

Ole Damsgaard

Personal

Date of birth: 15. December 1950

Nationality: Danish

Employment

- 2015- : Lecturer in European Spatial Planning, ETH, Technical University, Zurich
- 2013- : Head of Joint Technical Secretariat, Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme 2014 – 2020 (Transnational Cooperation Programme funded by European Commission and 9 partner countries)
- 2005- 2013: Managing Director, Nordregio, (Nordic Research Institute for Spatial Development), Stockholm, Sweden.
- 1994-2005: Managing Director of the Danish Town Planning Institute, Copenhagen (Dansk Byplanlaboratorium)
- 1990-1994: Head of Planning Division, County of Roskilde, Denmark
- 1986-1990: Head of Section, Industrial and Business Development, Greater Copenhagen Council, Denmark
- 1980-1986: Regional Planner, Greater Copenhagen Council, Denmark

Education

- 1980: MSc. in Cultural Geography, University of Copenhagen

Relevant Experience

- Mr. Damsgaard has extensive experience of regional development and spatial planning policies. He has since 2013 worked with the development within the Arctic and peripheral areas. He has in specific experience in the interaction between knowledge production and policy making. He has been member of several national and international working and expert groups. From 2005 to 2013 he was associated member of the Nordic Senior Official Committee of Regional Policy (Den Nordiske Embedsmandskomite for Regionalpolitik og planlægning). He was in 2010 member of the drafting group for the European Territorial Agenda 2020 lead by the Hungarian EU Presidency. From 2016 he has coordinated the cooperation between the EU-Arctic programmes. He has been reviewer for the EU's 7th Framework Programme on Research and has since 1990 been external examiner in Social and Cultural Geography at University of Copenhagen and University of Roskilde. Besides that Ole is an active member of the Danish Society for Nature Conservation and is for the time being vice chair of the Copenhagen section.