

Masterclass

Integrating Human and Animal Personality Research

Thursday, 2 October 2025

Personality is a fundamental characteristic of both humans and animals. Differences in personality define individuality, shape life courses and affect well-being, performance and social relationships. This Masterclass takes an innovative cross-species approach to promote a unified understanding of personality. Providing the opportunity to engage closely with experts in the field, it will focus on sharing knowledge of methods and experimental designs for assessing and analysing personality across disciplines. The aim is to facilitate stimulating exchanges and initiate future collaborations between participants.

Public Talks

*Institute for Evolution and Biodiversity, Hüfferstr. 1
Lecture Hall HHü*

10:00 **»Easy, tiger: personality structure in the world's largest feline«**

Rosalind Arden
*Philosophy of Natural and Social
Science London School of Economics*

10:30 **»Assessing personality in non-human animals«**

Samuel Gosling
*Personality Psychology
University of Texas, Austin*

11:00 Coffee

11:15 **»Personality psychological approaches to individual differences and an attempt of interdisciplinary integration«**

Lars Penke
*Biological Personality Psychology
University of Göttingen*

11:45 **»Evolutionary genetics of animal personality: can we link micro- and macro-evolutionary perspectives?«**

Alastair Wilson
*Ecology and Conservation
University of Exeter*

Workshop

*Institute for Evolution and Biodiversity, Hüfferstr. 1
Social Room*

12:15 Lunch

13:30 Plenum: Introduction and identification of topics for following discussions

14:15 Discussion in small groups (round I)

15:15 Coffee

15:45 Discussion in small groups (round II)

16:45 Plenum: Wrap-up

17:30 End of workshop

Target group:

Master's and doctoral students,
early postdocs

Registration:

<https://uni.ms/a4st5>

No registration is required to
attend the public talks only

