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Pathways to sustainable agricultural landscapes

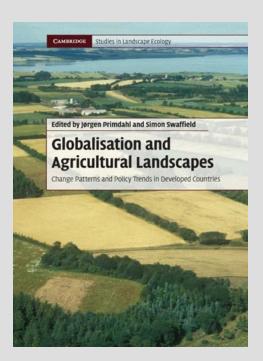
- challenges and governance solutions

Introduction - the farmer and the landscape

Case A: An outdated agricultural landscape

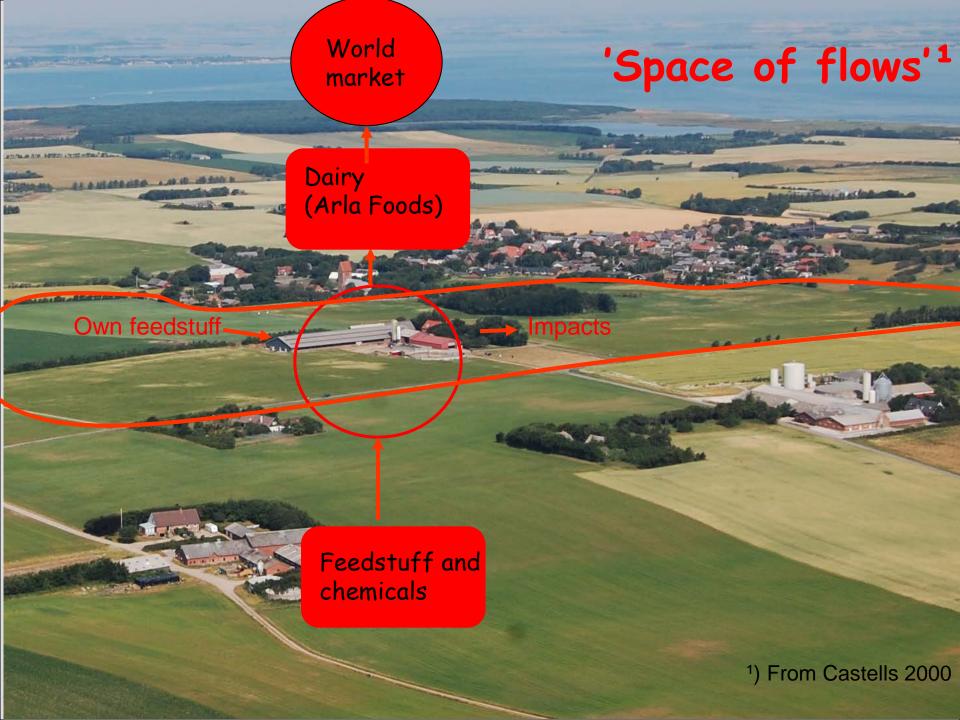
Case B: Bringing farmer's commercial interests into landscape governance

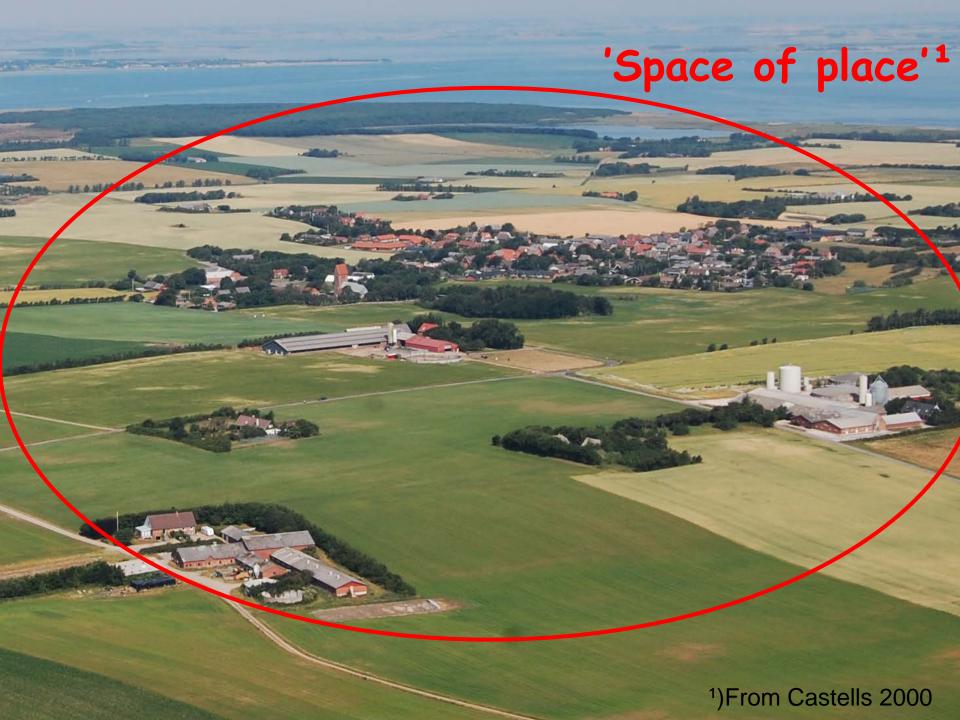
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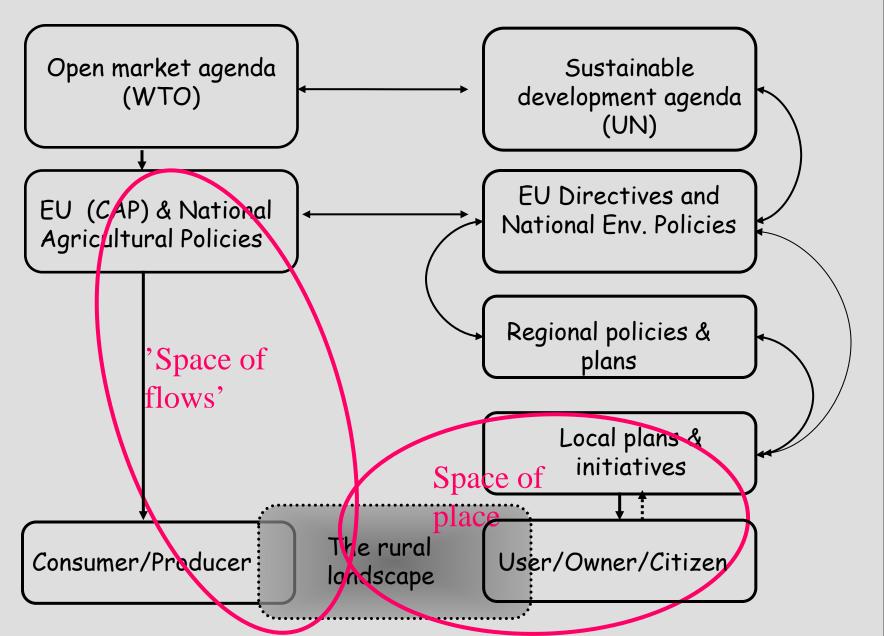






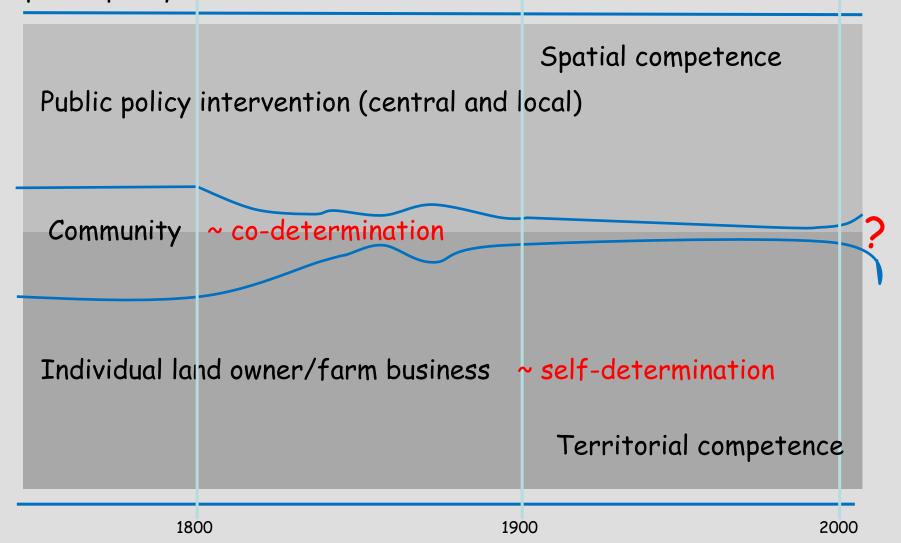


On two international policy agendas and rural landscapes



(Moderated from Primdahl and Swaffield 2010 with inspiration from Dwyer and Hodge 2001)

Landscape power: On territorial and spatial competences* and public policy, self-determination and co-determination ◆



^{*)} From Hägerstrand 2001

^{*)} From Arler 2008

Key words:

Self-determination

freedom for the individual to develop

Co-determination

equal influence, representational democracy public involvement in common affairs, mutual learning and personal development

Public policy and planning place making

Expertise instrumental rationality value rationality

From Arler 2008, Healey 2009, Flyvbjerg 2001

A conceptual model

Self-determination (Private property management) Experts and expertise

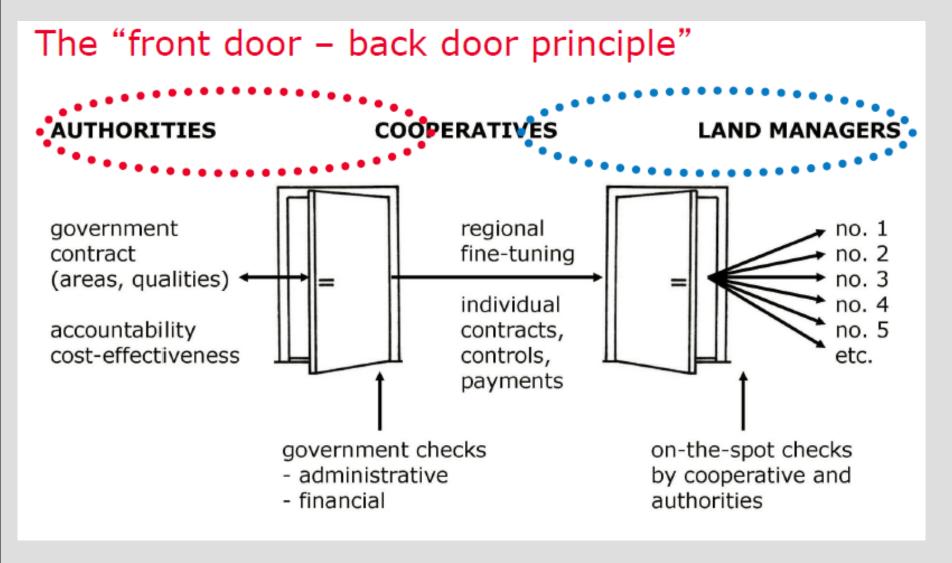
Co-determination (collective actions)

- place making -

Landscape governance

Public policy and planning

How can the interface between territorial and spatial competences be improved?



'Plan09' An experimental programme. Case: Landscape strategy making for Lihme







Activities and workshops

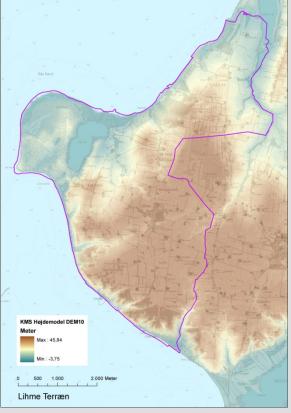
- Common meeting for all areas
- Formation of working groups
- SWOT analysis for each area område
- 1. workshop the work with the landscape strategy begins (lectures, excursion, discussions)
- Working group meetings
- 2. workshop (expert panel, 'confrontation dialogue')
- Working groups public meetings
- Concrete plans
- Integration into the municipal plan





Experiences from the Lihme parish







Ideas and proposals for a landscape strategy after the 2. workshop



Lihme, Strategic Projects:

- New small subdivisions in the villages to attract middle income families and relocate pensioners
- Renewal of Lihme village including renovation of houses, new plantings and a village forest
- Renovation of Gyldendahl harbour
- New walking trail network and green corridors to link the village and the coast
- And then the green corridors



Case B: The future landscape in Fjends – one of 12 ongoing projects in the action research programme: Landscape futures

Partners: Skive municipality, local workings groups, University of Copenhagen

Objectives

- To develop a 'model' for the Limfjord landscape - in collaboration with owners, users and the municipality
- To investigate how interest of commercial agriculture may be included in plans for the future landscape

Key issues: agriculture, habitats, outdoor recreation and tourism, rural housing



The case area: the Fjends landscape





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▼2012





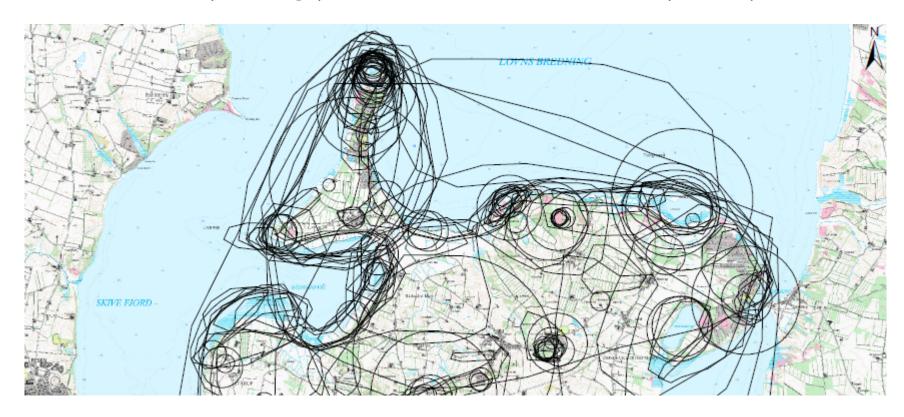
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	Relevancy/interesting for your farm ▶	Not relevant	Maybe relevant	A little relevant	Relevant	Very relevant	Point
	▼ Topic	0	1	2	3	4	sum
1	Regional traffic in the area	1	1		3	7	38
2	Land consolidation		2	1	3	6	33
3	Local traffic – to and from the farm	3	2		2	5	28
4	Participation in habitat management	1	4	1	5	1	25
5	Participation in wetlands or nutrition management projects		6		6		24
6	Afforestation, hedgerow planting etc.	3	3	1	3	2	22
7	Wildlife management (including hunting)	3	6	1	1	1	15
8	New farm production buildings	3	6	1	2		14

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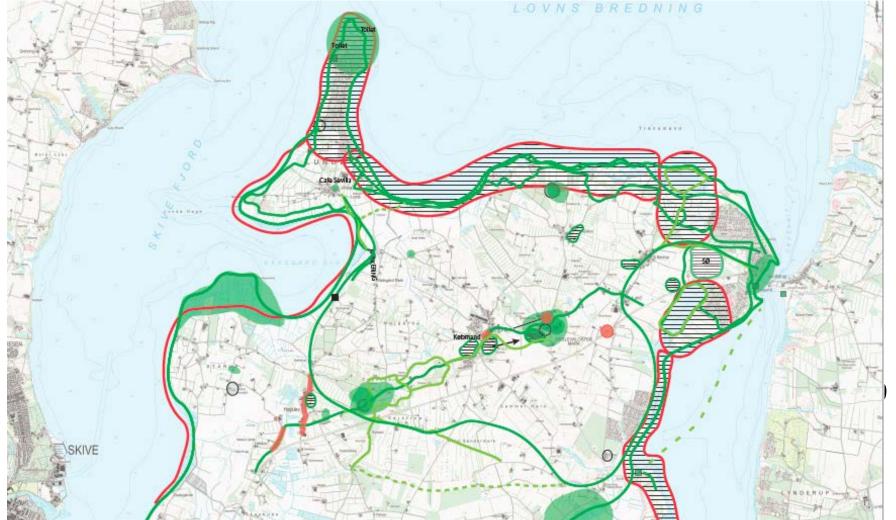
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- 3. Four public 'winter lectures' concerning the rural landscape in Fjends. Objective: to created a common interest in the landscape among residents for the landscape and the planning project (60-70 people showed up every time). Lecture issues: agriculture and landscape, wildlife and habitats, cultural history, settlement history and village quality





4. Two workshops about the future of the landscape. Objective: to discuss the landscape strategy. Issues: outdoor recreation, rural housing, specific landscape projects

To be done: finishing a landscape strategy, carrying out a land consolidation project

On the Fjends landscape (1): the land owners

The farmers' main motive for owning their property The primary motive for owning the property*: ► A good A good place An equal blend place to live for production of both motifs Total Employment ▼ **Numbers** - - Percent of total answers - -Full time farmer Part time farmer Hobby farmers **Pensioners** Other In total

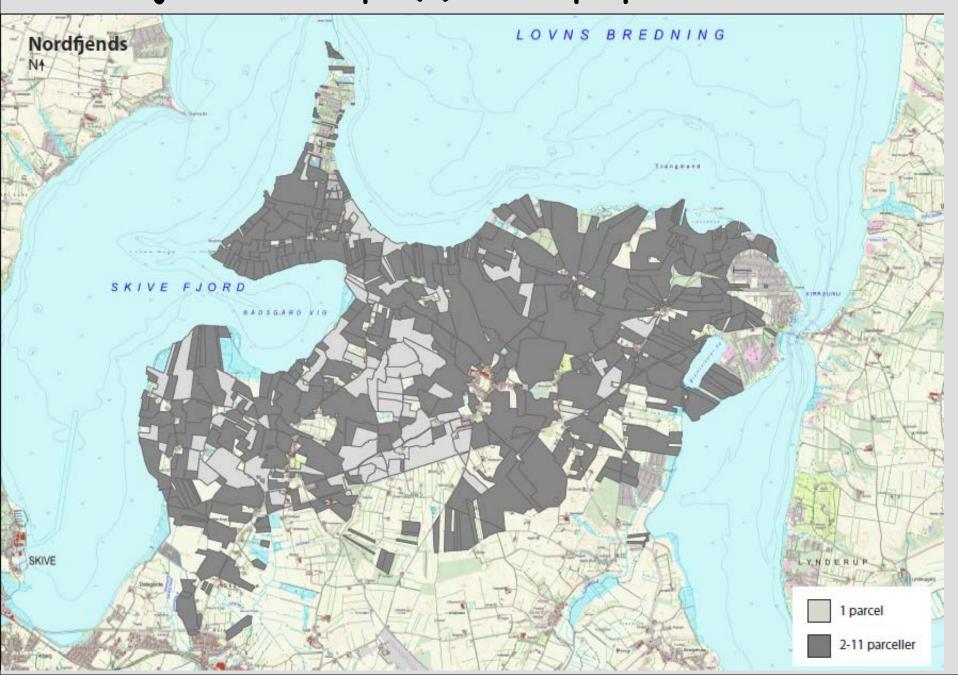
The question was phrased: "Do you primarily own this property because it is (1) a good place to live, (2) a good place for production or (3) an equal blend of both motifs?"

On the Fjends landscape (2): Grassland management

Permanent grasslands (including semi-natural salt marshes) Not Interested in In total Total area Grazed Cut Other 'common' grassing managed Employment ▼ - % of total area - - - - -% ha % of responses Full time farmer Part time farmer Hobby farmers **Pensioners** Other In total



On the Fjends landscape (3): Farm properties



On the Fiends landscape (3): Land consolidation

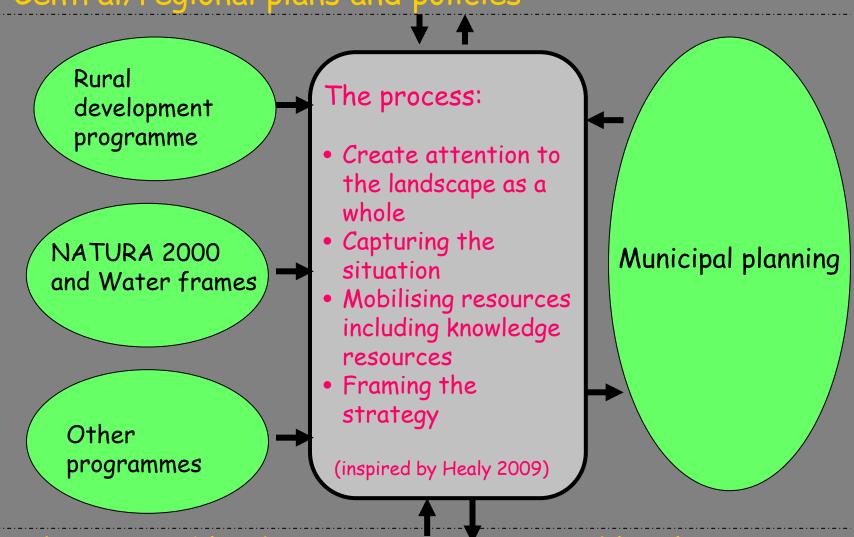
Interest in farm consolidation

Interested	All	Bying	Selling	Swapping
No	34	0	0	0
Yes	72	49	25	47



The landscape strategy in policy context

Central/regional plans and policies



The owners' landscape management and local visions

Concluding reflections

Competition for land between agricultural land use and hobby farmers may have been overlooked - in land use research, in policy and in the public debate

Landscape strategy making inspired by planning theory (Albrechts 2006, 2015; Healey 1998, 2009) represent a pathway towards a more inclusive, more integrative and more efficient approach to guiding landscape change and support agricultural development

Including agricultural business interests into collaborative planning is possible and desirable - but not easy

Research based on direct involvement in real life projects represent a productive way to learn from practice and to contribute to professional methods and improved landscape governance