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This habilitation thesis is meant to convey the breadth and depth of the candidate's sociological contributions to interdisciplinary environmental research. This research spans two decades, covering the period between the candidate's master's thesis (2002) and the present (2022). The argument of the thesis is that sociology can contribute to interdisciplinary research in two ways. In its weaker version, sociology supplies researchers from other disciplines with its specific data collection methods (interviews, surveys, focus groups) and with its data analysis techniques (qualitative or quantitative). These are discussed in the first analytical part of the thesis based on examples from the candidate's publications. In the stronger version of our argument, sociology informs interdisciplinary research via its theories. There is wide range of sociological theorizing that has been applied in environmental research, including more structural variants (such as social network analysis) and interpretive or critical approaches (e.g. strategic action fields or gentrification/expulsion interpretations). In the second analytical part of the thesis, these theories are introduced and illustrated with reference to the candidate's publications while highlighting their distinct contributions to interdisciplinary research. The thesis concludes with several lessons drawn from the candidate's research experience and with his concrete plans for future research.