

# INLA AND BEYOND: PRACTICAL SPATIAL MODELLING WITH INLABRU FOR ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH

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## 1 Welcome to the course!

- Welcome to the `inlabru` workshop!
- The goal of this workshop is to introduce new users to the `inlabru` software for Bayesian spatial modelling using the integrated nested Laplace approximation (INLA).

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Please use the instructions provided [here](#) to install and check your installation *before* the course start.

## 2 Learning Objectives for the workshop

At the end of the workshop, participants will have an understanding of:

- The `inlabru` workflow and software principles.
- The motivation for and the challenges of analysing and modelling spatial data.
- Statistical models used to analyse spatial data.
- The implementation of these models in the `inlabru` package

## 3 Intended audience

The workshop aims to cater for participants with a range of different backgrounds, who is interested in analysing data with modern spatial statistical modelling approaches.

## 4 Prerequisites

Participants should be familiar with the R environment, and general statistical approaches for modelling such as regression, analysis of (co)variance, and generalized linear models.

No knowledge of R-INLA or `inlabru` is required.

## 5 Schedule Program

Time	Topic
13:00 - 14:00	Workshop registration
14:00 - 14:45	<b>Session 1:</b> Introduction to <code>inlabru</code>
14:45 - 15:30	<b>Practical Session 1</b>
15:30 - 16:00	Refreshment break

Time	Topic
16:00 - 16:45	<b>Session 2:</b> Spatial Modelling with inlabru
16:45 - 17:45	Practical Session 2
17:45 - 18:00	Wrap-up and outlook