

Short bio



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Dr Thomas Blaschke is a Professor for Geoinformatics and Head of the Department of Geoinformatics – Z_GIS, University of Salzburg, and vice-president of the Association for Geoinformatics, GeoIT & Navigation. He leads a graduate and post-doctoral research programme in multiscale spatial analysis with an emphasis on the integration of GIS, Earth Observation and place-based research, putting humans in the centre of the research, including participatory pathways and mixed-methods research. Dr Blaschke is the recipient of numerous scholarships, research grants and awards of excellence. Dr Blaschke has been supervising 33 PhD students as main advisor at the University of Salzburg and served in various supervisory and examination roles worldwide. Prior positions comprise several lecturer, senior lecturer and professor positions in Germany, Austria and the UK as well as temporary scholarly affiliations in several countries. His academic achievements include 450+ publications, including 17 books as author or editor, several academic prizes and awards including the Christian-Doppler Prize 1995. His publications are highly cited with an H-index of 80 (Google Scholar). He is an elected corresponding member of the Austrian Academy of Sciences. Dr Blaschke has been serving as a mentor in the European Copernicus programme and as a member of the European Space Agency (ESA) Earth Observation Advisory Committee. In 2015, he initiated the foundation of Spatial Services GmbH, a university spin-off company and supported several early-stage startups.