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## The Other Insect Societies: Overview and New Directions

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#### **Abstract**

The diversity of societies and forms of social interaction across the Arthropoda is commensurate with the great taxonomic diversity within this pylum. Social evolution research has, however, largely focused on a small subset of social forms; namely, those deemed to be "eusocial" — groups exhibiting overlapping generations, cooperative brood care, and reproductive division of labor. Here I provide a brief overview of the "other," non-eusocial, societies of insects and allies, defining the main social traits of interest and summarizing recent work. Four active and emerging fields of inquiry in the other insect societies are discussed.

#### **Keywords**

Social insects, social evolution, parental care, cooperation, larval societies, biparental care, maternal care, paternal care, resource defense sociality.

#### **Highlights**

- The heterogeneous "other" social insects represent at least four social-evolutionary pathways.
- The terminology widely used to describe these societies is inaccurate and inconsistently applied.
- New directions in the study of social evolution are discussed: itero- vs. semelparity, social immunity, social nutrition, and cross-taxonomic approaches.

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