

Short Biography

Thomas Berger is full professor and chair of land-use economics, Institute of Agricultural Sciences in the Tropics (Hans-Ruthenberg-Institute) at Hohenheim University. His research addresses various aspects of human-environment interactions in the areas of land use, water resources, and renewable energies. His 2001 paper introducing agent-based simulation is now the second most cited paper of the journal "Agricultural Economics". According to Scopus, it is also the most cited paper in the field of "Agent-Based Models in Agriculture." Other papers using his modeling approach are among the "15 most cited articles published in Environmental Modelling & Software since 2011"; selected as "Best Research Paper 2014" published in Environmental Development; among the "Highly Cited Articles published in 2015" of American Journal of Agricultural Economics.

Prof. Berger has ample experience in leading large, interdisciplinary research projects: he was heading the economic cluster in GLOWA-Volta and was responsible for "Innovations and Sustainability Strategies" in DGF-SFB 564. He was also co-leader and PI of the international project "Integrating Governance & Modeling" within the CGIAR Challenge Program on Water and Food. In DFG-PAK 346 and in DFG-FOR 1695, he was/is PI and deputy speaker. Moreover, he undertook consultancy work for German Parliament, OECD, and CIMMYT, among others.

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