

Ecology seminar

Each **Tuesday at 4.15 pm**, lecture room at the 'Centre for Polar Ecology'. From October 3rd, until December 19th

The Department of Botany, University of South Bohemia, invites colleagues to attend the weekly seminars to be given (in English) by a number of prominent colleagues. The program will be updated on the webpage of the Department of Botany (<http://botanika.prf.jcu.cz/seminareEco.php>)

PROGRAM (program is preliminary, some talks need to be confirmed, and some talks are under negotiation)

3rd October: **Francesco de Bello** [University of South Bohemia, Institute of Botany CAS]: Ecology of functional and phylogenetic differences

10th October: **Hans Cornelissen** [Free University of Amsterdam]: Plant traits, litter fates and decomposition rates

17th October: **Meelis Pärtel** [University of Tartu]: Dark diversity: concept, methods and applications

24^h October: **Santiago Soliveres – to be confirmed** [University of Bern]: Ecosystem multifunctionality/drylands/species interactions

31st October: **Norbert Hölzel** [University of Münster]: Global Change in Central Eurasia and its effects on biodiversity and soil carbon sequestration

7th November: **Vojtěch Novotný** [Institute of Entomology CAS, University of South Bohemia] : Food webs in tropical rainforests

14th November: **Jan Lepš** [University of South Bohemia, Institute of Entomology CAS]: What we have learned about grassland community functioning during two decades of research in the Ohrazení site?

21st November : **David Storch** [Charles University]: Are there diversity limits? Toward an equilibrium theory of biodiversity

28th November : **Mickal Houadria** [Institute of Entomology CAS]: Mutualism and parasitism and their evolutionary proximity

Later dates will be filled soon. Follow the updates on the Department of Botany webpage (<http://botanika.prf.jcu.cz/seminareEco.php>)!

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Location: The 'Centre for Polar Ecology' (<http://polar.prf.jcu.cz/>) is located in 'Na Zlaté stoce 3, 370 05 České Budějovice' within the University Campus.