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## *Curriculum vitae*

### **Dr. Kjell Nilsson**

**Member of the Association of Danish Landscape Architects and the Swedish Association of Architects**

Born: September 2, 1952  
Family: Married to Karin Andersson, Jens (b. 1985) and Emma (b. 1987)  
Languages: Swedish, Danish, English and German

Since February 1, 2013, Kjell Nilsson is director of Nordregio, a research institute under the Nordic Council of Ministers. He has also been Head of the Department of Parks and Urban Landscape and Deputy Director of the Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning at the Danish Ministry for the Environment and the University of Copenhagen, and Senior Advisor at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

In the 1980's, together with colleagues Eivor Bucht and Ole Andersson, he established the Movium-secretariat at the Swedish University of Agricultural Science. As principal responsible for Movium's extension service, Kjell Nilsson laid the foundation for what has today developed into a think tank for urban development and a fruitful dialogue between researchers and practitioners.

Since 1995, Kjell Nilsson has lead interdisciplinary landscape research projects both nationally and internationally. "Boundaries in the Landscape" under the Danish research programme "Man, Landscape and Biodiversity", "The Landscape as a Resource for Health and Sustainable Development in the Sound Region" and PLUREL (Peri-urban Land Use Relationships – Strategies and Sustainability Impact Assessment Tools for Urban-rural Linkages) – an integrated project under the 6th EU Framework Program, are examples of this.

A second focus of Kjell Nilsson's research activities is on Urban Forestry & Urban Greening. From 1997 to 2001 he was chairman of COST Action E12 "Urban Forests and Trees" and from 2004 to 2008 he was chairman of COST Action, E39 "Forests, Trees and Human Health and Well-being". He has contributed actively to the development of urban greening as a concept for environmental assistance in Eastern Europe and newly industrialised countries like Malaysia, China and South Africa.

Currently, Kjell Nilsson is primarily focused on urban and rural development in the Nordic Region. State of the Nordic Region, a biannual status regarding demography, labour market and economic growth at regional and local level is an example of this. Other topics that concern his interest are the development of remote, sparsely populated areas in the Arctic and Nordic sustainable cities as a solution to global urbanisation challenges.

## **Education**

*Doctoral degree in agricultural sciences*

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences 1989

*Master degree in landscape architecture*

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences 1978

*Human geography*

Stockholm University 1975

*Gymnasium (upper secondary school), natural science programme*

Teknikum, Växjö 1971

## **Other education**

*Executive Coaching Programme*

EuroAcademy, Stockholm 2016-17 and 2019-20

*Chainsaw maintenance and basic tree felling*

Vocational training, Danish Forestry College 2015

*Mastering negotiations*

John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University 2005

Various internal *leadership training courses* at Forest & Landscape, i.e. “situationsbestemt ledelse”, “anerkendende ledelse”, “den vanskelige samtale”, coaching, project management, LFA

## **Employment**

*Nordregio, Nordic Council of Ministers*

Director. February 2013 – (8 years)

*Danish Centre for Forest, Landscape and Planning; University of Copenhagen*

Deputy Director, Head of Division of Parks and Urban Landscape. January 2004 – December 2012

*Danish Forest and Landscape Research Institute, Ministry of Environment*

Deputy Director-General, Head of Department of Parks and Landscape. August 1993 – December 2003

*MOVIUM, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences*

Statskonsulent. June 1984 - July 1993

*Swedish Ministry of Education*

Expert. June 1991 - January 1992

*Department of Landscape Planning, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences*

Research Assistant, Associate Professor, Study Program Manager. March 1978 - March 1987

*Anderstorps Werkstads AB, Urshult*

Metal-worker. November 1971 - June 1972

## Membership and other professional experiences

- Evaluation of the Nansen Professorship for Arctic Studies 2018
- Evaluation of Helena Nordh as full professor at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences 2017
- Member of jury panel of The Danish Association of Landscape Architects 2016 –
- Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen *Affiliated Professor* in Green Infrastructure Planning and Management 2014 – 2019
- Member of Scientific Advisory Board for the GREENSURGE FP7 project 2013-17
- Board member of the Nordic Section of Regional Studies Association 2013-
- Member of the Editorial Board for *Nordregio News* 2013-18
- Chairman of the Board of Directors for Scandinavia's largest garden and landscape fair *Have & Landskab* 2012-13 (member of the board since 1994)
- Member of Advisory Group for Environment (incl. Climate Change) under EU 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme 2008-12
- Member of the Academic Council at the Faculty of Life Sciences, University of Copenhagen 2007-12
- Chairman of an Assessment Committee under the Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (FORMAS) 2005-07 (member since 2002)
- Chairman of the Management Committee for *COST E39: Forests, trees and human health and well-being* 2004-09
- Chairman of the research strategy committee in the Danish Ministry of Environment and Energy 2001
- Member of The Danish Academy of Technical Sciences (ATV) since 1999
- Chairman of the evaluation of the landscape architect and the landscape engineering programs at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences 1998-99
- Chairman for the evaluation of the landscape architect program at the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University (KVL) 1997-98
- Chairman of the Management Committee for *COST E12: Urban Forests and Trees* 1997-2002
- Member of the board of directors of the Danish Town Planning Institute 1996-98
- Chairman of unit 6.14.00 "Urban Forestry" of the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) 1995-2001
- Responsible under the press law for the newsletter *Skov & Landskab Nyt* 1995-2006
- Member of the board of directors for *Stiftelsen Trädgårdsnäringens Elitplantstation* 1992-94
- Member of the municipality of Staffanstorp's planning and building committee
- Editor-in-chief of *MOVIUM Direkt* and *Gröna Fakta* 1987-93

## Major projects

- 2020-2023 *NORDGREEN – Smart planning for healthy and green cities.* Coordinator of a **NordForsk** project.
- 2019-2020 *Green Visions.* A project under the **Nordic Cooperation Program for Regional Policy and Planning.**
- 2017-2019 *GRETA – Green Infrastructure: enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem services for territorial development.* **ESPON** project coordinated by Tecnalia, Spain.
- 2016-2019 *Nordic Sustainable Cities.* **The Prime Ministers’ initiative** for Nordic solutions to global challenges funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers.
- 2015-2018 *REGINA - Regional Innovation in the Nordic Arctic and Scotland with a Special Focus on Regions with Large-Scale Projects.* EU **Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme** project coordinated by Nordregio.
- 2014-2017 *BalticSCOPE – Towards coherence and cross-border solutions in Baltic Maritime Plans.* Project for the **European Commission (DG Mare)** lead by the Swedish Maritime Agency.
- 2010-2013 *Oreferie – Sustainable Nature Tourism in the Sound Region.* EU **Interreg IVA**-project coordinated by SLU Alnarp.
- 2007-2010 *PLUREL – Peri-urban Land-use Relationships. Strategies and Sustainability Assessment Tool for Urban-rural Linkages.* Coordinator of an Integrated Project under **EU 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme.**
- 2005-2008 *SENSOR – Sustainability Impact Assessment: Tools for Environmental, Social and Economic Effects of Multifunctional Land Use in European Regions.* WP leader in an **Integrated Project** under EU Framework Programme 6.
- 2003-2006 *Multipurpose Forestry in a Changing Society.* A **Twinning Project** between Denmark and Malaysia funded by DANIDA.
- 2002-2005 *Indicators for Urban Nature* funded by the **lottery fund** administered by the Danish Outdoor Council and the Municipality of Copenhagen.
- 2002-2003 *Tomorrow’s Urban Open Spaces.* An Urban Green Space **Task Force** initiated and funded by the Danish Ministry of Environment.
- 2000-2005 *The Landscape as a Resource for Health and Sustainable Development in the Sound Region* funded by the The EU **Interreg IIIA** Programme and Øforsk.
- 1999-2005 *Planning and Rehabilitation of Urban Green Areas in St. Petersburg and Planning and Management System for the St. Petersburg Forest Greenbelt* funded by Danish Cooperation for the **Environment in Eastern Europe** (DANCEE).
- 1999-2003 *Conservation and use of gene resources from domestic trees and shrubs in landscape planting.* A **plant breeding** program funded by the Danish Forest and Nature Agency.
- 1997-2001 *Landscape Assessment and Scenarios.* Project under the **Danish Environmental Programme** funded by the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Research, and the Ministry of Agriculture.
- 1995-2001 *Boundaries in the Landscape.* Lead project under the interdisciplinary programme **Man, Landscape and Biodiversity** funded by the Danish Research Councils.
- 1994-1998 *Sustainable Resource Management in Urban and Adjacent Rural Zones – the Active Role of the Green Infrastructure in Local Resource Management* funded by the EU **Life** Programme and the Danish Research Councils.

### **Member of examination committee for PhD-thesis**

- Anna Bengtsson (2015) From experiences of the outdoors to the design of healthcare environment – an empirical phenomenological case study at nursing homes
- Christian Fertner (2012) Urbanisation, urban growth and planning in the Copenhagen Metropolitan Region with reference studies from Europe and the USA
- Lene Lottrup (2012) Workplace Greenery: Use, preferences, and health benefits of green outdoor environments at workplaces
- Therese Lindgren (2010) Green Space Management and Residents Benefits – A Study of Swedish Rental Multi-Family Housing Areas
- Niclas Östlund (2009) E-deltagande i fysisk planering - att fånga lokal kunskap med webbGIS
- Johan Ottosson (2007) The Importance of Nature in Coping
- Christine Waage Rasmussen (2006) Landbohaven – et kulturprodukt
- Ulrika Stigsdotter (2005) Landscape Architecture and Health
- Othmar Mngongo (2005) A Browning Process. The case of Dar es Salaam City
- Ulf Sandström (2004) Biodiversity and Green Infrastructure in Urban Landscapes
- Karl Lövré (2003) Det gröna som identitetsskapande stadsbyggnadselement
- Åsa Ode (2003) Visual Aspects in Urban Woodland Management and Planning
- Helena Drottenborg (2002) Are beautiful traffic environments safer than ugly traffic environments?
- Dan Rydberg (1998) Urban Forestry in Sweden
- Mattias Carlsson (1998) On Forestry Planning for Timber and Biodiversity
- Bengt Persson (1997) Kunskapsöverföring til yrkesverksamma inom landskapsarkitektens arbetsfält
- Gunilla Lindholm (1995) Skolgården – vuxnas bilder, barnets miljöer
- Catharina Svala (1990) Lantbruksarkitekten Charles Emil Löfvenskiöld 1810-1888

### **PhD supervision**

- Leneisja Jungsmark (ongoing) Community strategies and local governance approaches to address perceived risks from social, economic and ecological change (co-supervisor)
- Shureen Faris (2013) Restorative Green Outdoor Environments at Acute Care Hospitals (principal supervisor)
- Nor Akmar Abdul Aziz (2012) Green Space Use and Management in Malaysia (co-supervisor)
- Nina Jøhnk (2005) Defense Responses in *Picea abies* against the Pathogenic Fungi *Ceratobasidium Bicornis* and *Heterobasidion Annosum*. (co-supervisor)
- Ulrik Reeh (2001) Recirkulering af organisk affald ved kompostering i lokale og større kredsløb (co-supervisor)
- Palle Kristoffersen (1998) Nye etableringsmetoder for træer i befæstede arealer (co-supervisor)

## **Architect Competitions**

Klimabyen i Middelfart 2015, 1<sup>st</sup> price, consultant for a team lead by GHB  
Landskabsarkitekter

Fremtidens købstad, Aabenraa 2013, parallell competition, shared 1<sup>st</sup> price, Adept team

Ringkøbing K 2013, parallel competition, expert for the jury

Køge Kyst 2010, parallel competition, shared 2<sup>nd</sup> price, member of the SLA Team

Baggängen, Karlskoga 1976, special price, together with three other students

## **Reviewer for the following scientific journals**

Arboriculture & Urban Forestry

Cities. The International Journal of Policy and Planning

Danish Journal of Geography

Environmental Health

Environmental Management

Environment and Planning B

European Countryside

European Structural and Investment Funds Journal

Forest Policy and Economics

FormAkademisk - forskningstidsskrift for design og designdidaktikk

Frontiers in Psychology

Futures

International Journal for History, Culture and Modernity

Journal of Environmental Planning and Management

Journal of Therapeutic Horticulture

Land Degradation & Development

Landscape and Urban Planning

Landscape Online

Land Use Policy

Oikos

Planning Practice and Research

Scandinavian Journal of Forest Research

Sustainability

Urban Forestry & Urban Greening

## **Member of for Editorial Board for the following journals**

European Structural and Investment Funds Journal 2014-19

European Journal of Spatial Development 2014-20

Urban Forestry & Urban Greening 2002-