

Lecture Series in Behavioural and Evolutionary Ecology

The Lecture Series in Behavioural and Evolutionary Ecology is organized jointly by the divisions Behavioural Ecology and Evolutionary Ecology and it takes place in the Haller Auditorium, Baltzerstrasse 1, Wednesdays 16.15-18.00, in both, spring and autumn terms. The aim of this Lecture Series is to introduce students to cutting edge original research and to train them 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 and evolutionary ecology. The Lecture Series is compulsory for 3rd year students of Ecology and Evolution, and for the members of the divisions Behavioural Ecology 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 an active participation in the discussion and the delivery of at least three protocol sheets that summarize the discussions the candidate has induced (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 "Talks & Events" or "Seminars" links on the web pages of both divisions. As there may be amendments to the program during the term, participants are requested to consult this URL regularly during the term. It also provides supplementary literature files that attendants of the Lecture Series are expected to read before the respective talks to gain a broad overview of the theme, which will help to participate actively in the discussion.

Procedure to attain ECTS credits:

To get ECTS credits for the attendance of these Lecture Series candidates *must* participate actively in the discussion and prove this by delivering *at least* three protocol sheets reporting their contributions. These protocols should contain:

- The question or comment of the candidate
- The background and reason for the question or comment
- The essence of the answer the speaker gave
- The candidate's judgement of the speaker's response

Protocols should not exceed one page and they must contain a header including the speaker's name, the title of the talk, and the candidate's full name and University-Matrikelnummer. Protocol sheets should be delivered in the *next* lecture, respectively.

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!