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Welcome to the Cultural Evolution Society Conference at the University Mohammed VI Polytechnic (UM6P), Rabat, Morocco, May 11-13.

We are delighted to host this year's conference at UM6P's Rabat campus, through the generous support of the Africa Institute for Research in Economics and Social Sciences (AIRESS) and the School of Collective Intelligence. Rabat — Morocco's historic capital, with its coastal setting, vibrant medina, and rich cultural heritage — offers a fitting home for a community dedicated to understanding how culture shapes human life across time and place. This year's program includes a shared day with the Human Behavior and Evolution Society conference, with joint activities designed to strengthen dialogue across our two communities. We owe tremendous thanks to our local organizing committee co-chairs Sarah Alami and Mathieu Charbonneau, and to committee members Zachary Garfield and Edmond Seabright, for their tireless work bringing this conference to life. We are also grateful to our scientific committee — Bret Beheim, Monique Borgerhoff Mulder, Rebecca Koomen, and Cody Moser — for shaping the program. Please ask our volunteers if you have any questions about the conference or about Rabat. We hope you leave with new ideas, new collaborators, and wonderful memories of Morocco.

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Day 1 - Monday, 11 May

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08:30-09:00	Registration				
09:00-09:10	Conference Opening				
09:10-10:10	Plenary 1 - Helena Miton - What culture can and cannot escape: On constraints and cultural evolution				
10:10-10:20	Transfer				
10:20-11:30	S1: Cultural Evolution and Cognitive Technologies	S2: Social Learning Strategies: Frequency Dependence, Information Use, and Reputation	S3: Transmission Biases, Conformity, and Teaching across Cultures	S4: Children's Learning, Play, and Vocal Development	S503: [T] The New Era of Ape Culture Discoveries (Whiten)
11:30-11:50	Coffee Break				
11:50-13:00	S5: Social Learning: Environments, Minds, and Mechanisms	S6: Innovation, Networks, and Cultural Dynamics	S7: Social Learning, Teaching, and Cognition across Species	S8: The Evolution of Music and Communication Systems	S733: [T] The Evolution and Ecology of Despotism, Power, and Inequality (Weitzel & Codding)
13:00-14:00	Lunch				
14:00-15:10	S9: Language, Cognition, and Symbolic Cultural Tools	S10: Apocalyptic Beliefs, Gods, and Religious Experience	S11: Social Cohesion, Group Dynamics, and Cooperation	S12: Ideology, Values, and Politics	S745: [T] Ethnographic and Empirical Studies of Patterns and Processes in Cultural Evolution (Boyette)
15:10-15:20	Transfer				
15:20-16:30	S13: Language Evolution: Networks, Population Dynamics, and Competition	S14: Ritual Cognition, Symbolic Artefacts, and Supernatural Belief	S15: Caregiving and Wellbeing across Cultures	S16: Formal Models and Measurement in Cultural Evolution Theory	S502: [T] Innovation in Ritual and Religion (Willard)
16:30-16:50	Coffee Break				
16:50-17:50	Plenary 2 - Abdellatif Bencherifa - Land and people of the margins observed: Transitional evolution in oases and mountains of Morocco				
17:50-19:30	Poster Session + Welcome Cocktail				



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Day 2 - Tuesday, 12 May

Time	Track A (Room: B-K2-01)	Track B (Room: B-K2-02)	Track C (Room: B-J2-01)	Track D (Room: B-J2-02)	Track E (Room: B-G0-01)
08:30-09:00	Registration				
09:00-10:10	S17: Norm Psychology, Social Organisation, and Cultural Group Selection	S18: Religious Diversity, Ritual, and Spirituality	S19: Cross-Cultural Methods, Macroevolution, and Multilevel Selection	S20: Kinship, Inequality, and Social Organisation	S410: [T] Cultural Evolution and Archaeology (Okumura)
10:10-10:20	Transfer				
10:20-11:30	S21: Linguistic Diversity, Multilingualism, and Language Endangerment	S22: Political Institutions, Collective Action, and Moral Rules	S23: Cumulative Culture, Problem-solving, and Reasoning	S24: Health, Well-Being, and Adaptive Responses across Populations	S517: [T] Cultural and Behavioral Evolution in the Andean Highlands of Argentina (Muscio)
11:30-11:50	Coffee Break				
11:50-12:50	Plenary 3 - Stephen Vaisey - Empire, discipline, field: Imaginary and possible futures for cultural evolution				
12:50-13:50	Lunch				
13:50-14:35	S25: Modes of Cultural Transmission	S26: Witchcraft, Medicine, and the Supernatural	S27: Norms, Traditions, and Cooperative Behaviour	S700: [T] Cultural Transmission and Evolution of Ethnomycological Knowledge (Bender)	S560: [T] Musical Reproduction and Evolution: Integrating Conceptual and Methodological Approaches through Evo-Devo (Villanueva)
14:35-14:45	Transfer				
14:45-15:30	S28: Morality and Prosociality	S29: Music, Cooperation, and Creativity	S30: Metacognition, Cognitive Flexibility, and Ecological Knowledge	S31: Cultural Systems and Complex Traits	S32: Genes and Culture
15:30-15:50	Coffee Break				
15:50-16:50	Plenary 4 - Michelle Kline: Culture in reproduction: How cultural learning shapes childbearing and childrearing across the lifespan				
16:50-18:30	Shuttle to Gala Dinner				
18:30-20:00	Gala Dinner				



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Day 3 - Wednesday, 13 May

Time	Track A (Room: B-K2-01)	Track B (Room: B-K2-02)	Track C (Room: B-J2-01)	Track D (Room: B-J2-02)	Track E (Room: B-G0-01)
08:30-09:00	Registration				
09:00-10:00	Plenary 5 - Nicole Creanza - Evolution of learned behaviors: Insights from birds and humans				
10:00-10:10	Transfer				
10:10-11:20	S33: Comparative Perspectives: Culture, Cooperation, and Cognition across Species	S34: Applied Cultural Evolution: Policy, Organisations, and Behaviour	S35: AI, Digital Media, and Collective Creativity	S36: Archaeology and Cultural Transmission	S441: [T] The Origin and Evolution of Numeration Practices (Pelland/Dudojc)
11:20-11:30	Coffee Break				
11:30-12:40	S37: Risk, Cooperation, and Reciprocity	S38: Cultural Evolution in Action	S39: Cultural Evolution and Cognition	S40: Knowledge Networks and Intellectual History	
12:40-14:05 Lunch Across Societies (Joint with HBES)	Carol R. Ember and Benjamin Gelbart: <i>Using eHRAF Databases for Cross-Cultural Research</i>	Siobhán M. Cully, Kristopher Smith, H. Clark Barrett: <i>Opportunities for thoughtful global engagement in the evolutionary behavioral sciences</i>	Monica Tamariz: <i>Generating testable hypotheses for a unified theory of culture</i>	Women and Others in Evolutionary Behavioural Sciences (W+EBS): <i>Allyship as a social process: norms, institutions and care across contexts</i>	
14:10-15:10	CES General Meeting (<i>Rabat Amphitheater</i>)				
15:10-15:30	Coffee Break				
15:30-16:30	Joint CES/HBES Plenary - Hugo Mercier: The evolution of reason and the cultural evolution of reasons (<i>Theater</i>)				
16:30-16:45	Transfer				
16:45-17:45	CES/HBES Roundtable (<i>Theater</i>) Fiona Jordan, Ed Hagen, Monique Borgerhoff Mulder, and Joe Henrich: <i>Fostering dialogue between societies: methods, theory, and epistemology</i>				
18:00-19:30	Thematic Session: Four Decades of Cultural Evolution: Reflections and Reckonings (Muthukrishna) (<i>Theater</i>) + Joint CES/HBES Reception Cocktail (<i>Agora/Pergola</i>)				
20:00	W+EBS sponsored Networking Event, Azur Rooftop, Onomo Hotel, Rabat.				

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	ID	Time	Session Title	Talk #	Presenter	Talk Title	Type	
TRACK A (Room: B-K2-01)	1	70-min	10:20-11:30	Cultural Evolution and Cognitive Technologies	1	Rémi Petitpierre	A Computational Approach to the Cultural Evolution of Maps	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Cultural Evolution and Cognitive Technologies	2	Xavier Roberts-Gaal	The cultural evolution of task construals: Cumulative culture can design and transmit maps that simplify navigation problems	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Cultural Evolution and Cognitive Technologies	3	Peeter Tinitis	Modelling the flow of information in European book publishing 1500-1800	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Cultural Evolution and Cognitive Technologies	4	Cheng Liu	Shell Money and the Evolution of Numerical System: A Cross-Cultural Test of Co-Evolutionary Hypotheses	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK B (Room: B-K2-02)	2	70-min	10:20-11:30	Social Learning Strategies: Frequency Dependence, Information Use, and Reputation	1	Thomas Morgan	Bayesian inference produces a novel frequency-dependent learning rule that outcompetes classic strategies and promotes cultural adaptation	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Social Learning Strategies: Frequency Dependence, Information Use, and Reputation	2	Alexander Schakowski	Testing social learning strategies in the wild	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Social Learning Strategies: Frequency Dependence, Information Use, and Reputation	3	Egor Lappo	Social learning and information transmission in online chess	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Social Learning Strategies: Frequency Dependence, Information Use, and Reputation	4	Katrina Johnson	Rejection and Ghosting with Reputational Costs	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Social Learning Strategies: Frequency Dependence, Information Use, and Reputation	5	Katelyn Bonner	The Effects of the Social Learning Strategy Space in Gene-Culture Coevolutionary Modeling	Lightning (5 min)

TRACK C (Room: B-J2-01)	3	70-min	10:20-11:30	Transmission Biases, Conformity, and Teaching across Cultures	1	Mateusz Woźniak	Biases in cultural transmission of information about a minimal ingroup	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Transmission Biases, Conformity, and Teaching across Cultures	2	Charley Wu	Emergent cultural transmission of knowledge without mentalizing	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Transmission Biases, Conformity, and Teaching across Cultures	3	Nyatefe Kufolalor	Teaching Under Constraint: Biases, Trade-Offs, and Cultural Transmission	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Transmission Biases, Conformity, and Teaching across Cultures	4	Tsuyoshi Shimodaira	The impact of oblique transmission on the evolution of teaching	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Transmission Biases, Conformity, and Teaching across Cultures	5	Lukas von Fluee	(Anti-)conformity in three dimensions: social learning in the big space between simple heuristics and general-purpose reasoning	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK D (Room: B-J2-02)	4	70-min	10:20-11:30	Children's Learning, Play, and Vocal Development	1	Amandine Visine	Congolese BaYaka children's learning and exploring in a village context	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Children's Learning, Play, and Vocal Development	2	Natalia Siekiera	Play Repertoires and Peer Relations in Yurakare Children	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Children's Learning, Play, and Vocal Development	3	Renata Biaggi Biazzi	Stability and diversity of vocal sub-cultures depend on interaction networks	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Children's Learning, Play, and Vocal Development	4	Aislinn Keogh	Child-like exploration decreases rewards but increases knowledge: an agent-based model	Lightning (5 min)
			10:20-11:30	Children's Learning, Play, and Vocal Development	5	Elena Miu	Cultural loss facilitates adaptation under environmental change	Lightning (5 min)
			10:20-11:30	Children's Learning, Play, and Vocal Development	6	Adam Kenny	Does a common enemy unite rivals? An experimental assessment of cooperation between real-world groups interacting with a third party	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK E (Room: B-G0-01)	503	Thematic (panel)	10:20-11:30	Thematic: The New Era of Ape Culture Discoveries (Whiten)	1	Andrew Whiten	The New Expansive Picture of Great Ape Culture and the Scope of CCE	Custom
			10:20-11:30	Thematic: The New Era of Ape Culture Discoveries (Whiten)	2	Thillaikumar Revathe	Multi-year social and asocial learning propensities during infancy synergistically shape ecological competence in juvenile Sumatran orangutans	Custom
			10:20-11:30	Thematic: The New Era of Ape Culture Discoveries (Whiten)	3	Caroline Schuppli	Wild orangutans exhibit culturally dependent diet repertoires	Custom
			10:20-11:30	Thematic: The New Era of Ape Culture Discoveries (Whiten)	4	Emile Bryon	Chimpanzee social learning and performance flexibility in a cumulative extractive foraging task	Custom

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TRACK A	B-K2-01	5	70-min	11:50-13:00	Social Learning: Environments, Minds, and Mechanisms	1	Camilla Cenni	The Who and Whom of Social Learning: How Personality Influences Human Social Learning Strategies	Standard (15 min)
				11:50-13:00	Social Learning: Environments, Minds, and Mechanisms	2	Pierre Le Denmat	People do not spontaneously track others' minds in social learning	Standard (15 min)
				11:50-13:00	Social Learning: Environments, Minds, and Mechanisms	3	Sean Prall	Traditionalism mediates social learning biases of novel health interventions in Himba pastoralists	Standard (15 min)
				11:50-13:00	Social Learning: Environments, Minds, and Mechanisms	4	Henri Vandendriessche	Learning to reach consensus and how consensus can shape learning	Lightning (5 min)
				11:50-13:00	Social Learning: Environments, Minds, and Mechanisms	5	Yahya Berrada	People Systematically Misjudge Reliability of Crowds	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK B	B-K2-02	6	70-min	11:50-13:00	Innovation, Networks, and Cultural Dynamics	1	Marcelo Cardillo	Cultural dynamics in Microcultures: Innovation and Persistence in Octopus Fishing in North Patagonia, Argentina	Standard (15 min)
				11:50-13:00	Innovation, Networks, and Cultural Dynamics	2	Maria Pykälä	Random bots can enhance human innovation	Standard (15 min)
				11:50-13:00	Innovation, Networks, and Cultural Dynamics	3	Andoni Sergiou	Multi-Level Social Networks Facilitate Finite, Not Open-Ended, Cumulative Cultural Evolution	Standard (15 min)
				11:50-13:00	Innovation, Networks, and Cultural Dynamics	4	Luca Hahn	Bidirectional influence between social behaviour and social information in wild jackdaws	Standard (15 min)
				11:50-13:00	Innovation, Networks, and Cultural Dynamics	5	Shen Tian	Semantic knowledge guides innovation and drives cultural evolution	Lightning (5 min)
				11:50-13:00	Innovation, Networks, and Cultural Dynamics	6	Latifa Talbi	Evolving Ritual Ecologies: The Transformation of Human-Nonhuman Relations in Maghrebian Festivals	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK C	B-J2-01	7	70-min	11:50-13:00	Social Learning, Teaching, and Cognition across Species	1	Alex Mesoudi	Experimental evidence that reputation-based partner choice facilitates information sharing in humans	Standard (15 min)
				11:50-13:00	Social Learning, Teaching, and Cognition across Species	2	Matthew Lomas	How effective is teaching in Autistic and non-Autistic transmission chains?	Standard (15 min)
				11:50-13:00	Social Learning, Teaching, and Cognition across Species	3	Chirag Chittar	In search of peace of mind: The quest to decipher whether theory of mind is a culturally universal cognitive trait or a plastic trait	Standard (15 min)
				11:50-13:00	Social Learning, Teaching, and Cognition across Species	4	Michael Chimento	Visual attention networks predict social learning in great tits (Parus major)	Standard (15 min)
				11:50-13:00	Social Learning, Teaching, and Cognition across Species	5	Eythan Cousin	Different learning dynamics arise despite similar structural tolerance levels in captive rhesus macaques groups	Lightning (5 min)
				11:50-13:00	Social Learning, Teaching, and Cognition across Species	6	Zoë Goldsborough	Development and social dynamics of stone tool use in white-faced capuchin monkeys	Lightning (5 min)

TRACK D (Room: B-J2-02)	8	70-min	11:50-13:00	The Evolution of Music and Communication Systems	1	Tomasz Szubart	Solving the “Meaning Problem” in the Evolution of Music: A Teleosemantic Account	Standard (15 min)
			11:50-13:00	The Evolution of Music and Communication Systems	2	Courtney Hilton	Cognitive universals and cultural variation in the perception of tonal hierarchies	Standard (15 min)
			11:50-13:00	The Evolution of Music and Communication Systems	3	Martynas Snarskis	Melodic structure is sufficient to communicate the behavioral context of a cross-cultural sample of music	Standard (15 min)
			11:50-13:00	The Evolution of Music and Communication Systems	4	Brenda Barbosa	Musical Instruments Across Civilisations: Cultural evolution in a comparative study on long-reeded aerophones from early medieval Ireland and the Brazilian Xingu	Lightning (5 min)
			11:50-13:00	The Evolution of Music and Communication Systems	5	Simon Thomas	The Synchrony of Group Singing: How The Sacred Harp shapes community	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK E	441	Thematic (panel)	11:50-13:00	Thematic: The Evolution and Ecology of Despotism, Power, and Inequality (Weitzel & Codding)	1	Brian F. Codding	Ecological Pathways to Inequality Among Hunting and Gathering Societies	Custom
			11:50-13:00	Thematic: The Evolution and Ecology of Despotism, Power, and Inequality (Weitzel & Codding)	2	Chris von Rueden & Duncan Stibbard	Egalitarianism is not Equality: Moving from outcome to process in the study of human political organization	Custom
			11:50-13:00	Thematic: The Evolution and Ecology of Despotism, Power, and Inequality (Weitzel & Codding)	3	Duncan Stibbard Hawkes	Decreased residential mobility structures wealth inequality among the Hadza	Custom
			11:50-13:00	Thematic: The Evolution and Ecology of Despotism, Power, and Inequality (Weitzel & Codding)	4	Elic M. Weitzel	Modeling anti-despotic resistance	Custom
TRACK A (Room: B-K2-01)	9	70-min	14:00-15:10	Language, Cognition, and Symbolic Cultural Tools	1	Lucie Wolters	Children’s narrow cognitive bottleneck accelerates the emergence of statistical properties of language	Standard (15 min)
			14:00-15:10	Language, Cognition, and Symbolic Cultural Tools	2	Maisy Hallam	The meanings of kin terms are not adapted for cultural communicative need	Standard (15 min)
			14:00-15:10	Language, Cognition, and Symbolic Cultural Tools	3	Leda Berio	Words, social learning, and co-cultures in dog-human interaction	Standard (15 min)
			14:00-15:10	Language, Cognition, and Symbolic Cultural Tools	4	Alejandra Ramirez	The intergenerational game for language preservation	Lightning (5 min)

TRACK B (Room: B-K2-02)	10	70-min	14:00-15:10	Apocalyptic Beliefs, Gods, and Religious Experience	1	Matthew Billet	End of world beliefs are common, diverse, and predict how people perceive and respond to global risks.	Standard (15 min)
			14:00-15:10	Apocalyptic Beliefs, Gods, and Religious Experience	2	Feryl Badiani	Co-Evolving with the Gods: Cycles of Economic Life, Devotion, and Gender Norms in Hindu Communities	Standard (15 min)
			14:00-15:10	Apocalyptic Beliefs, Gods, and Religious Experience	3	Daniel Major-Smith	Local gods, supernatural punishment, and the expansion of human society: A cross-cultural causal analysis	Standard (15 min)
			14:00-15:10	Apocalyptic Beliefs, Gods, and Religious Experience	4	Kristopher Smith	War, famine, pestilence, and death: Challenges in responding to the Four Horsemen of climate change among Gabra camel pastoralists	Lightning (5 min)
			14:00-15:10	Apocalyptic Beliefs, Gods, and Religious Experience	5	Will Gervais	Belief in Belief: Do Atheists in Secular Countries Intuitively Favour Religion?	Lightning (5 min)
			14:00-15:10	Apocalyptic Beliefs, Gods, and Religious Experience	6	Petr Kvetina	Evidence of millennial movement in the Neolithic? Evolutionary spiritual response to culture crisis	Lightning (5 min)
			TRACK C (Room: B-J2-01)	11	70-min	14:00-15:10	Social Cohesion, Group Dynamics, and Cooperation	1
14:00-15:10	Social Cohesion, Group Dynamics, and Cooperation	2				Bhavya Deepti Vadavalli	Flexible Decision-Making Strategies Across Multi-Level Human Groups	Standard (15 min)
14:00-15:10	Social Cohesion, Group Dynamics, and Cooperation	3				Angarika Deb	Outside options and the advent of Inequalities?	Standard (15 min)
14:00-15:10	Social Cohesion, Group Dynamics, and Cooperation	4				Jose Segovia-Martin	Topological traps in evolutionary games	Standard (15 min)
14:00-15:10	Social Cohesion, Group Dynamics, and Cooperation	5				Xinyue Pan	The group dynamics of involution	Lightning (5 min)
14:00-15:10	Social Cohesion, Group Dynamics, and Cooperation	6				Eric Schnell	The cooperation ladder: Population dynamics and threshold rewards drive surges and stalls in cooperation	Lightning (5 min)

TRACK D (Room: B-J2-02)	12	70-min	14:00-15:10	Ideology, Values, and Politics	1	Quentin Atkinson	Conservatism as parochialism? Two dimensions of ideology differently predict concern for local, national, and global issues	Standard (15 min)
			14:00-15:10	Ideology, Values, and Politics	2	Ana Shapiro	LLM-based text embeddings of political speeches reveal the cultural morphospace of ideology	Standard (15 min)
			14:00-15:10	Ideology, Values, and Politics	3	Nick Kay	A typology of value systems and their historical origins	Standard (15 min)
			14:00-15:10	Ideology, Values, and Politics	4	Murat Bayar	Cultural Evolutionary Theory in Comparative Politics: An Emerging School of Thought?	Lightning (5 min)
			14:00-15:10	Ideology, Values, and Politics	5	Kirsten Sutherland	Children’s sustainability strategies in a cross-cultural common-pool resource dilemma	Lightning (5 min)
			14:00-15:10	Ideology, Values, and Politics	6	Peter Maño	Unpredictable socio-ecology, supernatural beliefs and normative decision-making in Mauritius	Lightning (5 min)
			14:00-15:10	Ideology, Values, and Politics	7	Radha Bazaz	Seasonal Cycles in Basic Human Values: Evidence from Over Thirteen Years of US Data on the Schwartz Value Survey	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK E (Room: B-G0-01)	745	Thematic (panel)	14:00-15:10	Thematic: Ethnographic and Empirical Studies of Patterns and Processes in Cultural Evolution (Boyette)	1	Adam Howell Boyette	Forager and farmer youth preferences in relation to market integration in the Republic of the Congo: Cognitive developmental and cultural dynamics in the evolution of culture	Custom
			14:00-15:10	Thematic: Ethnographic and Empirical Studies of Patterns and Processes in Cultural Evolution (Boyette)	2	Jeffrey Andrews	Social Learning and Occupational Choice	Custom
			14:00-15:10	Thematic: Ethnographic and Empirical Studies of Patterns and Processes in Cultural Evolution (Boyette)	3	Cody T. Ross	Examining the roles of vertical, horizontal, and prestige-biased oblique transmission in the revitalization of a severely endangered language	Custom
			14:00-15:10	Thematic: Ethnographic and Empirical Studies of Patterns and Processes in Cultural Evolution (Boyette)	4	Bret Beheim	Escalating Social Norms: The Adaptive Advantages of Norm Psychology in a Pedestrian Traffic System	Custom
			14:00-15:10	Thematic: Ethnographic and Empirical Studies of Patterns and Processes in Cultural Evolution (Boyette)	5	Elspeth Ready	Are sharing networks inherited? Exploratory analysis of parent and child food sharing networks in the Canadian Arctic	Custom

TRACK A (Room: B-K2-01)	13	70-min	15:20-16:30	Language Evolution: Networks, Population Dynamics, and Competition	1	Yuanze Liu	The Cultural Evolution of English Trait Language: Content, Structure, and History	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Language Evolution: Networks, Population Dynamics, and Competition	2	Alexey Koshevoy	Beyond network size: How interaction structure shapes language evolution	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Language Evolution: Networks, Population Dynamics, and Competition	3	Ellis Cain	Population turnover in language evolution explains age-related differences in language preferences	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Language Evolution: Networks, Population Dynamics, and Competition	4	Stephen Mann	Detecting competition and convergence in language evolution	Standard (15 min)
TRACK B (Room: B-K2-02)	14	70-min	15:20-16:30	Ritual Cognition, Symbolic Artefacts, and Supernatural Belief	1	Danica Dillion	Beyond punitive high gods: Moralistic supernatural explanations across 114 societies are seldom attributed to high gods and are often reward-focused	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Ritual Cognition, Symbolic Artefacts, and Supernatural Belief	2	Rohan Kapitany	The effect of culture on children’s reality-judgments of natural, supernatural, and fictional entities.	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Ritual Cognition, Symbolic Artefacts, and Supernatural Belief	3	Stephen Asatsa	Cultural Transmission During Luhya Mourning Rituals	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Ritual Cognition, Symbolic Artefacts, and Supernatural Belief	4	William Buckner	The Cultural Attraction of Witchcraft	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK C (Room: B-J2-01)	15	70-min	15:20-16:30	Caregiving and Wellbeing across Cultures	1	Marie Michael	Cultural Tuning of Caregiving: An Investigation of Attentional Mechanisms and Conceptual Associations to Baby-Schema Cues Across Small-Scale and Urban Communities	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Caregiving and Wellbeing across Cultures	2	Rebecca Sear	Reconsidering allomothering: what do associations, or lack of them, between kin and fitness outcomes tell us about the importance of support for raising children in our species?	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Caregiving and Wellbeing across Cultures	3	Malik Hussain	Pox, Piety and Paradox: The Economics of Vaccination in British India	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Caregiving and Wellbeing across Cultures	4	Fiona Jordan	Phylogenetic reconstructions of Polynesian medicinal plant use reveal adaptive strategies	Standard (15 min)

TRACK D (Room: B-J2-02)	16	70-min	15:20-16:30	Formal Models and Measurement in Cultural Evolution Theory	1	Matthew Cashman	How to Measure What's in a Mind	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Formal Models and Measurement in Cultural Evolution Theory	2	Joe Wakano	Evolving genealogies in cultural evolution, the descendant process, and the number of cultural traits	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Formal Models and Measurement in Cultural Evolution Theory	3	Andreu Arinyo-i-Prats	Use it or Lose it: are we losing cultural loss?	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Formal Models and Measurement in Cultural Evolution Theory	4	Petr Tureček	Decomposition of variance in cultural transmission and the autoencoder as a model of the social brain	Standard (15 min)
			15:20-16:30	Formal Models and Measurement in Cultural Evolution Theory	5	Paul Seabright	The evolution of zero-sum and positive-sum worldviews.	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK E (Room: B-G0-01)	502	Thematic (panel)	15:20-16:30	Thematic: Innovation in Ritual and Religion (Willard)	1	Aiyana Willard	Innovation in Neo-Pagan Beliefs and Practices	Custom
			15:20-16:30	Thematic: Innovation in Ritual and Religion (Willard)	2	Adam Baimel	The Greening of Religion	Custom
			15:20-16:30	Thematic: Innovation in Ritual and Religion (Willard)	3	Ze Hong	Beyond (Irresolvable) Causal Opacity: The Instrumental Logic of Magical Rituals	Custom
			15:20-16:30	Thematic: Innovation in Ritual and Religion (Willard)	4	Sotirios Kolios	Musical Sounds as Tools in Spiritual but not Religious Ritual Practices	Custom

17:50-19:30 Poster Session	
Alexandros Gelastopoulos	From preference to dominance: The reinforcing and regressing effects of social influence
Anis Lakhdar	The Secret of Cassava's Success
Augusto Dalla Ragione	A gene–culture co-evolutionary perspective on the puzzle of human twinship
Benoît de Courson	Who cares about reputation? Socioeconomic status and reputational investment
Burton Voorhees	Evolutionary and Developmental Aspects of Cultural Evolution: The Example of Science
Charlotte Wilks	Investigating the cognitive processes and educational experiences supporting tool innovation development
Chiara Anceschi	A Representational Analysis of Signed Numerals: Insights into Cultural-Cognitive Evolution
Chiara Pertile	Mapping Cultural Transmission in Human and Non-Human Primates: A Comparative Framework
Christine Lindell	Global Development Working Group: Bridging Cultural Evolution Science and Development Practice
Connor Davis	Detecting seasonality preference in marriage and birth timing using population-level data and simulation modeling
Dmitri Bondarenko	Organizational Principles and Cultural Evolution of Societies as Systems of Institutions
Eduardo Ottoni	“Peering” and Socially Biased Learning in tufted capuchin monkeys (<i>Sapajus</i> spp)
Estebe Sylvain	From Ecological Pressures to Literary Themes: Modeling Psychological Adaptation in Historical French Fiction (1999–1500) Using Large Language Models
Eva Kundtová Klocová	Mate-Guarding Compliance and Patrilineal Investment in a Heterogeneous Religious Context
Francy Kiabiya Ntamboudila	The social learning and development of intra- and inter-ethnic sharing norms in the Congo Basin
Gérard Sensevy	Towards Cultural Evidence
Gilbert Roberts	Stable reciprocity without cultural group selection
Ivan Fomin	Three problems of memetics and sixty-six solutions from semiotics. On the definitional options of (re)-conceptualizing memes as signs
Jérémy Perez	The cultural evolution of human goals: How individuals generate, select, and transmit goals
Joshua Bamford	A cultural history of virtuality in musical performance
Joshua Fisher	Consciousness as Cultural Evolution Engine
Junyu Li	How Children Use Expectations About Ability When Judging Moral Responsibility
Ken Baskin	Cognosis: A New Paradigm Approach to the Process of Cultural Evolution
Kenji Okubo	Reconstructing Space-Time Network of Lithic Assemblages during the Middle-to-Upper Paleolithic Transition in the Levant
Lachlan von Pein	Cultural group selection and the evolution of human cooperation: Exploring the implications of cumulative culture in an agent-based model

Leta Kingfisher	Indigenous People and Artificial Intelligence Use by Post-Secondary Students
Lou Savigny	The 'other' Pan ape in cultural evolution: why bonobos are a key (yet overlooked) comparative model
Luke Glowacki	The Cultural Evolution of Peace
Lyeba Jadun	Does social support improve health? A test using social networks and health in Vanuatu
Madeleine Ammar	Learning and the Concepts of Cultural Traits
Mao Koshimizu	Minimally-Counterintuitiveness and popularity of modern fictional characters: quantitative analysis on Pokémon
Md Sams Afif Nirjhor	Evolution of cooperation in the division of labour on networks
Omayma El Achak	From the 2016 Hirak to Gen Z: Tracing the Cultural Evolution of Moroccan Youth Activism
Oromia G. Sero	Online posting behavior as a social reinforcement learning process
Pablo Varas Enríquez	The impact of cultural regimes via cohort differences on the reproductive outcomes of women from Malakula, Vanuatu
Patricia Greenfield	The cultural evolution of color terms: Universal patterning and environmental influences
Pavlina Hillerova	Higher reliance on social cues actively decreases capacity for guided variation (experimental findings from a trivia-guessing game)
Peter Kutsos	Should Researchers Imitate More?
Peter Racz	Survival Analysis of Pronoun Use in Datooga Conversation
Radim Chvaja	Intergroup Conflict and Belief in a Punishing God: A Natural Experiment from Ukraine
Richardt Hansen	Cooperative sustainability: Not all inequality is created equally
Robert Ashby	Narrative Cognition and the Achuelean Handaxe
Robert Brooks	Understanding human-AI cultural relations in terms of host-parasite coevolution
Robin Watson	Designing and validating a novel measure of innovation in adults
Sabine Noebel	Mate-choice copying in Drosophila – A comparative approach
Simon Carrignon	Quantifying the rate and amplitude of cultural change in a population of AI agents
Somaya Bahji	Governing Complexity in a Post-Globalised World: Applying CAS and Chaos Theory to Emerging Security Challenges
Theodore Seto	Why You Should Believe in Free Will
Vivian Scheinsohn	An evolutionary perspective in archaeology
Yuri Nishikawa	Cultural evolution of facial shapes of Buddha statues across Asia



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	ID	Time	Session Title	Talk #	Presenter	Talk Title	Type	
TRACK A (Room: B-K2-01)	17	70-min	09:00-10:10	Norm Psychology, Social Organisation, and Cultural Group Selection	1	Tim Waring	Measuring cultural group selection in the wild: the life and death of consumer food clubs	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Norm Psychology, Social Organisation, and Cultural Group Selection	2	Sergey Gavrilets	Cultural Tightness, Democratic Rule-Making, and the Stability of Peer-Designed Norms	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Norm Psychology, Social Organisation, and Cultural Group Selection	3	Mark Stanford	Normativity beyond norms: How norm psychology can account for particularistic moral systems	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Norm Psychology, Social Organisation, and Cultural Group Selection	4	Adrian Bell	Identity Mapping Reveals Adaptive Labeling Across Cultural Boundaries	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Norm Psychology, Social Organisation, and Cultural Group Selection	5	Taylor Davis	Cultural Norms (in Humans), Genetic Norms (in Insects), and the Function of Norms in General	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK B (Room: B-K2-02)	18	70-min	09:00-10:10	Religious Diversity, Ritual, and Spirituality	1	Cindel White	Religious cultural diversity is associated with less religious conflict around the world	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Religious Diversity, Ritual, and Spirituality	2	Julia Phelps	Using natural experiments to interrogate the causal relationship between Islam and cooperation among Sama marine fisher-foragers	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Religious Diversity, Ritual, and Spirituality	3	Radek Kundt	Differential benefit estimation in an extreme ritual in Mauritius: A modification of costly signaling theory of religion	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Religious Diversity, Ritual, and Spirituality	4	Kathryn Ford	I Belong to Glastonbury: The importance of belonging to Spiritual but not Religious individuals	Lightning (5 min)
			09:00-10:10	Religious Diversity, Ritual, and Spirituality	5	Nachita Rosun	Cultural Transmission in 'Spiritual But Not Religious' Families across the UK, India, and Mauritius	Lightning (5 min)
			09:00-10:10	Religious Diversity, Ritual, and Spirituality	6	Jana Nenadalová	Sensory Deprivation and the Evolution of Religious Practices	Lightning (5 min)

TRACK C (Room: B-J2-01)	19	70-min	09:00-10:10	Cross-Cultural Methods, Macroevolution, and Multi-level Selection	1	Václav Hrnčíř	Exploring cultural variability in the D-PLACE using spatiophylogenetic models	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Cross-Cultural Methods, Macroevolution, and Multi-level Selection	2	Peter Turchin	The Role of Multilevel Selection in Cultural Macroevolution	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Cross-Cultural Methods, Macroevolution, and Multi-level Selection	3	Matthew Zefferman	The WEIRD instrument problem and systematic bias in cross-cultural research	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Cross-Cultural Methods, Macroevolution, and Multi-level Selection	4	Stephan Kaufhold	Spatial Dynamics of Cooperative Sustainability in Chimpanzees and Bonobos	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Cross-Cultural Methods, Macroevolution, and Multi-level Selection	5	Talib el Aisatti	Revealing Collective Understanding in Small-Scale Societies: A New Method for Measuring Local Knowledge	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK D (Room: B-J2-02)	20	70-min	09:00-10:10	Kinship, Inequality, and Social Organisation	1	Ivan Deschenaux	Social essentialism and adherence to traditional social norms in two South Asian communities	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Kinship, Inequality, and Social Organisation	2	Eleanor Power	How do homophily and wealth bias individual perceptions and experiences of inequality?	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Kinship, Inequality, and Social Organisation	3	Laura Fortunato	High rates of polygyny do not lock large proportions of men out of the marriage market	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Kinship, Inequality, and Social Organisation	4	Brea McCauley	Permanent Body Modification: Archaeological and Early Historical Evidence	Standard (15 min)
			09:00-10:10	Kinship, Inequality, and Social Organisation	5	Jessica Hlay	Gender differences in causes of union dissolution and marital status differences in household demographics among BaYaka foragers of the Congo Basin	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK E (Room: B-G0-01)	410	Thematic (panel)	09:00-10:10	Thematic:] Cultural Evolution and Archaeology (Okumura)	1	Felix Riede	Gene-culture coevolution at the dawn of everything: a cophylogenetic approach	Custom
			09:00-10:10	Thematic:] Cultural Evolution and Archaeology (Okumura)	2	Maria Mercedes Okumura	An “uninteresting nonevidence for nonevolution”: stasis in the archaeological record	Custom
			09:00-10:10	Thematic:] Cultural Evolution and Archaeology (Okumura)	3	Astolfo Gomes de Mello Araujo	Mind over matter? Some problems to be addressed in CET	Custom
			09:00-10:10	Thematic:] Cultural Evolution and Archaeology (Okumura)	4	Ethan Edward Cochrane	Cultural evolution is archaeology or it is nothing	Custom

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TRACK A	(Room: B-K2-01)	21	70-min	10:20-11:30	Linguistic Diversity, Multilingualism, and Language Endangerment	1	Damián Blasi	Linguistic diversity over the Holocene and the cultural bottleneck	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Linguistic Diversity, Multilingualism, and Language Endangerment	2	Justyna Olko	Multilingual worlds, neglected histories. A cross-cultural comparative study of the dynamics of historical and contemporary multilingualism	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Linguistic Diversity, Multilingualism, and Language Endangerment	3	Bartłomiej Chromik	Grassroots multilingualism and socio-cultural sustainability. The evolution of linguistically diverse ecologies in Ahuacatlan, Mexico.	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Linguistic Diversity, Multilingualism, and Language Endangerment	4	Guy Lavender Forsyth	Shifting away from Indigenous languages in Vanuatu: Exploring the dynamics of ongoing language endangerment with national census data	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Language Evolution: Networks, Population Dynamics, and Competition	5	Anja Becker	How do ni-Vanuatu children perceive their linguistic ecologies ?	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK B	(Room: B-K2-02)	22	70-min	10:20-11:30	Political Institutions, Collective Action, and Moral Rules	1	Cameron Curtin	Traditional political institutions, cooperation, and public goods in Oaxaca, Mexico	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Political Institutions, Collective Action, and Moral Rules	2	Anne Pisor	Both long-distance social relationships and nested institutions can support collective action	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Political Institutions, Collective Action, and Moral Rules	3	Daniel Kelly	The Power of Words: How Language Transforms Social Norms	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Political Institutions, Collective Action, and Moral Rules	4	Julien Lie-Panis	Why human societies adopt rigid moral rules: the efficiency-robustness trade-off	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Political Institutions, Collective Action, and Moral Rules	5	Ona Wang	From Conflict to Social Complexity: the Evolution of Legal Pluralism and Multiple Moralities	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK C	(Room: B-J2-01)	23	70-min	10:20-11:30	Cumulative Culture, Problem-solving, and Reasoning	1	Eleni Nisioti	Evolving Interaction Protocols for Open-ended Collective Innovation	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Cumulative Culture, Problem-solving, and Reasoning	2	Maxime Derex	Disentangling the roles of reasoning and cultural transmission in technological evolution	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Cumulative Culture, Problem-solving, and Reasoning	3	James Winters	Modelling the cultural evolution of problems and solutions	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Cumulative Culture, Problem-solving, and Reasoning	4	Petr Chlup	Task and Culture-Dependent Attractors, Not Selection, Shape Evolution in an Experimental Study of 3D Artifact Evolution	Standard (15 min)
				10:20-11:30	Cumulative Culture, Problem-solving, and Reasoning	5	Mathieu Charbonneau	Open-ended cultural evolution and the construction of problems	Lightning (5 min)
				10:20-11:30	Cumulative Culture, Problem-solving, and Reasoning	6	Saira Khan	Evolving Human Cumulative Culture	Lightning (5 min)

TRACK D (Room: B-J2-02)	24	70-min	10:20-11:30	Health, Well-Being, and Adaptive Responses across Populations	1	Sarah Alami	Amazigh Nomads Show Strong Desire to Settle and Low Regret Despite Economic Costs	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Health, Well-Being, and Adaptive Responses across Populations	2	Joanna Żyrek	Flexible infant feeding practices respond to political transformation in rural southern Poland	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Health, Well-Being, and Adaptive Responses across Populations	3	R. Alexander Bentley	Ancient disease and cultural evolution of subsistence and settlement behaviour	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Health, Well-Being, and Adaptive Responses across Populations	4	Michelle Tang	Youth Well-Being From a Cultural Evolution Perspective: Social Connection, Household Contributions, and Coming-of-Age Milestones in Hunter-Gatherer vs. Industrialized Societies	Standard (15 min)
			10:20-11:30	Health, Well-Being, and Adaptive Responses across Populations	5	Mina Aryaie	Why the Evil Eye Endures: A Cultural Evolutionary Account of Supernatural Envy Management	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK E (Room: B-G0-01)	517	Thematic (panel)	10:20-11:30	Thematic: Cultural and Behavioral Evolution in the Andean Highlands of Argentina (Muscio)	1	Hernán Juan Muscio	Rituals and Social Adaptations among the Atacameño Indigenous People of the Puna Region of Salta.	Custom
			10:20-11:30	Thematic: Cultural and Behavioral Evolution in the Andean Highlands of Argentina (Muscio)	2	Juan Pablo Orsi	Early high-altitude adaptations and faunal use in the Puna of Salta, Argentina: an approach from human behavioral ecology	Custom
			10:20-11:30	Thematic: Cultural and Behavioral Evolution in the Andean Highlands of Argentina (Muscio)	3	Guido Esteban Carballo	Niche Construction and Aboriginal Knowledge about Health and Disease in Matancillas, Puna de Salta.	Custom
			10:20-11:30	Thematic: Cultural and Behavioral Evolution in the Andean Highlands of Argentina (Muscio)	4	Sebastian Luis Frete	Niche Construction and Archaeological Landscapes in San Antonio de los Cobres	Custom

TRACK A (Room: B-K2-01)	25	45-min	13:50-14:35	Modes of Cultural Transmission	1	Francesco d'Errico	Environmental Regimes and the Changing Architecture of Cultural Transmission	Standard (15 min)
			13:50-14:35	Modes of Cultural Transmission	2	Claudio Tennie	Successful stone tool shaping in the absence of cultural models	Standard (15 min)
			13:50-14:35	Modes of Cultural Transmission	3	Yo Nakawake	Social learning can undermine technological evolution via social loafing under the exploration-exploitation trade-off	Lightning (5 min)
			13:50-14:35	Modes of Cultural Transmission	4	Eve Holden	Measuring imitation from naturalistic behavioural observations of children across four cultures	Lightning (5 min)
			13:50-14:35	Modes of Cultural Transmission	5	Ariel Levy	When showing and telling convey different stories: modes of cultural knowledge transmission lead to different concept representations	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK B (Room: B-K2-02)	26	45-min	13:50-14:35	Witchcraft, Medicine, and the Supernatural	1	Steije Hofhuis	When Witch-Hunting Went Viral. A Cultural Darwinian Analysis of European Witch Persecutions	Standard (15 min)
			13:50-14:35	Witchcraft, Medicine, and the Supernatural	2	Lora Adair	"With magic... I can escape from all this going on around me": Magic solutions to modern problems	Standard (15 min)
			13:50-14:35	Witchcraft, Medicine, and the Supernatural	3	Eli Elster	The uses of native psilocybin among indigenous Southern African healers	Standard (15 min)
TRACK C (Room: B-J2-01)	27	45-min	13:50-14:35	Norms, Traditions, and Cooperative Behaviour	1	Kenji Itao	Self-organized institutions in evolutionary dynamical-systems games	Standard (15 min)
			13:50-14:35	Norms, Traditions, and Cooperative Behaviour	2	Minhua Yan	A norm about harvest division is maintained by a desire to follow tradition, not by social policing	Standard (15 min)
			13:50-14:35	Norms, Traditions, and Cooperative Behaviour	3	Catherine Molho	Collective threats shift cooperative norms, but not the punishment of norm violations	Standard (15 min)
TRACK D (Room: B-J2-02)	700	Thematic (panel)	13:50-14:35	Thematic: Cultural Transmission and Evolution of Ethnomycological Knowledge (Bender)	1	Andrea Bender	What makes a mushroom poisonous? Cultural impacts on edibility appraisals	Custom
			13:50-14:35	Thematic: Cultural Transmission and Evolution of Ethnomycological Knowledge (Bender)	2	Aliki Papa	Mycophilia, mycophobia, and the cultural evolution of mushroom knowledge	Custom
			13:50-14:35	Thematic: Cultural Transmission and Evolution of Ethnomycological Knowledge (Bender)	3	Chiara Anceschi & Janne Yrjö-Koskinen	Mapping cultural transmission of mushroom knowledge in Southern Africa	Custom
TRACK E (Room: B-G0-01)	560	Thematic (panel)	13:50-14:35	Thematic: Musical Reproduction and Evolution: Integrating Conceptual and Methodological Approaches through Evo-Devo (Villanueva)	1	Luis Alejandro, Villanueva Hernandez & Cristina Villegas	Mechanisms of Musical Reproduction: An Evo-Devo Approach	Custom
			13:50-14:35	Thematic: Musical Reproduction and Evolution: Integrating Conceptual and Methodological Approaches through Evo-Devo (Villanueva)	2	Dharanish Rajendra	Emergence of musical traditions and their evolution: a social perspective	Custom
			13:50-14:35	Thematic: Musical Reproduction and Evolution: Integrating Conceptual and Methodological Approaches through Evo-Devo (Villanueva)	3	Axel Arango Garcia	Exploring the Limits and Potential of Phylogenetic Analysis in Music Evolution	Custom

TRACK A (Room: B-K2-01)	28	45-min	14:45-15:30	Morality and Prosociality	1	David Schultner	Interactions of the common-is-moral heuristic and inequality aversion in shaping moral judgments	Standard (15 min)
			14:45-15:30	Morality and Prosociality	2	Joshua Jackson	How Social Media Distorts Cultural Evolution	Standard (15 min)
			14:45-15:30	Morality and Prosociality	3	Emily Jeffries	“You aren’t’ supposed to be rewarded for bad behaviour in a folktale”: Assessing the transmission of prosocial content in Indo-European Folktales using a novel transmission chain experiment.	Lightning (5 min)
			14:45-15:30	Morality and Prosociality	4	Charul Maheshka	The evolution of good and evil: How ambiguous moral characters become polarised	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK B (Room: B-K2-02)	29	45-min	14:45-15:30	Music, Cooperation, and Creativity	1	Zixuan Jia	Does synchronized singing enhance social bonding more than group conversation?	Standard (15 min)
			14:45-15:30	Music, Cooperation, and Creativity	2	Danya Pavlovich	An Indigenous perspective on music and cooperation across cultures	Standard (15 min)
			14:45-15:30	Music, Cooperation, and Creativity	3	Katie Mudd	Constraints and communicative pressures shape creativity in a musical task	Standard (15 min)
TRACK C (Room: B-J2-01)	30	45-min	14:45-15:30	Metacognition, Cognitive Flexibility, and Ecological Knowledge	1	Arian Rajaeian	Experimentally Testing the Role of Explicit Metacognition in Cultural Transmission	Standard (15 min)
			14:45-15:30	Metacognition, Cognitive Flexibility, and Ecological Knowledge	2	Daniel Villar	The effect of environmental variability on transmission modes of local ecological knowledge	Standard (15 min)
			14:45-15:30	Metacognition, Cognitive Flexibility, and Ecological Knowledge	3	Benjamin Pitt	Pattern induction in Amazonian children: Evidence for a domain-general learning mechanism	Standard (15 min)
TRACK D (Room: B-J2-02)	31	45-min	14:45-15:30	Cultural Systems and Complex Traits	1	Karim Baraghith	On Networks, Trees and Traits: Evaluating Explanatory Power of Network Models in Cultural Evolutionary Research	Standard (15 min)
			14:45-15:30	Cultural Systems and Complex Traits	2	Patrick Lauer	Why cultural traits become cultural packages	Standard (15 min)
			14:45-15:30	Cultural Systems and Complex Traits	3	Sarah Wright	A novel coding scheme for studying bodily movements: Kinetographic analysis	Standard (15 min)
TRACK E (Room: B-G0-01)	32	45-min	14:45-15:30	Genes and Culture	1	Hélios Delbrassine	Demography in cultural evolution studies: A case for the joint use of cultural and genetic data	Standard (15 min)
			14:45-15:30	Genes and Culture	2	Niccole Porras Alvarez	Mechanistic model of socially structured gene flow	Standard (15 min)
			14:45-15:30	Genes and Culture	3	Willem Church	Inferring Social Organisation from Genetic Data: How Distinct Kinship Systems Can Produce Similar Genetic Signatures	Standard (15 min)



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TRACK A (Room: B-K2-01)	33	70-min	10:10-11:20	Comparative Perspectives: Culture, Cooperation, and Cognition across Species	1	Kiran Basava	The evolution of cultural diversity and extinction risk in cetaceans	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	Comparative Perspectives: Culture, Cooperation, and Cognition across Species	2	Jenny Allen	Lower song complexity in older singers reveal insight into humpback whale song ontogeny	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	Comparative Perspectives: Culture, Cooperation, and Cognition across Species	3	Brendan Barrett	Innovation and Cultural Transmission in Island Ecosystems	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	Comparative Perspectives: Culture, Cooperation, and Cognition across Species	4	Beatriz Felicio	Who should I touch? - The social partners for face touching behavior in capuchin monkeys, chimpanzees and humans	Lightning (5 min)
			10:10-11:20	Comparative Perspectives: Culture, Cooperation, and Cognition across Species	5	Agata Kowalewska	Beyond behaviour. Reconceptualising nonhuman cultures as relational and situated ways of being.	Lightning (5 min)
			10:10-11:20	Comparative Perspectives: Culture, Cooperation, and Cognition across Species	6	Julia Omena	Mother-offspring food sharing as a mechanism of knowledge transmission in capuchin monkeys	Lightning (5 min)
			10:10-11:20	Comparative Perspectives: Culture, Cooperation, and Cognition across Species	7	Rayan Dequin	Groupe level infanticide in humans and hymenopterans and its implications for other taxa	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK B (Room: B-K2-02)	34	70-min	10:10-11:20	Applied Cultural Evolution: Policy, Organisations, and Behaviour	1	Francisco Brahm	Overshooting of (Useful) Cultural Practices	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	Applied Cultural Evolution: Policy, Organisations, and Behaviour	2	Taylor Lange	Testing cultural adaptation in industrial agriculture	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	Applied Cultural Evolution: Policy, Organisations, and Behaviour	3	Ghizlane GOUBRAIM	How Organizational Hierarchy Perception Shapes Information Sharing Across Cultures	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	Applied Cultural Evolution: Policy, Organisations, and Behaviour	4	Dunstan Matungwa	Reimagining International Collaboration in Anthropology: Tanzania as a Case Study	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	Applied Cultural Evolution: Policy, Organisations, and Behaviour	5	Robin Schimmelpfennig	The Cultural Evolution of Organizational Culture	Lightning (5 min)

TRACK C (Room: B-J2-01)	35	70-min	10:10-11:20	AI, Digital Media, and Collective Creativity	1	Thomas Eisenmann	Professional artists' skills transfer to a technologically evolving landscape	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	AI, Digital Media, and Collective Creativity	2	Pietro Beltrame	Seeing History from Space: How the Built Environment Can Inform Cultural and Social Evolution	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	AI, Digital Media, and Collective Creativity	3	Mason Youngblood	Dynamics of collective creativity in AI art competitions	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	AI, Digital Media, and Collective Creativity	4	Harin Lee	World Aesthetic Survey (WAS): What people like to see and hear across 62 societies	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	AI, Digital Media, and Collective Creativity	5	Younes Jeddi	Crowdsourced vs LLM Forecasting: Evidence for the Accuracy-Correlation Effect	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK D (Room: B-J2-02)	36	70-min	10:10-11:20	Archaeology and Cultural Transmission	1	Natalia Fedorova	Monetization in Dark Age Scandinavia: Agent-Based Modelling between theory and data	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	Archaeology and Cultural Transmission	2	Alfredo Cortell-Nicolau	Can we track microevolution in Archaeology?	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	Archaeology and Cultural Transmission	3	Corijn van Mazijk	Opaque Social Instruments: Rethinking Stone Age Symbolic Artefacts	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	Archaeology and Cultural Transmission	4	Andra Meneganzin	Taming Comparative Innovativeness In the Middle Pleistocene	Standard (15 min)
			10:10-11:20	Archaeology and Cultural Transmission	5	Kohei Tamura	Reconstructing Transmission Routes of Pottery in the Neolithic Japanese Archipelago: A Quantitative 3D Shape Analysis	Lightning (5 min)
			10:10-11:20	Archaeology and Cultural Transmission	6	Vincent Niochet	Intergroup transmission of prehistoric knapping techniques likely required direct social learning mechanisms	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK E (Room: B-G0-01)	733	Thematic (panel)	10:10-11:20	Thematic The Origin and Evolution of Numeration Practices (Pelland/Dudojc)	1	Jean-Charles Pelland	Say it ain't so: a functionalist take on the origins of numeration practices	Custom
			10:10-11:20	Thematic The Origin and Evolution of Numeration Practices (Pelland/Dudojc)	2	Olga Dudojć	From fingers to culture: Body-based numeration practices in evolutionary perspective	Custom
			10:10-11:20	Thematic The Origin and Evolution of Numeration Practices (Pelland/Dudojc)	3	Russell Barlow	When less is more: The emergence of subtraction in Austronesian numeral systems	Custom
			10:10-11:20	Thematic The Origin and Evolution of Numeration Practices (Pelland/Dudojc)	4	Lloyd A Courtenay	Non-linear pathways in the evolution of the written number	Custom

Track	Room	Session No.	Time	Topic	Speaker	Title	Format		
TRACK A	B-K2-01	37	70-min	11:30-12:40	Risk, Cooperation, and Reciprocity	1	Paul Smaldino	The Development of Risk Behaviors and Their Cultural Transmission	Standard (15 min)
				11:30-12:40	Risk, Cooperation, and Reciprocity	2	Jorge Peña	Evolutionary branching of social preferences in a public good provision game	Standard (15 min)
				11:30-12:40	Risk, Cooperation, and Reciprocity	3	Ivan Colagè	The Evolution of Human Cooperation: A data-driven archaeological study	Standard (15 min)
				11:30-12:40	Risk, Cooperation, and Reciprocity	4	Poorvi Iyer	Generosity and Reputational Concern Across Cultures: Networked Dictator Games in Five Countries	Standard (15 min)
				11:30-12:40	Risk, Cooperation, and Reciprocity	5	Patricio Cruz y Celis	Can risk perception explain suboptimal use of social information?	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK B	B-K2-02	38	70-min	11:30-12:40	Cultural Evolution in Action	1	Qiankun Zhong	Empirical Evidence of Cumulative Cultural Evolution in Patent Data	Standard (15 min)
				11:30-12:40	Cultural Evolution in Action	2	Kelly Finke	Pathways to Sustainable Behavior Transformations: A Complex Systems Model Integrating Cultural, Structural, and Psychological Dimensions	Standard (15 min)
				11:30-12:40	Cultural Evolution in Action	3	Sergi Valverde	The cultural macroevolution of arcade video games: innovation, collaboration, and collapse	Standard (15 min)
				11:30-12:40	Cultural Evolution in Action	4	Nava Caluori	Perceptions of Other Nations Produce Selective Cultural Transmission	Standard (15 min)
				11:30-12:40	Cultural Evolution in Action	5	Grégoire Darcy	The Evolution of Authorship: Moral Intuitions about Intellectual Property Track Reputational Fairness, Not Legal Ownership	Lightning (5 min)
				11:30-12:40	Cultural Evolution in Action	6	Caroline Graf	Cross-cultural variation in the effect of incentives on prosocial behavior across 42 societies	Lightning (5 min)
TRACK C	B-J2-01	39	70-min	11:30-12:40	Cultural Evolution and Cognition	1	Alexandre Bluet	Experimental evidence for language-driven cultural evolution of mental models	Standard (15 min)
				11:30-12:40	Cultural Evolution and Cognition	2	Tian Chen Zeng	Social Learning and the Evolution of Humanlike Structured Intelligence	Standard (15 min)
				11:30-12:40	Cultural Evolution and Cognition	3	James Holland Jones	A Coherence Framework for Narrative Decision-Making Under Uncertainty	Standard (15 min)
				11:30-12:40	Cultural Evolution and Cognition	4	Sabine Bluetgen	Do humans have an internal drive to share what is on their minds? An empirical approach to Mitteilungsbedürfnis	Lightning (5 min)
				11:30-12:40	Cultural Evolution and Cognition	5	Ivan Kroupin	Formal schooling as a bridge between cultural evolution and cognitive-computational models of the mind	Lightning (5 min)

TRACK D (Room: B-J2-02)	40	70-min	11:30-12:40	Knowledge Networks and Intellectual History	1	Cody Moser	Network structure explains intellectual discourse across human history	Standard (15 min)
			11:30-12:40	Knowledge Networks and Intellectual History	2	Rui Pan	Cultural Bridges in Historical Knowledge Networks	Standard (15 min)
			11:30-12:40	Knowledge Networks and Intellectual History	3	Amanda Rotella	Shrinking Networks? Population Structure, Social Opportunities, and Mental Health Across UK Regions	Standard (15 min)
			11:30-12:40	Knowledge Networks and Intellectual History	4	Oleg Sobchuk	Dynamic networks of book evolution	Standard (15 min)
			11:30-12:40	Knowledge Networks and Intellectual History	5	Jingyu Xi	Adaptive networks facilitate the wisdom of crowds	Lightning (5 min)
Joint CES/HBES Activity (Theater)	453	Thematic (panel)	18:00-19:30	Thematic: Four Decades of Cultural Evolution: Reflections and Reckonings (Muthukrishna)	1	Robert Boyd	Four Decades of Cultural Evolution: Reflections and Reckonings	Custom
			18:00-19:30	Thematic: Four Decades of Cultural Evolution: Reflections and Reckonings (Muthukrishna)	2	Joseph Henrich	Unifying the Human Sciences through Cultural Evolution	Custom
			18:00-19:30	Thematic: Four Decades of Cultural Evolution: Reflections and Reckonings (Muthukrishna)	3	Cristina Moya	Culture in Context: Demography, Ecology, and the Evolution of Variation	Custom
			18:00-19:30	Thematic: Four Decades of Cultural Evolution: Reflections and Reckonings (Muthukrishna)	4	Sarah Mathew	Testing Cultural Evolution in the Field: Theory-Driven Ethnography	Custom

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