Working Group: Biodiversity Research/ Systematic Botany
Seminar: "Current Topics in Biodiversity Research"
Alternating with joint seminar "Ecological Colloquium"
(Shared among six working groups at the University of Potsdam focusing on plant or animal ecology)
Schedule for the Summer Semester 2023

Format of the seminar (Mondays 14:15-15:45 h): All presentations will be streamed live via Zoom. If the guests are present in person, the seminar will additionally be held in presence (indicated as 'hybrid' in the table below, comments section).

Moodle page: https://moodle2.uni-potsdam.de/course/view.php?id=36577

Zoom Meetings: https://uni-potsdam.zoom.us/j/63491012242, Meeting ID: 634 9101 2242, Passcode: 45004213

In person seminars: Held in the large lecture hall at Maulbeerallee Campus (Maulbeerallee 2): Room 5.03.1.04

Date	Speaker	Home Institution	Title	Host	Comment
17.04	**Prof. Brendan Wintle**	MelbourneUniversity (Melbourne, Australia)	"Integrated economic, land-use and biodiversity modelling to support conservation decisions at multiple scales"	WG Zurell	Ecological Colloquium,hybrid
24.04	**Dr. Elmar Veenendaal**	Wageningen University (Netherlands)	"Drivers of Forest-savanna-transitions with special emphasis on West Africa"	GreenGaDe project	Internal seminar (WG Linstädter), hybrid
01.05			No seminar (Public holiday)		
08.05	**Dr. David Vasseur**	Yale University, New Haven (Connecticut, USA)	"Integrating temperature variation into population dynamic models: working toward improved forecasting of extinction risk"	WG Gaedke	Ecological Colloquium, hybrid
15.05	**Dr. Alexandra Sandhage-Hofmann / Steffanie Mantik**	University of Bonn / University of Potsdam, WG Linstädter	"The effect of conservation with elevated elephant numbers on soils in Namibian savannas" / "The effect of land-use change on species diversity, ecosystem services & disservices in Namibia"	Project "Future Rural Africa"	Internal seminar (WG Linstädter), zoom
22.05	**Dr. Ildikó Órban / Dr. Katharina Stein**	University of Potsdam, WG Linstädter	[Introduction of their expertise to the working group]	Projects: NamTip & "Future Rural Africa"	Internal seminar (WG Linstädter), hybrid
29.05			No seminar (Public holiday)		
05.06	**Dr. Thorsten Wiegand**	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research	"Spatial patterns allow combining analytical and individual-based simulation models"	WG Jeltsch	Ecological Colloquium, hybrid
12.06	**Dr. Robert Rauschkolb**	Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena	"The PhenObs initiative - Linking plant phenology to functional traits in herbaceous species in Botanical Gardens"	PhenObs initiative	Internal seminar (WG Linstädter), hybrid
19.06	**James Nana Ofori / Maximus T. Anochirim**	University of Potsdam, WG Linstädter	[Progress of PhD + master theses]	GreenGaDe project	Internal seminar (WG Linstädter), hybrid
26.06	**Dr. KOUAME Y. Anicet Gervais**	Nangui Abrogoua University Ivory Coast	"Interaction with fire, ontogenesis and carbon stocks estimation in savanna woody communities: a case study of the West African Guinean savanna"	Projects: "Future Rural Africa" & GreenGaDe	Internal seminar (WG Linstädter), zoom
03.07	**Prof. Karsten Wesche**	Technical University of Dresden	From specimen-based measurements to landscape level patterns: biomass studies in grasslands of Germany and Mongolia	WG Linstädter	Ecological Colloquium, hybrid
10.07	**Magnus Dobler / Hiba EL Hjajbi**	University of Potsdam, WG Linstädter	[Progress of PhD theses]	"Future Rural Africa" & Priority Research Area "Evolutionary Systems Biology"	Internal seminar (WG Linstädter), hybrid
17.07	**Dr. John Godlee**	Edinburg University (Scotland)	"Carbon dynamics in the dry tropics: intrinsic and extrinsic drivers of woody biomass change"	Projects: GreenGaDe & "Future Rural Africa"	Internal seminar (WG Linstädter) zoom
24.07	**Dr. Stephanie Jurburg**	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research	"Drought in the soil microbiome"	SeBAS project (Biodiversity Exploratories)	Internal seminar (WG Linstädter), hybrid