

## **Master thesis ideas, 2016**

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- 1) Public resistance to wind-power development in Denmark.** It is a dilemma, that most people (in Denmark) generally are in favor of wind-power development, however few people like to have wind-turbines in their neighborhood. We suggest an interview-based qualitative study that seeks to deepen and nuance the understanding of how people deal with this dilemma. The study could supplement existing quantitative studies of people's attitudes and preferences with regard to wind-power projects.
- 2) User conflicts around mountain-biking in public and private forests.** Mountain-biking is a very popular and growing sport in Denmark – and often MTB riders prefer to bike in challenging terrain in private or public forests. The use often gives rise to conflicts with other users and/or forest owners. Several initiatives have been taken to solve the problem e.g. by establishing MTB trails. However, legislation is not clear and only few lasting solutions has been found. We suggest a MSc thesis project seeking to better understand the situation and help develop possible ways to go. Perhaps create a platform for a constructive workshop and negotiation among relevant stakeholders.
- 3) Conflicts among hunters in Denmark.** New research on conflicts in relation to hunting in Denmark indicates that severe hunting related conflicts occur among neighbors and among hunters (as different from e.g. conflicts between hunters and other users of the land). Not much knowledge exist and only little research has been carried out on such "intra-hunting conflicts". We suggest a MSc thesis focusing on possible causes of such conflicts, their dynamics and possible constructive ways to manage such conflicts.