

## **Human-primate co-existence**

*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:30 to 4:30pm*

### **Speakers:**

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### **Overview:**

Biodiversity loss and species extinction are alarming due to anthropogenic impacts on our ecosystems. Whilst many species go extinct, some animals, including a variety of primate species, thrive in human altered habitats. Both across and within species, the level of intrusion into human habitats vary causing a myriad of challenges for both humans and primates in zones of co-existence. Human activities and infrastructure expansion impact primate behaviour in manifold ways. These evolutionary novel situations have stimulated a recent wave of exciting research on primate behaviour in anthropogenic habitats, ranging from uncovering the traits involved in successful adaptation, impacts on movement ecology and health consequences. All these research areas are of great importance for our understanding of how human modified ecosystems impact primate species and primatologists are currently generating critical knowledge necessary to predict the ongoing impacts of urbanization on future primate populations.

In this symposium, we will unite researchers studying primates in urbanized and anthropogenic altered habitats to present their findings on how behaviour is influenced by human activities, and to discuss future directions within this merging research field. By inviting primatologists representing different topics and species from vervet monkeys, baboons to chimpanzees, this symposium will put forward a significant contribution to a pressing topic of human-wildlife coexistence.

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