

Drought resilience in a changing world

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Drought events have been shown to exert strong impacts on ecosystems, however little is yet known on how plant-, soiland ecosystem processes respond to drought in a likely future climate under warming combined with elevated CO₂, and when droughts are expected to increase in frequency and severity. Based on a range of ecosystem experiments in (mostly mountain) grasslands and forests I will show how such future conditions can alter the drought responses of carbon, nutrient and water dynamics at the plant-soil-atmosphere interface, and how drought legacies can modulate ecosystem responses to subsequent drought.

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