

Annual meeting of the Ethologische Gesellschaft Tutzing 2025



Programme

Wednesday, February 19th

08:00	Registration opens		
09:00	Inofficial Welcome Symposium Behavioural Genetics: Introduction by Clemens Küpper & Richard Merrill		
09:05			
Time	Speaker	Title of talk	
09:15	Carolin Sommer-Trembo	The genetic basis of exploratory behaviour in African cichlid fishes	
09:45	Richard Merrill	In the eye of the butterfly?	
10:15	Josephine Ledamoisel	What is the link between mate recognition and opsin expression in Morpho butterflies?	
10:30	Coffee break		
11:00	Clemens Küpper	A supergene shapes diverse reproductive tactics	
11:30	Kardelen Özgün Uludag	Genetic architecture of male self-sacrificial traits in a sexually cannibalistic widow spider	
11:45	Jose Borrero	Changes in visual acuity and sensory weighting reflects patterns of neural investment during ecological divergence in <i>Heliconius</i> butterflies	
12:00	Timo Thünken	Impact of multigenerational inbreeding on mating and social behaviour in a cichlid fish	
12:15	Alex Zemella	Genetic regulation of complex social behaviors in male mating morphs	
12:30	Lunch		











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13:45	Official Welcome	
Time	Speaker	Title of talk
14:00	Plenary: Hanna Kokko	Life history predictions: sometimes intuitive, sometimes not
		Chair: Thomas Bugnyar
15:00	Lea Vodjerek	Risking infanticide or losing precious time?
15:15	Ekaterina Gorshkova	Into the unknown: Consequences of relocation for adolescent mice
15:30	Coffee break	
		Chair: Barbara Caspers
16:15	Ella Rees-Baylis	Reproductive trade-offs and the evolution of sex biases in lifespan
16:30	Dhanya Bharath	Individual variation and plasticity in a producer-scrounger game: a threshold trait model
16:45	Claudio Tennie	Cultural breadth before cultural depth: Insights from evolutionary transitions in individuality
17:00	Xiaoying Xing	Responsiveness to playback after a recent range expansion: song variation and dispersal tendency related to asymmetry
17:15	Tamal Roy	Size-selective mortality impacts the brain and cognitive abilities in zebrafish, Danio rerio
17:30	Marina Scheumann	Cross-taxa comparison of infant vocalization uttered in low- and high arousal contexts
17:45	Anustup Bandyopadhyay	Reproductive tactics and cognitive trade-offs in male house mice (Mus musculus) across controlled and semi-naturalistic environments
18:00	Light supper & Social evening at the bar	
19:30	Vorstandssitzung der Ethologischen Gesellschaft (in der Rotunde)	









Thursday, February 20th

08:50	House keeping notes	
Time	Speaker	Title of talk
09:00	Plenary: Bettina Wachter	From conflict to co-existence: The farmer-cheetah conflict
		Chair: Xiang-Yi Li Richter
10:00	Kristina Beck	Human food sources shape daily, altitudinal movements of an alpine corvid species
10:15	Anne Eberhart-Hertel	MoveTraits – using movement data to integrate animal behavior into trait-based ecology
10:30	Coffee break	Chair: Melanie Dammhahn
11:15	Matthias-Claudio Loretto	Navigating a landscape of carcasses: Ravens' behavioral adaptations for locating wolf kills
11:30	Valeria Mazza	Small mammals along a gradient of human presence and disturbance: behavioural and cognitive perspectives from the wild
11:45	Melanie Gleske	Shaped from an early age: behavioural and hormonal profiles in juvenile guinea pig males living in distinct social environments
12:00	Luke Eberhart-Hertel	Frozen oases: Unraveling the winter secrets of the diademed sandpiper plover
12:15	Ebi Antony George	Affinity with injured individuals predicts social wound care in ants
12:30	Lunch	Chair: Lars Lewejohann
13:30	Öncü Maraci Karaoglan	Shaping love through microbiome: Microbial composition of sexually-selected scent organ
13:45	Eve Davidian	Bros and brothers disperse together in spotted hyenas
14:00	Melissa Vanderheyden	Female reproductive synchrony in free-ranging dogs
14:15	Yasmin Naz Akyürek	Positive effects of heatwaves on male reproductive behaviour: evidence from a cricket population in Madagascar
14:30 -	· 17:30	Poster session (with coffee from 15:30-16:15)
		14:30 – 16:00 uneven numbers
		16:00 – 17:30 even numbers
17:30	Martin Wikelski (Special feature)	Tinbergens' five: rethinking the future
18:00	Light supper & Social evening at to	he bar











Friday, February 21st

08:50	House keeping notes	
Time	Speaker	Title of talk
09:00	Plenary: Jens Krause	The adaptive value of collective behaviour
		Chair: Anja Günther
10:00	Vishwanath Varma	Density-dependent transitions in locust swarm motion: From circular
		milling to directed marching
10:15	Korbinian Michael Pacher	Better and faster collective decisions by larger fish shoals in the wild
10:30	Coffee break	
		Chair: Claudia Fichtel
11:15	Dardo Ferreiro	Leader-follower dynamics emerge from expertise imbalance during
		foraging
11:30	Isabel Damas Moreira	Urban lizards differ in their use of social information in novel situations
11:45	Thejasvi Ravindra Beleyur	Active sensing in groups - the how, what and why?
12:00	Miles McGaffighan	Agonistic acoustic signals in a highly social fish species are a reliable
		Indicator of sex and body size
12:15	Barbara Taborsky	The emergence of division of labour through helping niche
		specialization
12:30	Lunch break	
		Chair: Peter Kappeler
13:30	Alexander Kirschel	Asymmetric song and colour recognition across a tinkerbird hybrid zone
		revealed using playback experiments with robotic models
13:45	Short break	

14:00 Awards and Closing Remarks

14:30 Excursion to Seewiesen with transfer to train station in Starnberg (ca. 17:00h)

15:00-15:30 History of Seewiesen (Sabine Spehn)

15:30-16:30 Tours

- Wind tunnel (Claudia Ramenda)
- Audio backpack transmitters on canaries (Lisa Trost)
- Ruffs (Vroni Rohr-Bender & Lina Giraldo Deck)







