

# Reflections on Field Experiences

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# Importance of Field Experiences

- In depth exchange of knowledge in space at different spatial scales
- In depth exchange of experience over time

# Differences Between 'Case Station' and 'Case Study'

- Case studies are seldom longitudinal
- Case studies have tended to be isolated from each other

# Implications of the Field Campus

- Case stations must be stable
- Case stations must be visible
- Case stations must be adaptable

# Benefits of the Field Campus

- Training of young professionals is more realistic and rigorous.
- There are simultaneous (or cascading) benefits for the host community or hinterland of the case study station.
- Knowledge exchange is face to face, which enhances electronic networking and provides for serendipity and surprise.