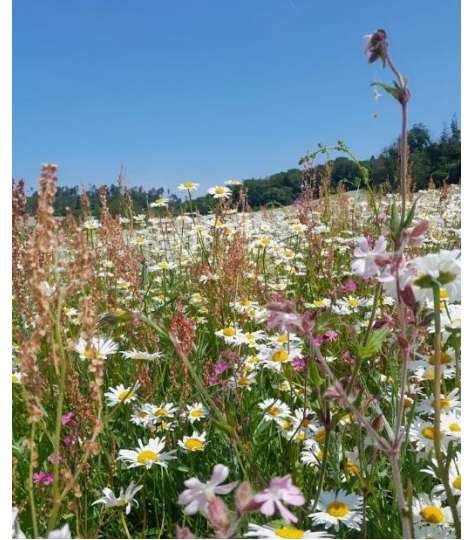


Master thesis opportunity

Societal perceptions and values of semi-natural habitats in agricultural landscapes

Semi-natural habitats in agricultural landscapes, such as hedges, field margins and flower fields, can promote agrobiodiversity. The conservation and restoration of such habitats depend not only on farmers and other land managers, but also on societal support. The wider public perceives and values agricultural landscapes in different ways, which may influence public funding for conservation measures and related policy goals. However, values that society attributes to semi-natural habitats remain poorly understood.

Against that background, we aim to explore how society perceives semi-natural habitats in agricultural landscapes and which values shape their perceptions. Furthermore, we will investigate citizens' willingness to pay an annual contribution towards the restoration of semi-natural habitats.



We are looking for a Master's student who is interested in conducting his/her Master thesis on the values of semi-natural habitats in agricultural landscapes.

Tasks: Your responsibilities will include designing and conducting a quantitative (online) questionnaire survey, processing the resulting data, and performing statistical analyses with R under supervision.

Requirements: You should be interested in social science research and have good data handling skills. Knowledge of R is an asset. Furthermore, you should be willing to write the thesis in English and to prepare and conduct the survey in German.

Opportunities: You would be working in the cutting-edge transdisciplinary project KOOPERATIV (www.uni-goettingen.de/koooperativ/project). You would gain experience in social science research, and scientific analysis as well as improve your scientific writing skills.

Period: Starting in October/November 2026.

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