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*FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN OUR RELATIONSHIP
WITH NATURE*

SYMPOSIUM ON BIODIVERSITY



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ABOUT

How can we translate nature and biodiversity into values? Only a narrow selection, out of the many values that nature contribute, are included in important political and economic decision-making processes. The products are predominantly based on the population's consumption options and companies' financial returns, which might explain this pattern. An example could be the marked-values of biomass, whereas the value of other ecosystem services like recreative, social and culture values is excluded. Meanwhile, economic growth is unfortunately not decoupled from the deterioration of our nature and ecosystems services.

Along with the majority of the world's countries, Denmark is far from meeting the agreed global targets for our nature and biodiversity. If we are going to improve the Danish and the global biodiversity crises, we need to evaluate the values of our nature and biodiversity and furthermore rethink how we include them in political decisions.

The symposium the 16th of June is based on the new global IPBES-report about value assessments of nature and biodiversity, "Values Assessment", and will include a national as well as an international part. The focus will be on translating global results from the reviews of thousands of international articles to a national danish context. In the first section of the symposium, selected authors of the global IPBES-report will present results from the report and provide options for actions. Afterwards, there will be time for a panel debate, where it will be possible to ask questions about the results of the report and e.g. how they can be transformed into national actions. In the second part of the symposium, Danish and European leading scientist will comment on the most recent research about green GDP, growth without economic growth and the needs for fundamental changes in our view of nature.

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PROGRAM

WELCOME		
9.00	BREAKFAST & COFFEE/TEA	
9.45	Welcome and opening statement	Lise Arleth Pro-Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Copenhagen
9.50	IPBES in Denmark	Justine Grønbæk Pors Copenhagen Business School, IPBES steering committee
PART 1		
<i>Chair: Bo Jellesmark Thorsen, KU</i>		
10.00	IPBES Values Assessment: Context and key findings	Unai Pascual Professor, Chair of the IPBES report about value of nature and biodiversity, Spain
10.30	Values and valuation	Mette Termansen Professor, Coordinating lead author of the IPBES report, Denmark
11.00	COFFEE/TEA	
11.30	Values and decision-making	Arild Vatn Professor, Coordinating lead author of the IPBES report, Norway
PART 2		
<i>Chair: Justine Grønbæk Pors, CBS</i>		
12.00	Panel debate: Value of biodiversity and the natural context	Unai Pascual Arild Vatn Mette Termansen
12.30	LUNCH	
13.10	Exploring fundamental change in our relationship with nature	Lorenzo Benini Senior researcher, European Environmental Agency Roger Strand Professor, University of Bergen

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PART 3		<i>Chair: Eva Roth, SDU</i>
13.30	The need for a law of biodiversity and its contribution to securing the value of biodiversity	Signe Normand Professor, Aarhus University Chair, The Danish Biodiversity Council
13.50	A proposal on how biodiversity can be factored into a green GDP	Jette Bredahl Jacobsen Professor, University of Copenhagen
14.10	Integrating the value of biodiversity and ecosystem services into spatial planning	Berit Hasler Professor, University of Copenhagen
14.30	COFFEE/TEA	
15.00	Group discussion - Inspiration for a Danish expert statement	Lars Dinesen IPBES coordinator
16.00	Summary and future plans	Mette Termansen Professor, University of Copenhagen
16.10	ENDING	

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