PEOPLE AND NATURE IN MOUNTAINS
Changing land use and landscape dynamics

People have influenced mountain landscapes in northern Europe for several thousand years. Land use has affected habitats and biodiversity as well as cultural heritage and our sense of place and identity. Changes in land use now place us at a critical point in determining future management strategies.

This conference will address how archaeology and cultural history can be integrated with long-term and contemporary ecology to understand landscape dynamics and underpin sustainable management and conservation of both cultural heritage and biodiversity in mountain environments.

Topics:
• Long-term land use practice and landscape dynamics
• Criteria for evaluating cultural landscapes
• Mountain landscapes: What is natural? What is traditional?
• Using spatial and temporal data sets to monitor change
• Managing conflicts: working with stakeholders
• The resilience of ecosystem services in dynamic landscapes
• Future scenarios: Policies and models
• Reconciling natural and cultural heritage conservation goals

The conference is hosted by The NTNU Museum of Natural History and Archaeology. Registration and abstract submission will open in spring 2011.
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