



# IEA-Symposium

## Spring Semester 2026

Organized twice a year, the symposium offers a platform for researchers across all career stages to share ongoing work in evolutionary anthropology. Presentations span a wide range of topics, from primate social behavior and ecological physiology to human evolution and evolutionary medicine, reflecting the diversity of research at the IEA.

### Noon Session

11:00	<b>Michael Krützen</b>	<i>IEA Information Event (<u>Institute Members only</u>)</i>
11:30	<b>Elena Belli</b>	<i>Through their eyes: the role of gaze in the social interactions of common marmosets</i>
12:00	<b>Rahel Brügger</b>	<i>The influence of interdependence on longterm data of social relationships and prosociality in common marmosets</i>
12:30	<b>Colin Shaw</b>	<i>HEEP(z of) updates</i>

12:30–14:00 **Lunch** (independent)

### Afternoon Session

14:00	<b>Debora Suppiger</b>	<i>Facial expression and neural synchrony in mother-infant interactions</i>
14:30	<b>Cassandra Gunasekaram</b>	<i>Deep ecological dynamics shape long-term connectivity in chimpanzees</i>
15:00	<b>Riccardo Ciciarella</b>	<i>Machine over matter: integrating drones to evaluate body condition of small cetaceans</i>

15:30–16:00 – **Coffee Break** (in the Lichthof of RAA)

16:00	<b>Chirag Chittar</b>	<i>Theory of Mind has consistent developmental timing but performance is highly test dependent</i>
16:30	<b>Felix Smith</b>	<i>Now you seagrass, now you don't: Seagrass loss as a driver of demographic decline</i>

16:00–17:30 – **Apéro** (in the Lichthof of RAA)



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