

Curriculum vitae

Oliver Bender (01.10.2025)

Education

Postdoctoral lecturing qualification (Habilitation), geography [University of Innsbruck, 2006]

Certified UNIGIS professional, geoinformatics [University of Salzburg, 2001]

PhD, geography [University of Bamberg, 1999]

Diploma, geography [University of Bamberg, 1993]

Studies of Geography (Cultural and Physical Geography), Romance linguistics, Building research and history, Archaeology and Law at Universities of Marburg, Erlangen-Nürnberg and Bamberg

Employment history

Senior Scientist [since 2005] and Group Leader "Cultural landscape and Land Use" [since 2015] at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Interdisciplinary Mountain Research, Innsbruck

Freelance Consultant at COMMUNALP, Innsbruck [2012–2017]

Lecturer at the University of Innsbruck [since 2004] and at the University of Klagenfurt [2007–2009]

Researcher at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Vienna [2002–2005]

Guest researcher at the Federal Forces University of Munich, Institute of Geoinformation and Land Management [2001–2002]

Assistant Professor at the University of Bamberg, Institute of Geography [1994–2001]

Project manager/ consultant at the REGIOCONSULT planning office, Potsdam [1993–1994]

Functions

Coordinator of **Horizon 2020-MSCA-RISE** Project Network Highlands.3 "Collective Approach of Research and Innovation for Sustainable Development in Highlands" [2020–2025]

National Delegation of Austria in the **Ad-hoc Working Group for the 9th Report on the State of the Alps** "Alpine Towns" on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology [2021–2022]

Member of the International Editorial Board of the journal **Mountain Research and Development** [2020–2023]

Austrian Member of the Board [2014–2018] and the Advisory Group [since 2006] of the **Permanent European Conference for the Study of the Rural Landscape (PECSRL)**. Chair of the organizing committee of the PECSRL Conference 2016 in Innsbruck

Scientific director [since 2015] and co-editor of the conference volumes [since 2010] of the cultural ethology **Matreier Gespräche**

Austrian Member of the Management Committee of **COST Actions** TU 1401 "Renewable energy and landscape quality (RELY)" [2014–2018], IS1007 "Investigating Cultural Sustainability" [2011–2015] and A27 "Understanding pre-industrial structures in rural and mining landscapes (LANDMARKS)" [2004–2008]

Member of the working group LAG Bayern 'Grenzüberschreitende Raumentwicklung Bayerns' (Cross-border spatial development in Bavaria) at the **Akademie für Raumforschung und Landesplanung** [2015–2018]

Member of the working group "Demography and Employment" at the **Alpine Conference** as delegate of the International Scientific Committee on Research in the Alps (ISCAR) [2009–2014]