdstyrelsen) | | |
| SIDA | Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Styrelsen för internationellt | | |
| | utvecklingssamarbete) | | |
| SGU | Geological Survey of Sweden (Sveriges geologiska undersökning) | | |
| SLU | Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (Sveriges lantbruksuniversitet) | | |
| SKB | Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management (svensk kärnbränslehantering AB) | | |
| STINT | The Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education | | |
| | (Stiftelsen för Internationalisering av högre utbildning och forskning) | | |
| SU | Stockholm University | | |
| VR | The Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet) | | |

| RESEARCH GRANT RECEIVER | FUNDING AUTHORITY | Project | Amount |
|----------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------|
| Brown | C-Core, CA | Polar View Project - 19276-05-I-EC | 920 800 |
| Brown | RS | The application and refinement of SAR methods for identifying climate impacts on glaciers and ice sheets 63/08:1 | 700 650 |
| Brown | KSLA | Polarimetric SAR scattering from forests under winter and summer conditions | 150 000 |
| Cousins | FORMAS | Historiska källor och geografi för analys av markanvändningens påverkan på spridning av gräsmarksarter och dess konsekvenser för mångfald i framtidens jordbrukslandskap, 215-2006-2130 | 540 000 |
| Cousins | FORMAS | Markanvändningsförändringar och effekten av funktionell och rumslig konnektivitet på historiska och nutida diversitetsmönster, 215-2007-1428 | 1 253 600 |
| Cousins | FORMAS | Modellering av växters spridning i fragmenterande landskap - Modelling plant species dispersal in fragmented landscapes, 217-2008-1024 | 425 000 |
| Dahlberg | SIDA | Bridging the gap between rhetoric and practice in integrated conservation and development efforts SWE-1999-332 | 600 000 |
| Destouni | VR | Mark-grundvattensystemets roll för flöden av vatten, ånga och lösta ämnen och föroreningar mellan mark och atmosfär och från land till hav - The subsurface water system role for land-to-atmosphere and land-to-sea water-vapor, solute and pollutant flows, 621-2006-4366 | 472 500 |
| Destouni | FORMAS | Pan-Arktisk hydrologisk och biogeokemisk respons på klimatförändringar, 214-2007-1263 | 567 000 |

| RESEARCH GRANT RECEIVER | FUNDING AUTHORITY | Project | AMOUNT |
|---|-------------------------|---|-----------|
| Destouni | VR | Pan-arktiska glaciär-vatten-biogeokemiska systemförändringar och effekter på socio-ekologiska | 1 900 000 |
| Destouni/Jarsjö/ Persson | Räddnings- verket | resiliens i ett varamare klimat, 311-2007-8393 Riskkvantifiering vid olyckor med föroreningsspridning i mark o grundvatten 061127 Överenskommelse RV 621- 6092-2005 | 465 900 |
| Ebert | SGU | Meteoric ¹⁰ Be dating of Miocene-Quaternary saprolites on plains with residual hills in northern Sweden | 89 000 |
| Gunnarson | SLU | Analysarbete inom Anpassning av naturresursbaserade samhällen till klimat- o samhällsförändringar - Samisk rennäring i dåtid, nutid o framtid - Adaptions of natural resource-based communities to climatic and societal changes - The case of Sami reindeer herding in the past, present and future | 50 000 |
| Hansson | FORMAS | Havets produktivitet och atmosfärens koldioxidhalt över tiden - <i>Productivity changes influencing ocean-atmosphere carbon fluxes</i> , 241-2006-1107 | 900 000 |
| Hansson | VR | Nationellt driftsbidrag till det internationella djupborr- ningsprojektet NEEM på Grönland - framtagande av isborrkärna för unika klimatstudier, 821-2007-3926 | 135 000 |
| Helmens | SKB | Weichselian-Holocene climate variability and environmental change in Scandinavia based on the Sokli sedimentary sequence best.nr. 19860 | 1 130 000 |
| Hock | SIDA | The effects of climate change induced glacier melt on water resources in the La Paz region, Bolivia, SWE-2005-347 | 600 000 |
| Holmgren | SIDA | Climate and hyrdological variabillity in Engaruka, northern Tanzania, during the last millennium, SWE- 2005-341 | 600 000 |
| Holmgren | SIDA | The role of Geological Sciences for Sustainable | 300 000 |
| Holmgren | Uppsala univ | Development in Mozambique, 2006-001251 The Climate Dimension (underkontr till MISTRAs Idéstöd <i>The Urban Mind. Cultural and Environmental Dynamics</i> , FOR2007/78) | 178 676 |
| Holmgren | SIDA | Africas climate and the survival of communities - Eastern Africa during the 18th and 19th centuries, SWE-2008-036 | 700 000 |
| Holmlund | VR | Den japansk-svenska Antarktisexpeditionen 2007/08 - ett bidrag till det fjärde internationella polaråret - The Japanese Swedish Antarctic Expedition 2007/08 - A contribution to the 4th International Polar Year, 621-2006-5699 | 945 000 |
| Holmlund | Strålsäker- hetsmynd | Istemperaturens betydelse för permafrost, erosion och hydrologi, SSM 2009/362, proj 1556 | 149 850 |
| Ingvander | VR | Uppföljning av IPY - Projektbidrag till den svenska sektionen av Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) | 25 000 |
| Jansson P | VR | Dynamiskt volym-area förhållande för arktiska och sub- arktiska glaciärer för korrekt uppskattning av glaciär- smältning under ett allt varmare klimat - Dynamic volume- area relationship for Arctic and sub. Arctic glaciers for correct glacier melt assessments in a warming climate, 621-2007-3752 | 606 000 |
| Jarsjö | SIDA | Mitigating pollution impacts on health and environment in the Aral Sea Basin, SWE-2006-308 | 500 000 |
| Jarsjö/Frampton, Destouni, Cvetkovic | SGU | Quantifying the potential of CO2 storage, long-term retention and surface return flow minimization in Swedish bedrock, 60-1661/2008 | 390 000 |
| Jarsjö | STINT | Vattensystem vid Bajkalsjönbesök vid Irkutsk State Univ, KU2003-4664 | 50 000 |

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| Kleman m.fl | VR/FORMAS | Linnéansökan - SUCLIM - BBCC Climate evolution, varaibility and sensitivity | 3 500 000 |
| Kleman m.fl | FORMAS | Linnéansökan - SUCLIM - BBCC Forskarskola | 1 000 000 |
| Kleman | VR | Den Laurentiska inlandsisens utveckling och dynamik - Laurentide Ice Sheet evolution and dynamics, 621-2007-4978 | 440 000 |
| Kleman | RS | Remote Sensing of past ice sheet beds and current ice sheet surfaces, 110/08:1 | 486 000 |
| Kuhry | VR/ESF | Long-term Carbon Storage in Cryoturbated Arctic Soils CRYOCARB | 675 000 |
| Moberg | VR | Forskaranställning - Rekonstruktion av klimatet under de senaste årtusendena, perioden 070101091231, 622-2006-453 | 965 000 |
| Moberg | VR | Klimatet under det senaste millenniet - <i>Climate in the last Millennium</i> , VR621-2007-4542 | 941 000 |
| Norström/Finné | KSLA | Fifth EGU Alexander von Humboldt International Conference "Africa Climate Change Conference", Cap Town, Souht Africa, Jan 09 | 25 000 |
| Peterson | FORMAS | Modellering av interaktioner mellan ekosystemtjänster i landskap dominerade av människan, 215-2008-1283 | 640 000 |
| Regnell | Arkeologcentr., Kulturmiljö Halland o Mälard. | Växtfossilanalyser av jordprover fr: Jörlanda 328, Bohuslän; Stafsinge 7:1, RAÄ129, Halland; Mosjö RAÄ69; Attersta, Gällersta sn RAÄ 39, Närke | 51 050 |
| Regnell | Wallin kultur- landskap o arkeologi | Makrofossilanalys av prover från Bara 40, Skåne | 7 200 |
| Rosqvist | Metsä Tissue AB | Cooperation and partnership for climate research in the Artic associated with the International Polar Year | 700 000 |
| Ryner | SIDA | Understanding the spatial and temporal variability of climate in northern Tanzania during the last 1000 years, SWE-2008-274 | 900 000 |
| Schlyter | Sv Institutet (SI) | Green enterprising and innovation as a component of environmental management studies - A Swedish-Russian-Latvian long-term network cooperation i samarbete med Lettland, Ryssland, St Petersburg, Archangelsk (Barents). SI:s Östersjöprogram/Visbyprogrammet, 00914/2009 | 300 000 |
| Seibert | FORMAS | Hydrologisk modellering av klimatförändringens effekter - Hydrological modelling for climate-change impact assessment, 214-2007-1433 | 824 000 |
| Seibert | FORMAS | Vattenpaketet - ett informationspaket för att öka medvetenhet i vattenfrågor - Water-package - an information package for increased awareness in water issues. 209-2007-1543 | 298 350 |
| Skånes | SLU/NV | Kartering och miljöövervakning med flygburen laserskanning och digitala bilder - Environmental Mapping and Monitoring with Airborne laser and digital images (EMMA) | 147 150 |
| Skånes | NV | Uppföljningsmanual flygbildstolkning - Upprättande av manual - Natura 2000, 235-4203-09 Nf | 400 000 |
| Stenberg de Serves | VR | Levande frågelådan med tema Polar, 327-2008-7712 | 37 800 |
| Stroeven | VR | Glaciärer eller inlandsisar: En studie om landskaps- utveckling och glaciationshistoria på den nordöstra Tibetanska högplatån - Glacial history and landscape evolution in the north-east Tibetan Plateau: Was there a Huang He ice sheet? 348-2007-6924 | 150 000 |
| Stroeven/Clague/Fabel/ Hubbard/Kirchner | VR | En simulering av Koordillerasien under en nedisningscykel - Simulation of the Cordilleran Ice Sheet through a glacial cycle, 621-2008-3449 | 945 000 |

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| Wastegård | VR | Att slipa verktygen - förbättring av tefrokronologiska dateringar runt Atlanten - <i>Sharpening the tools - improving tephrochronology around the Atlantic Sea</i> , 621-2006-5868 | 817 000 |
| Approved external rese | earch grants | | 29 593 526 |
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| Borgström | SU | Pedagogiska priset - Årets lärare | 50 000 |
| Destouni | SU | ½ lektorat i fem år med 300 tkr/år under 2006-2010 (SU611-2777-04) | 300 000 |
| Holmgren | SU | Forskningsstöd | 99 000 |
| INK | SU | Årets utbildningsinstitution | 50 000 |
| INK | Skolverket | Lärarlyftet - Klimat, vatten o hållbar utveckling | 974 025 |
| INK (Cousins/Seibert) | Kammarkoll | Forskarskola för Lärare | 324 000 |
| INK | SU | Miljödiplomering | 10 000 |
| Kuhry | EU | CARBO-North - Quantifying the Carbon budget in Northern Russia: pase, present and future | 906 000 |
| Stroeven | SU | Startbidrag - forass HDA | 50 000 |
| Total | | Approved research grants | 32 356 551 |

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Organising samples after six weeks of fieldwork on the southeastern Tibetan Plateau. Photo: Jakob Heyman.