

Mini African Symposium, Jena 2016

Linguistics, Genetics & Archaeology

We would like to invite you to our Mini African symposium at the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History in Jena, Germany. This Symposium focuses on the recent research in Africa, mainly in Archaeology, Linguistics and Genetics. It will reflect the interdisciplinary ground of the institute, which has become the key to answering big questions about human evolutionary history, origins and migrations.

SPEAKERS

Prof. Dr. Russell Gray

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Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Heath

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Dr. Steve Moran

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Prof. Dr. Tom Güldemann

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PROGRAMME

TIME

MONDAY, AUGUST 22ND

09:00 - 09:20 am Russell Gray
Welcome to MPI-SHH

09:20 - 09:30 am Hiba Babiker
Introduction & Symposium outline

Talks - Archaeology

09:30-10:00 am Nicole Boivin
Archaeological insights into linguistic variation and population history in eastern Africa

Talks - Genetics

10:00 - 10:30 am Luca Pagni
Out of Africa and back: a genomic perspective

10:30 - 11:00 am Jorge Rocha
The admixed genetic structure of two creole speaking archipelagos: Cape Verde and São Tomé e Príncipe

11:00 - 11:30 am **Coffee break**

11:30 - 12:00 pm Chiara Barbieri
TBA

12:00 - 12:30 pm Hiba Babiker
Dogon and Bangande: What we know about their genetics?

12:30 - 01:30 pm **Lunch Break**

Talks - Linguistics

01:30 - 02:00 pm Abbie Hantgan
Introduction to Bangime and its Speakers

02:00 - 02:30 pm Jeffrey Heath
Proto Dogon reconstruction

02:30 - 03:00 pm Steve Moran
Quantitative Analysis of Dogon

03:00 - 03:30 pm **Coffee break**

03:30 - 04:00 pm Lameen Souag
What can linguistics tell us about the history of Songhay?

04:00 - 04:30 pm Tom Güldemann
TBA

04:30 - 05:00 pm Open discussion
Building interdisciplinary bridges through networking and collaboration