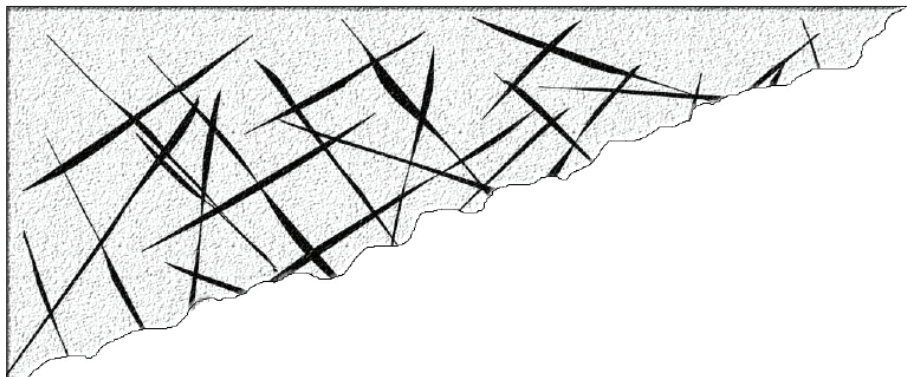




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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Jan Nyssen (*1957) is a Belgian physical geographer and professor emeritus. He has been working at the Department of Geography at Ghent University since 2006.

Jan started his career in 1977 as a postman in Liège. From 1991 he studied Geography at the University of Liège; he obtained a degree in Geography in 1995, with a dissertation on soil erosion in Ethiopia. From 1998 to 2001, he conducted doctoral research at KU Leuven on the role of human and natural processes in land degradation in the Tigray highlands. Supervisors were professors Jean Poesen, Seppe Deckers (both KU Leuven), Jan Moeyersons (Africamuseum) and Mitiku Haile (Mekelle University in Ethiopia). Nyssen worked for many years in university development cooperation projects in Ethiopia.

Jan Nyssen has been a professor at the Department of Geography at Ghent University since 2007. He was a lecturer of courses such as Geomorphology, Hydrology, Microclimatology and Regional Geomorphology. From 2017 to 2021, he also chaired the Belgian Association of Geomorphologists and since 2019 he has alternated between editor-in-chief and section editor of the professional journal “Land Degradation and Development”.

Jan’s research contributes to the identification and estimation of changes in the linked system ‘humans-environment’, with a focus on slope processes, hydrogeomorphology, land degradation and soil conservation. His core activities take place in Ethiopia.