



**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 Winter Semester 2025/ 2026**



**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 person.

**Moodle page:** <https://moodle2.uni-potsdam.de/course/view.php?id=46944>

**Zoom Meetings:** <https://uni-potsdam.zoom-x.de/j/68923553103>, Meeting ID: 689 2355 3103, Passcode: 47244352

**In person seminars:** seminar room 5.03.1.04 (House 2a)

Date	Speaker	Affiliation	Title	Comment
20.10.2025	Dr. Martin Ehbrecht & John Paul Okimat	Georg-August-Universität Göttingen	<i>Quantifying the allometry of rainforest and savanna trees based on laser scanning data/ Decoupling of overstory and understory composition suggests declining tree diversity in an African tropical Rainforest</i>	Internal seminar
27.10.2025	Leon Bergmühl & Maria Michaelys	University of Potsdam	<i>Resurvey study on the meadows of Park Sanssouci/ specialization module presentation</i>	Internal seminar
03.11.2025	TBA	TBA	TBA	Joint ecological colloquium (AG Jeltsch)
10.11.2025	Sophia Meyer	University of Potsdam	<i>Assessing the buffering potential of plant species diversity on the spatio-temporal stability of biomass in managed grasslands</i>	Internal seminar
17.11.2025	Lisa Schwarz	University of Bonn	TBA	Internal seminar
24.11.2025	Dr. Vera Heslen	University of Potsdam	<i>Phenotypic Plasticity in Plants: reaction norms of Leaf Economics Spectrum to nitrogen availability</i>	Internal seminar
01.12.2025	Dr. Katja Geissler	University of Potsdam	TBA	Internal seminar
08.12.2025	Dr. Jules Segrestin	University of South Bohemia	<i>The drivers of stability in ecological communities: from theory to data analysis</i>	Joint ecological colloquium (AG Linstädter)
15.12.2025	TBA	TBA	TBA	Internal seminar
05.01.2026	TBA	TBA	TBA	Joint ecological colloquium (AG Eccard)
12.01.2026	Dr. Rutger Wilschut	TBA	TBA	Internal seminar
19.01.2026	TBA	TBA	TBA	Internal seminar
26.01.2026	Carlo Renner & Florian Männer	University of Potsdam	<i>The impact of prolonged drought and grazing pressure on RUE in Namibian rangelands/</i>	Internal seminar
02.02.2026	TBA	TBA	TBA	Joint ecological colloquium (AG Gaedke)