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Biological  
Diversities  
and Multiple  
Values

This talk will bring together two areas of my research on the philosophy of biodiversity. I'll first discuss the concept 'biodiversity,' arguing that there is no such thing as biodiversity in general, only biological diversities, and that the meaning of 'biodiversity' is properly determined by the salient values within contexts of use, e.g. in ecology, conservation planning, or environmental ethics and policy. I'll then turn to a discussion of multiple values of biological diversities, focusing on aesthetic, ecological, and economic values of ecosystem and species diversity. After responding to some critiques, I'll briefly discuss one potentially troubling philosophical consequence of this value pluralism, namely the problem of value incommensurability.