

HILGENDORF LECTURE

winter term 2026/27



29 Oct 2026 at 16:15 in 3M07 at GUZ

Prof. Rob Salguero-Gómez

University of Oxford, UK (Host: Dr. Maria Májeková)

Population structure is a key driver of community resilience



10 Dec 2026 at Alte Aula, Münzgasse 30

Prof. Antonio Profico

University of Pisa, Italy (Host: Dr. Gabriele Russo)

Endless Forms Most Beautiful: Advanced Morphometric Methods in Human Evolution and Beyond



The Hilgendorf Lecture series aims at promoting evolutionary thinking across disciplines. The lecture is named after Franz M. Hilgendorf (1834-1904), a palaeontologist from Tübingen who, in 1863, constructed the first empirical phylogenetic tree of fossil organisms using snail shells. He thus provided the first fossil proof of gradual evolution and speciation as proposed by Darwin's theory of evolution.