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Understanding Animal Societies

If we look at animals around us, we find that they live in different kinds of societies. Can we explain the diverse lives of social animals? Socioecological theory offers a framework to do so. In this talk, we explore the reasons for sociality and consider how ecological circumstances can influence the evolution of different social organisations and structures.



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