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# Plant Diversity in the High-Throughput Era – using genes, trees, and genomes to reconstruct evolutionary history

Invitation to the inaugural lecture  
Main Ceremonial Hall of the University of Vienna,  
Universitätsring 1, 1010 Vienna

Wednesday,  
29 Jan. 2025,  
17:00

**Norman Wickett**

Professor of Systematic  
and Evolutionary Botany  
at the Faculty of Life Sciences



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# Norman Wickett

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## **Professor of Systematic and Evolutionary Botany**

Norman Wickett studied Botany at the University of British Columbia, Canada and obtained his PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the University of Connecticut, USA in 2007. In the following years, he carried out postdoctoral work at The Pennsylvania State University (Penn State) focused on adapting emerging genome-scale data to the study of plant diversity and evolution. He started his own research group in 2011 at the Chicago Botanic Garden and Northwestern University as part of the Plant Biology and Conservation Graduate Program, where he was funded by several awards from the US National Science Foundation to apply phylogenomic methods to the reconstruction of plant evolutionary histories. From 2022 to 2024 he was a full Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Clemson University and in September 2024 moved to the University of Vienna as the Professor of Systematic and Evolutionary Botany.

## **Research**

Norman Wickett's research is focused on understanding the patterns and processes that underlay the origin and maintenance of plant diversity from deep-time scales to contemporary species radiations.

# Programme

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**Welcome by**

Christa Schnabl  
(Vice-Rector of the University of Vienna)

**Opening words**

Karl-Heinz Wagner  
(Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences)

**Inaugural lecture**

Norman Wickett

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– using genes, trees, and genomes to  
reconstruct evolutionary history**

**After the lecture, we would like to invite you to a small reception.**

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For organisational reasons, please register for the event by 15.01.2025  
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