Master Thesis: Services and Disservices of Rivers – Bavarian perception

Within the research project “PHUSICOS”, the Chair for Strategic Landscape Planning and Management is currently offering topics to be elaborated as master’s thesis on insights and understanding of multiple effects and benefits of river restorations.

Background information on the project: PHUSICOS, meaning ‘According to nature’ in Greek, demonstrates how nature-based solutions (NBSs) can provide robust, sustainable and cost-effective measures for reducing the risk of extreme weather events in rural mountain landscapes. PHUSICOS’s underlying premise is that nature itself is a source of ideas and solutions for mitigating the risk posed by climate change.

Situation: Large-scale NBS implementation is dependent of public and political willingness. Newspapers are key information sources and may influence both public opinion and policy. The master student will analyze the portrayal of ecosystem services and disservices in local newspapers, assess the relative coverage between disservices and services, and investigate its evolution over time.

Tasks: Literature review; newspapers review; Interviews; Method design; Data collection and analysis

Requirements:
- Interested in River, river restoration, Nature based solution
- Reference management software (e.g. Endnote)
- Good German

Processing Time: asap

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