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Brief CV:

Cecil Konijnendijk is professor of Green Space Management in department 6 - Parks and Urban Landscapes. He coordinates the department's research group on people and urban green space.

Cecil has an M.Sc. in forest policy from the University of Wageningen, Netherlands, and a D.Sc. (in forest policy and economics) from the University of Joensuu, Finland. He has worked for the Wageningen University, the European Forest Institute, and also full-time for the Danish Centre for Forest Landscape and Planning (1999-2004), until starting his own consultancy firm in 2004. In 2009, Cecil returned to Forest & Landscape Denmark in a full-time position.

During his career, Cecil has studied and promoted the role of forests, trees and other green spaces in urban societies. He has a special interest in the concepts of urban forestry and urban greening, green space strategies and policies, functions of and uses of green space, as well as communication and public involvement issues. Together with Thomas Randrup, he was founding editor of the scientific journal <u>Urban Forestry and Urban Greening</u>, published by Elsevier. Cecil has been involved in a range of international networking and project activities. He had coordinated the NeighbourWoods project (funded by the European Union), two environmental aid projects in St Petersburg, Russia, and a twinning cooperation for sustainable forestry between Denmark and Malaysia.