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PhD Welcome Week
Seminar „Introduction to Integrative Biodiversity Science at iDiv"

Date: Tuesday, 10 November 2026
Location: iDiv Core Center, room Beehive

Agenda

Time	Programme
10:15 – 10:30	**Introduction to the seminar** Nicole Sachmerda-Schulz
10:30 – 11:00	**Introduction to iDiv mission and biodiversity challenges** Martin Quaas (iDiv Speaker)
10:00 – 12:00	**Pitches by Participants**
12:00 – 13:15	Lunch break
13:15 – 14:15	**Talks by Research Groups:** Theory in Biodiversity Science (Uli Brose) Biodiversity in the Anthropocene (Alke Voskamp)
14:15 – 14:30	Coffee break
14:30 – 16:00	**Talks by Research Groups:** Biodiversity Conversation (Henrique Pereira) JGL/Senior Scientist (Roel van Klink) Species Interaction Ecology (N.N.)
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break
16:15 – 16:30	**Closing discussion and wrap up** Nicole Sachmerda-Schulz

Seminar information for participants

Learning objectives

- You learn about the iDiv mission and how iDiv addresses current and future biodiversity challenges using an integrative and transdisciplinary approach.
- You get to know each other, present and discuss your project with the other participants.
- You practice presenting your research to an interdisciplinary audience in the form of an 'elevator pitch'.

Your elevator pitch

1. Learn more about the iDiv mission and biodiversity challenges (complexity, space and time, transdisciplinarity) on the iDiv website
2. Prepare an elevator pitch about your PhD project and how it is related to the iDiv mission and the biodiversity challenges (you can choose one or more challenges)
    - No slides (but you are welcome to bring materials etc. to illustrate your project)
    - Time per elevator talk: 3 minutes
    - Please find information about the format 'elevator pitch' here
3. Present your pitch to the other participants.

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 Nicole Sachmerda-Schulz via Mattermost, phone (97-33125) or email to ydiv@idiv-info.de.