

**Orri Vésteinsson's thoughts for the  
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What are the three most important issues we need to understand about human - environment interactions?

- 1) Humans
- 2) The environment
- 3) Time

(I am serious)

What are the biggest obstacles to developing inter-regional comparisons and synthesis?

- different sorts of data,
- different research questions and research traditions
- absence of clear theoretical framework which would make such an exercise meaningful