Lecture Series in Behavioural, Theoretical, and Evolutionary Biology (10902-FS2022)

The Lecture Series in Behavioural, Theoretical, and Evolutionary Biology is organized jointly by the divisions of Behavioural Ecology, Evolutionary Ecology, and Theoretical Ecology and Evolution. It takes place on Wednesdays 16.15-18.00 either in the Studer Auditorium (Baltzerstrasse 3) or via Zoom in spring semester. The aim of this Lecture Series is to introduce students to cutting edge original research and to train students to discuss current results and hypotheses with the respective scientists. For this purpose, we invite a wide range of internationally highly reputed scientists in the fields of behavioural ecology, theoretical ecology and evolution, and evolutionary ecology. The lectures are open to interested people of all fields and everybody is highly welcome to attend and share in the discussion.

The successful attainment of ECTS points depends on active participation in the discussion and the delivery of at least three protocol sheets that summarize the discussions the student has introduced (see detailed description of the procedure below). The program for the respective term will be available shortly before the term starts and is found under the "Seminars" links on the web pages of all divisions. As there may be amendments to the program during the term, students are requested to consult this URL regularly during the term. Attendees are expected to read supplementary literature files (available on ILIAS) before the respective talks to gain a broad overview of the theme, which will promote active participation in the discussion.

Procedure to attain ECTS credits:
To get ECTS credits for the attendance of these Lecture Series students ***must*** participate actively in the discussion and prove this by delivering ***at least*** three protocol sheets reporting their contributions to ***at least*** three different lectures. These protocols should contain:
- The question or comment of the student
- A brief summary of the talk and reason for the question or comment
- A summary of the answer the speaker gave ***in your own words***
- The student's judgment of the speaker's response

Protocols should be typed and not exceed one page, and they must contain a header including the speaker's name, the title of the talk, and the student's full name and University-Matrikelnummer. Protocol sheets should be delivered on ILIAS before the start of the ***next*** lecture, respectively. Late protocol sheets and hand-written protocol sheets will not be accepted.

The major aim of this course is to get trained in discussing cutting-edge science. Therefore, the rule to deliver three questions and protocols is a ***minimum*** requirement – the more, the better!