



# Bridging complexity scales and biological systems

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Heinrichstraße 36

The conference  
of the **Field  
of Excellence  
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University of Graz

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**Complexity** of Life in Basic  
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**Complexity of Life** ConferenceBridging complexity **scales and biological systems****Monday**23<sup>rd</sup> of September**09:00-09:30** Registration (in front of lecture hall HS 11.01, Heinrichstraße 36)**09:30-10:00** Welcoming Words by Vice Rector J. Reidl, Th. Schmickl and A. Goritschnig**Session 1 chaired by B. Corominas Murtra****10:00-11:00** *Fundamental constraints to the logic of living systems* - R. Sole (invited talk)**11:00-11:30** *Hair cells in the cochlea must tune resonant modes to the edge of instability without destabilizing collective modes* - I. Graf (contributed talk)**11:30-12:00** *Scaling Pattern Formation: The physics behind morphogen transport* – A. Aguirre Tamaral (contributed talk)

12:00-14:00 Lunch Break (including coffee at the conference venue)

**14:00-15:00** *Passive vs active tissue material phase transitions instruct different morphogenetic trajectories* - N. Petridou (invited talk) chaired by A. Aguirre Tamaral

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

**Session 2 chaired A. Aguirre Tamaral****15:30-16:00** *Allee pits in metapopulations: critical dispersal rates for connectivity to be beneficial* - C. Grumbach (contributed talk)**16:00-16:30** *Information-geometric point of view on evolutionary games* - V. Jacimovic (contributed talk)**16:30-17:00** *A modified Hughes model for evacuation of bees* - R. Mokhtari (contributed talk)**17:30-19:00** City Tour (starting at Graz main square)**19:00-21:00** Reception at City Hall Graz

## Tuesday

24th of September

- 08:30-09:00** Coffee
- 09:00-10:00** *Mathematical Foundations of Early-Warning Signs and Resilience* - Ch. Kuehn (invited talk) chaired by C. Soresina
- 10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

### Session 3 chaired by C. Soresina

- 10:30-11:30** *Emergence in collective dynamics with apolar alignment* - S. Merino (invited talk)
- 11:30-12:00** *Non-Markovian models of biological collective motion* - J. Haskovec (contributed talk)
- 12:00-12:30** *Modeling liver inflammations with reaction diffusion equations* - C. Reisch (contributed talk)
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch Break (including coffee at the conference venue)
- 14:30-15:30** *Extrapolating Ecological Stability Across Space, Time, and Species* – A. Clark (invited talk) chaired by J. Liesche
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

### Session 4 chaired by A. Clark

- 16:00-16:30** *How conifers and grasses overcome physical limits to sugar export from leaves* - J. Liesche (contributed talk)
- 16:30-17:00** *The use of Daphnia as a living sensor in aquatic biohybrid systems* - W. Rajewicz (contributed talk)
- 17:00-17:30** *From Abiotic Probes to Bio-Hybrid Sensing: Transforming Aquatic Ecosystem Surveillance* - R. Thenius (contributed talk)
- 17:45-18:30** *Strong Emergence Arising from Weak Emergence* – Th. Schmickl (public talk) chaired by B. Tang
- 18:30-21:00** Poster session and beer

## Wednesday

25th of September

**08:30-09:00** Coffee

**09:00-10:00** Reaction-diffusion systems from kinetic models for cell populations - M. Bisi (invited talk) chaired by S. Merino

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

### Session 5 chaired by S. Merino

**10:30-11:30** Derivation of cross-diffusion models in population dynamics: dichotomy, time-scales and fast-reaction - C. Soresina (invited talk)

**11:30-12:00** Singular limits arise from biological systems and uniform-in-time convergence rate - T. Bao-Ngoc (contributed talk)

12:00-14:00 Lunch Break

Free afternoon

## Thursday

26th of September

- 08:30-09:00** Coffee
- 09:00-10:00** *Physics at different scales: The renormalisation group, emergent degrees of freedom, and complexity* - R. Alkofer (invited talk) chaired by A. Koseska
- 10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

### Session 6 chaired by A. Koseska

- 10:30-11:30** *Network renormalization unravels the multiscale structure of human brain connectomes* - M. Serrano (invited talk)
- 11:30-12:00** *Biomass competition unifies individual and community scaling patterns* - L. Fant (contributed talk)
- 12:00-12:30** *How pronounced refractoriness prevents resurgent excitation in jellyfish motor nerve nets* - P. Wu (contributed talk)
- 12:30-14:30 Lunch Break (including coffee at the conference venue)
- 14:30-15:30** *Natural computations with quasi-stable states* - A. Koseska (invited talk) chaired by C. Reisch
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

### Session 7 chaired by C. Reisch

- 16:00-16:30** *A network-based parametrization of positive steady states of biochemical systems* - B. Hernandez (contributed talk)
- 16:30-17:00** *Information-theoretic limits on growth in minimal chemical systems* - J. Piñero (contributed talk)
- 17:00-17:30** *An Unifying Model of Symbiont Dynamics and Regulation in Corals amid Changing Environments* - J. Cavailles (contributed talk)
- 18:30-21:00** Conference Dinner at Gösserbräu (Neutorgasse 48, A-8010 Graz)

## Friday

27th of September

- 08:30-09:00** Coffee
- 09:00-10:00** *Global-to-Local Design for Swarm Robotics* – H. Hamann (invited talk) chaired by Th. Schmickl
- 10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

### Session 8 chaired by Th. Schmickl

- 10:30-11:00** *INSIGNIA-EU. The power of citizen science and honey bees for large scale monitoring of environmental pollution* - K. Gratzner (contributed talk)
- 11:00-11:30** *Connecting evoked EEGs to single spikes in the barn owl auditory brainstem* - P. Kuokkanen (contributed talk)
- 11:30-12:30** *Oscillation in a nonlinear Becker-Döring model for prion dynamics* - K. Fellner (invited talk)
- 12:30-13:00** Conclusions by K. Fellner and organizing committee



## How to get to the venues

### From Main train station (Hauptbahnhof)/Lendplatz

Take Bus 58 toward "Ragnitz";  
Stop: Mozartgasse

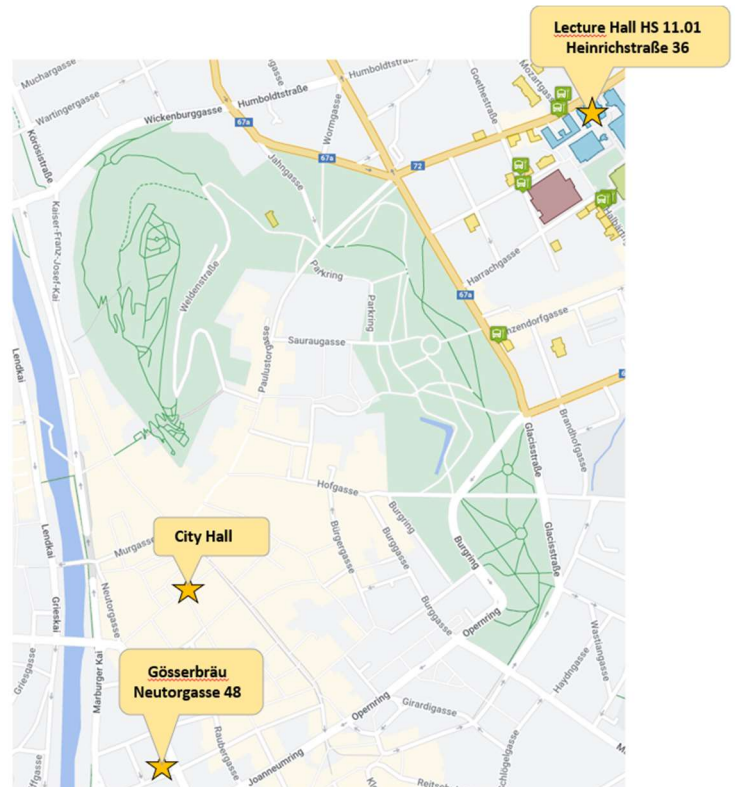
Take Bus 63 toward "Schulzentrum St. Peter";  
Stop: Universität

### From Jakominiplatz

Take Bus 31 toward "Uni-ReSoWi";  
Stops: Uni/Mensa, Uni/ReSoWi

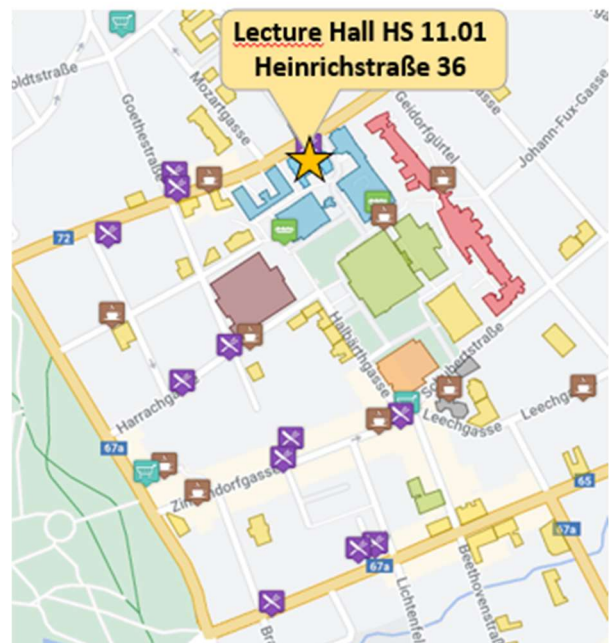
Take Bus 39 toward "Wirtschaftskammer",  
Stop: Zinzendorfgasse

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