

yDiv course „Introduction to Integrative Biodiversity Science at iDiv“

Date: Tuesday, 17 June 2025

Location: iDiv Leipzig, room Beehive

Agenda

Time	Programme
9:30 – 10:00	Introduction to the course objectives Nicole Sachmerda-Schulz (yDiv coordinator)
10:00 – 10:30	Integration across time and space Talks by Research Groups: Biodiversity Synthesis (Paola Barajas Barbosa) & Biodiversity in the Anthropocene (N.N.)
10:30 – 11:00	Group discussion and elevator pitches by participants
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 11:45	Integration across complexity levels Talks by Research Groups: Theory in Biodiversity Science (Ulrich Brose) & Symbiont Evolution (Michael Gerth)
11:45 – 12:15	Group discussion und elevator pitches by participants
12:15 – 13:15	Lunch break
13:15 – 13:45	Integration across disciplines Talks by Research Groups: Biodiversity and People (Thore Engel) & Evolutionary Ecology (Omer Nevo)
13:45 – 14:15	Group discussion und elevator pitches by participants
14:15 – 14:30	Coffee break
14:30 – 15:00	Closing discussion and wrap up Nicole Sachmerda-Schulz (yDiv coordinator)

Course preparation for participants

Learning objectives

- You learn about the iDiv mission and challenges as well as different approaches to overcome integration challenges.
- You get to know each other, present your projects and discuss the integration challenges in your projects with the other participants and teachers.
- You practice to present your research to an interdisciplinary audience (elevator pitch).

Your tasks

1. Read more about the iDiv challenges on the [iDiv website](#) (section "Integration – this is what the "i" in iDiv stands for").
2. Prepare one elevator pitch about your PhD project and how it is related to one of the iDiv challenges
 - iDiv challenges: integration across time and space, integration across complexity levels, integration across disciplines ([you can select one of the three challenges for your pitch here by 6 June](#))
 - No slides (but you are welcome to bring materials etc. to illustrate your project)
 - Time per elevator talk: **3 minutes**
 - Structure:
 - i. Main research question of your PhD project
 - ii. How your project is related to the challenge (*if you think your project is not connected to the challenge, please also explain this*)
 - [Please find information about the format 'elevator pitch' here](#)

After each elevator pitch, there will be a discussion with the speakers and feedback on your pitch.

Why is it important to practice such a pitch? It's always helpful for you to have such a pitch about your research ready, e.g., at conferences and other networking events or future job interviews.

If you have any questions about the course, contact the graduate school coordinator Nicole Sachmerda-Schulz (nicole.sachmerda-schulz@idiv.de).