Norwegian University of life sciences (UMB), Department of Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning (ILP)
– in cooperation with NeReGro
- Regional Development and Protected Areas Working Group (Austria, Switzerland, Germany)
would like to invite you to an open seminar:

Protected areas and regional parks as tool for local and regional development – experiences from the Alp Region

2nd March 2012, 0930 – 1230
Auditorium SKP - UMB

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According to recent research, protected areas, regional parks and other landscapes of distinct value can make substantial contributions to the performance of nature based tourism, local quality products, environmental education, etc.

Protected areas are even increasingly seen as virtual driving forces for local and regional development. However, this view implicates risks in respect of sustainability in such landscapes. Therefore, an important and challenging task is to create synergies between protection and use, and achieve sustainable regional development in a broader context.

This seminar addresses current research in these issues from the Alp Region, and how this knowledge can be transferred to Norway. Two ongoing research projects at UMB, focusing on planning and management of protected areas and regional parks in Norway will be briefly presented.

PROGRAM

Chair: Eva Irene Falleth, Head of Department of Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning (ILP)

09.00   Registration, tea and coffee

0930   Welcome to the seminar by Pro-Rector Mari Sundli Tveit (ILP)
– Introduction to the seminar, Morten Clemetsen, Ass. Prof. (ILP) and Knut Bjørn Stokke, Ass. Prof. (ILP)

0945   Experiences from Alpine Regions
– Research perspectives on Protected Areas and Regional Parks as tools for sustainable regional development in Europe (e.g. tourism, regional products, governance)

1100   Break (tea, coffee, fruit)

1120   Local management of National Parks in Norway – ideas and challenges
Information of the ongoing research project PROTOUR
(Prospects for Managing Tourism Development in Protected Areas in a Period of Transition).
Knut Bjørn Stokke

1140   The evolvement of Regional Parks in Norway
– current experience and future potentials in sustainable regional planning and landscape management.
Morten Clemetsen and Kristian Bjørnstad, PhD (IMT)

1200   Final discussion and remarks