Economic Geography



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The Economic Geography Unit of the University of Bern examines the evolution of urban and regional economies. We are interested in the ways in which places develop, maintain their economic competitiveness and sustainability.

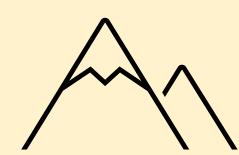
Teaching

- Humangeographie I + II (Wigeo Teil)
- Wirtschaftsgeographie I und Übungen
- Proseminar
- Forschungspraktikum & BA-Arbeit

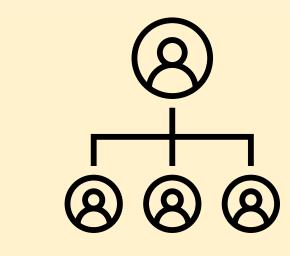
- Urban and Regional Dev. Theories
- Seminar in Economic Geography
- Studio Economic Geography
- Field Course
- Colloquium & Master Thesis

Latest from Research





Innovation Social Innovation in Swiss mountain regions

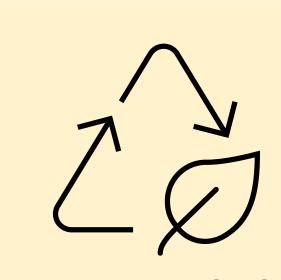


Enterpreneurship Regional Startup Ecosystems & Female

Entrepreneurship



Urban Economies Socioeconomic Change of Small and Medium-sized Cities



Sustainability **Economic Development** for a Liveable Future



Regional Policy Development of Mountain regions and Rural Areas

Ongoing Projects

- Places that don't matter? Socio-economic transformation of industrial towns in Switzerland and Slovenia (financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation, 2020-2023)
- Transformative enterprises in the periphery: An analysis of wood-processing SMEs in the Canton of Bern (CH) and Vorarlberg (AT) (in cooperation with the Canton of Bern and the Wyss Academy for Nature, Miriam Hug)
- Cores in the mountain periphery: A longitudinal study of urban-rural linkages in the context of multifunctional hubs and in-migration processes in the Swiss Alps (Ellena Brandner)
- Female entrepreneurship during multiple crises: An intersectional perspective on entrepreneurial ecosystems in Switzerland and Colombia (financed by SNF SPIRIT, 2024-2027)

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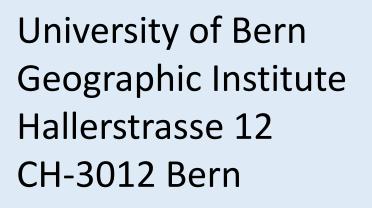


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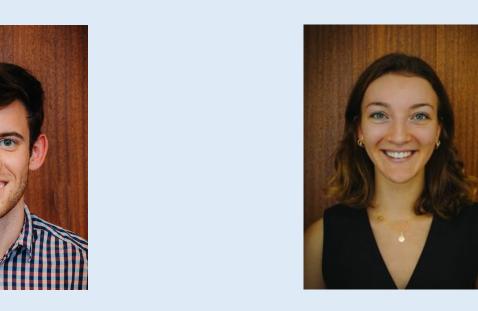
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