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Soil ecology group seeks motivated Ph.D. students

Our research team from University of South Bohemia, České Budějovice, Czech Republic specialized in **soil ecology and microbiology** engages in a new project focusing on the **ecosystem functioning in the natural forest life cycle**. Our aim is to understand:

How the vegetation status and composition of decaying organic substrate across the gradient of forest disturbance and subsequent vegetation regeneration affect:

soil N-availability dynamics,

soil microbial processes,

and capability of forest soils to retain N

We offer Ph.D. research topics:

- soil microbial communities/processes related to N availability in declining and regenerating stands and $\delta^{15}N$ as a marker of the ecosystem N status
 - soil microbial biomass/enzymes turnover, modelling of soil N transformations

starting in 2022 admission: end of January 2022 4-years Ph.D. programme

Application deadline: 5. 1. 2022 Contact and more information: Karolina Tahovská, tahovska@prf.jcu.cz