

**Working Group: Biodiversity Research/ Systematic Botany Group**  
**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 2024**

**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.

**Moodle page:** <https://moodle2.uni-potsdam.de/course/view.php?id=41536>

**Zoom Meetings:** <https://uni-potsdam.zoom.us/j/61700255284>, **Meeting ID:** 617 0025 5284, **Passcode:** 46804526

**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
15.04.24	<b>Prof. Dr. Robert Arlinghaus</b>	IGB, HU Berlin	Recreational fisheries as a model system for social-ecological research	<a href="#">AG Gaedke</a>	Ecological Colloquium (WG Gaedke)
22.04.24	<b>Dr. Frances Siebert</b>	North-West University, South Africa	The <i>for(b)gotten</i> underground world of sub-tropical grasslands and savannas	<a href="#">NamTip' project</a>	Internal seminar, Zoom
29.04.24	<b>Dr. Stefan Michalski</b>	Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ)	Evolutionary dynamics of plant species in extensively managed grassland ecosystems in response to predicted climate change	<a href="#">GCEF project</a>	Internal seminar, Hybrid
06.05.24	<b>Sebastian Seibold</b>	University Dresden, Biodiversity Exploratories	TBA	–	Ecological Colloquium (WG Ecard)
13.05.24	<b>Prof. Jitka Klimešová</b>	The Czech Academy of Sciences	What belowground traits can tell us about life-history strategies of herbs?	<a href="#">NamTip' project</a>	Internal seminar, Hybrid
20.05.24	<b>No seminar (Public holiday)</b>				
27.05.24	<b>Maximus Anochirim (Msc) &amp; Lennard Wummel (BSc) &amp; Adrian Dingler (BSc)</b>	University of Potsdam	"Effect of land-use change and climate change on the structure and diversity of woody vegetation: lessons from West Africa's woodlands" & "Der Einfluss von Deckwerksentfernung auf Parameter des bodennahen Mikroklimas und Vegetationseigenschaften an Ufern der Unteren Havelniederung" & "The flora of the home gardens in the north of Potsdam - a biodiversity comparison of different age structures"	–	Internal seminar, Hybrid
03.06.24	<b>Prof. Tobias Plieninger</b>	UNI Kassel	"Understanding biocultural diversity in landscapes"	–	Ecological Colloquium (WG Linstädter)
10.06.24	<b>Dr. Bruno Pinho</b>	University of Bern	Exploring the cross-scale drivers of tropical forest vegetation through data and models	<a href="#">SEBAS project</a>	Internal seminar, Zoom
17.06.24	<b>Dr. Melanie Feurer</b>	University of Freiburg	Community forestry and Ecosystem service trade-offs	<a href="#">GreenGaDe</a>	Internal seminar, Zoom
24.06.24	<b>Xiangtai Wang</b>	Lanzhou University	Impacts of plant species loss on soil nematodes—a case study of the Tibetan Plateau	<a href="#">PhenObs</a>	Internal seminar, Hybrid
01.07.24	<b>Prof. Marco Heurich</b>	University of Freiburg	TBA	–	Ecological Colloquium (WG Jeltsch)
08.07.24	<b>Vera Kaunath &amp; Lucas Reichert</b>	University of Potsdam	Insights into Linde-Wildflower-Experiments: Shape and Plant-Function	<a href="#">Linde</a>	Internal seminar, Hybrid
17.07.24	<b>Magnus Dobler &amp; James Nana Ofori</b>	University of Potsdam	PhD Thesis Progress (Title TBA)	<a href="#">GCEF project</a> <a href="#">GreenGaDe</a>	Internal seminar, Hybrid