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## **Extinctions**

### **The Fate of Biodiversity in the Anthropocene**

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**Guest Lecture**  
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10:30 - 12:00  
Room - 07-003



**We are approaching a sixth mass extinction, with the loss of 75% of all species on the planet. In this seminar, we will learn about the evidence and the causes of this imminent extinction affecting Switzerland and the planet as a whole. We will review possible cultural strategies that allow to conceptualize extinctions, and we will discuss some of the currently debated solutions to avert such catastrophic event: rewilding large tracts of the planet, biodiversity-friendly land use practices (e.g. agroecology), designing novel ecosystems, resurrecting extinct species through gene technology.**