

Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research – UFZ



Research for the Environment



The UFZ

The **Helmholtz-Centre for Environmental Research GmbH – UFZ** was founded in 1991 and has more than 1,100 employees on its premises in Leipzig, Halle/S. and Magdeburg.

The UFZ:

- one of the **world's leading** environmental **research centres**
- aims to **secure the natural foundations** of human life
- demonstrates ways for a **sustainable use of natural resource**

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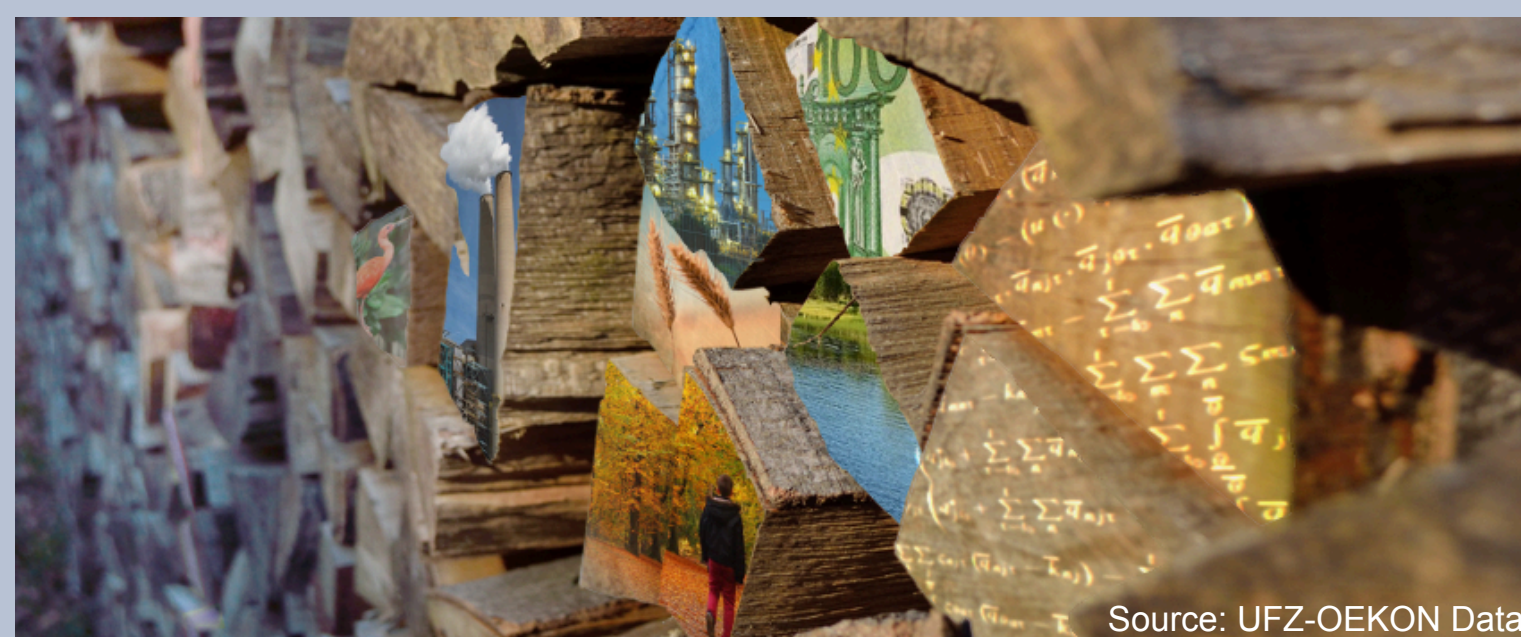
Division of Social Science

4 Departments with about 110 scientists

- Ecological economics
- Urban and Environmental sociology
- Environmental law
- Environmental politics

Research Topics

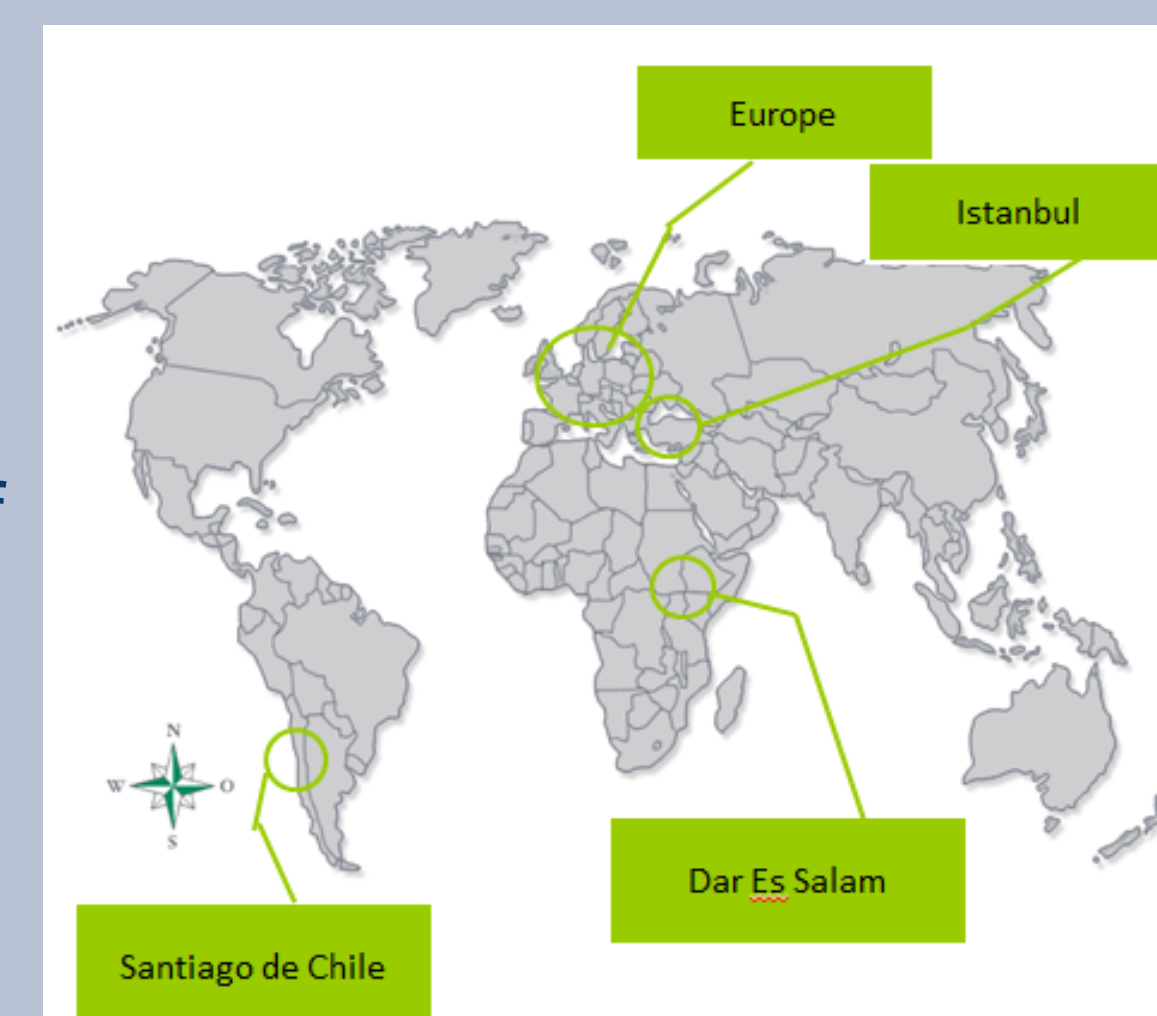
- Water, energy, nature conservation, climate change, biodiversity, urban development,
- Broad inter- and transdisciplinary expertise



Working group environmental risks & extreme events

Research Topics

- Interdisciplinary assessment and appraisal of environmental risks (incl. climate change)
- Perception, adaptive and coping capacity
- Risk governance, climate change adaptation and decision-support



Selection of relevant projects



- CapHaz-Net – Social Capacity Building for Natural Hazards (risk perception, social vulnerability, risk communication, risk governance) – Coordination UFZ
- TACTIC – Tools, Methods and Training for Communities and Societies to better prepare for Crises (preparedness, risk communication, social learning, online evaluation tools) – Coordination UFZ
- BASE - Bottom-Up Climate Adaptation Strategies Towards a Sustainable Europe (economic appraisal of climate adaptation options and strategies, analysis of local adaptation strategies) – UFZ partner



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