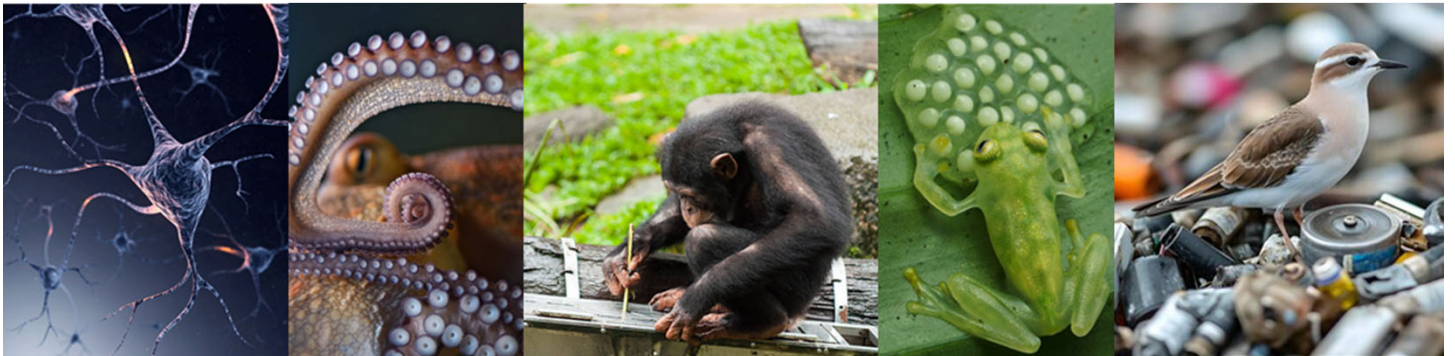


WORKSHOP

Proximate and Ultimate Perspectives on Behavioural Flexibility

19.-21.08.2026
Fafleralp, Switzerland



Join us for 3 days of

- Plenary talks
- Discussion rounds
- Poster session
- Hiking tour

Keynote Speakers:

Karen Spencer - *St Andrews University*

Herwig Baier - *MPI Biological Intelligence*

Marta Moita - *Champalimaud Centre for the Unknown*

David Wheatcroft - *Stockholm University*

Organizers: Eva Ringler, Diogo Antunes

Animals are exposed to diverse challenges in their everyday life. They need to decide when to forage, mate, care for offspring and fight, and all of these decisions can impact the individual's fitness and are dependent on environmental stimuli and the individual's internal state. The inability to flexibly adjust behavioural responses or the integration of the wrong environmental stimuli to the individual's internal state can be maladaptive. This raises the question of how can animals form robust behavioural responses over evolutionary time, while at the same time remaining flexible at the level of the individual.

In this workshop, we aim to discuss this topic with researchers from diverse fields, bringing together experts from neuroethology, evolutionary biology, and behavioural ecology. This should bring novel insights into the evolution and mechanistic principles of behavioural flexibility. The workshop will be comprised of talks given by experts from different fields, topic-focused discussion groups, and poster sessions. At the end of the workshop we will organize a joint hike in the nearby mountains.



Location: <https://www.fafleralp.ch>

Please register on the CUSO DPEE webpage until 15.06.2026

The workshop is also open for a limited number of non-CUSO students (440 CHF)

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