

# Ecology Seminar

Agroecology & Functional Agrobiodiversity

Prof. Dr. Catrin Westphal



Summer Semester 2026  
Wednesdays, 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. CET  
in presence in L318 and via [Zoom\\*](#)

April 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Toni Kasiske**

Thünen-Institute of Biodiversity, Braunschweig

**Butterflies in Agricultural Landscapes: Impacts of Agricultural Land Use and Landscape Structure Across Temporal and Spatial Scales**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026

**Dr. Filip Harabiš**

Department of Ecology, Faculty of Environmental Sciences, Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague

**Ponds in Agricultural Landscapes: Biodiversity Hotspots or Ecological Traps?**

**Zoom only**

April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026. 18:15, Altes Rathaus Göttingen

**EU Agrarpolitik - Chance oder Risiko für die Artenvielfalt? Panel discussion in German**

Niedersächsische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen

April 29<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Prof. Dr. Francesco Maria Sabatini**

Department of Biological, Geological and Environmental Sciences, University of Bologna

**Disentangling climatic hazard, vulnerability, and exposure to assess vegetation risk under climate change in three Italian mountain areas**

**Zoom only**

May 6<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Iryna Litovska**

Plant Ecology and Nature Conservation, Wageningen University

**The ecology of arthropods in a nature-inclusive farming system**

May 13<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Evan Sloan**

Plant Population Biology and Conservation, KU Leuven

**Applications of pollen metabarcoding in landscape-scale pollination ecology**

May 20<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Robert Künast**

Terrestrial Ecology, Department for Life Science Systems, TU München

**From Pixels to Patterns: Using AI Camera Traps to Track Arthropod Responses to Mowing and Weather**

May 27<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Viktoria Sagolla**

Forest Nature Conservation, Universität Göttingen

**Effects of temperate alley cropping agroforestry on the spatio-temporal dynamics of generalist arthropod predator diversity and natural weed and pest control**

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2026

**Dr. Huan Liang**

German Centre for Integrative Biodiversity Research (iDiv), Leipzig

**Plant-pollinator interactions in natural and urban ecosystems**

June 10<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Prof. Dr. Thomas Fartmann**

Biodiversity & Landscape Ecology division, University of Osnabrück

**Conservation of grassland biodiversity under rapid global change**

June 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Dr. Eva Moracho Martinez**

Department of Biology, Ecoinformatics and Biodiversity, Aarhus University

**Restoring ecosystem function and resilience through species interaction networks**

June 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Dr. Roel van Klink**

German Center for Integrative Biodiversity Research Halle-Jena-Leipzig & Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg

**The present state of the insect decline debate (and how we can do better)**

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2026

**Ricarda Koch**

Agroecology & Functional Agrobiodiversity, University Göttingen

**Interactive effects of landscape-wide agri-environmental measures on bees and wasps: species diversity, biotic interactions and resource-use  
PhD progress report**

July 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Dr. Felipe Librán-Embíd**

Department of Animal Ecology & Systematics, Justus Liebig University Giessen

**From Milpa to Push-Pull: Intercropping Strategies, Chemical Ecology, and Biogeographic Legacies for Sustainable Smallholder Agriculture**

July 15<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Alfredo Ventura**

Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague

**Influence of Non-Crop Habitats on the Spatial Distribution of Beneficial Arthropods in Agroecosystems Across Seasons**