

# Institute of Geonics CAS, v. v. i.

## Brno branch

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## Overview

The branch consists of the environmental geography department and its research activities are focused on the environment and landscape, implementing a comprehensive approach, including the study of natural and social processes and phenomena in the landscape. Investigations are focused on the socio-spatial impacts of brownfield regeneration, environmental and geographic aspects of urban and rural areas, development of the concept of post-industrial landscapes and geo-ecology, assessment of impact of various types of power generation on the landscape, study of extreme natural processes, their historical impact and spatial distribution of using modern instrumentation.

## Organizational structure

The department is part of the Institute of Geonics CAS based at Studentská 1768, Ostrava. The branch has 16 researchers and it forms ad hoc teams to deal with individual projects within the research projects, international and national grant projects and activities within economic contracts.

## Conceptual plan, projects, grants

Within the conceptual plan of the Institute for the period 2012-2017, the department focuses on environmental geography, highlighting the complex approach to the results of physical and human geography studies. The plan is fulfilled through grant projects, ESF OP projects Education for Competitiveness, international cooperation projects and contract-based research. The results are also directed towards protection of the environment and landscape, regional development and quality of life.

## International cooperation

The branch has published Moravian Geographical Reports international journal since 1993. In odd-numbered years, it organizes CONGEO international geographic conference. It participates in EU projects, the Contact Programme, and projects financed by foundations.

## **Cooperation with universities**

The branch staffers cooperate and teach at similar institutes of the Masaryk University and Mendel University in Brno, Palacký University in Olomouc and Ostrava University.

## **Public services**

The branch library contains over 30,000 volumes accessible to professional and general public.