

“Cultural History of PaleoAsia” International workshop (organized by B02)

Theoretical Models of Cultural Evolution during Modern Human Dispersals

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All 12 abstracts are compiled and the printed version will be given at the venue.

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Workshop objective:

The goal of Mathematical modelling group (B02) of PaleoAsia project is to facilitate our understandings of cultural evolution during range-expansion of modern humans from Africa to the whole Eurasia continent. The ultimate goal is to clarify the cause of the replacement (or assimilation) of archaic humans by modern humans, with special focus on cultural changes. Close cooperation is important between theoretical researches and empirical studies on **archaeology** (from Middle Paleolithic to Upper Paleolithic), **cultural anthropology** (cultural changes caused by the contact of several populations), **behavioral science** (innovation and transmission of culture and technology), **environmental sciences** (environmental changes), and **population genetics** (genome biology of ancient and modern humans). The aim of the workshop is to invite several researchers in these fields and to discuss how mathematical modelling (including theoretical methods in population genetics) can contribute to the ultimate goal of the PaleoAsia project.

See project webpages for more details;

http://paleoasia.jp/en/research_overview/

http://paleoasia.jp/en/research_projects/b02/

Program

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Day 1 (Monday, November 27th)

10:00–10:20 Opening Remark

10:20–10:40 Yoshihiro Nishiaki

PaleoAsia project overview

10:40–11:30 Seiji Kadowaki

Space-time distributions and behavioral changes of Neanderthals and modern humans in west Asia: archaeological records on the Middle-to-Upper Palaeolithic transition

11:30–12:20 Mark Collard

What can patterns in historical hunter-gatherer technology tell us about likely cultural changes during the period of modern human dispersal?

12:20–14:00 Lunch break (100 min.)

14:00–14:50 Kenichi Aoki

On the absence of a correlation between population size and "toolkit size" in ethnographic hunter-gatherers

14:50–15:40 Maxime Derex

The effects of population structure on cultural complexity

15:40–16:30 Open discussion

Day 2 (Tuesday, November 28th)

09:00–09:50 Joaquim Fort

Demic-cultural models, archaeology and genetics of Neolithic spread

09:50–10:40 Mitsuhiro Nakamura, Atsushi Nobayashi

Detecting correlations between cultural factors in Paleoasian populations

10:40–11:30 Hiroki Oota

Is it sex-biased migration/admixture or social selection for contribution to population genetic structure in East Asians?

11:30–12:00 Document work for overseas speakers (30 min.)

12:00–18:00 Free afternoon

18:00–20:00 Conference Dinner (near Nakano Station)

Day 3 (Wednesday, November 29th)

10:00–10:50 Marcus Feldman

Genetic model for the evolution of culture

10:50–11:40 Naoyuki Takahata

Soft selective sweep in PaleoAsia

11:40–12:30 Jeff Wall

Inference of human demographic history from the GenomeAsia 100K project

12:30–14:10 Lunch break (100 min.)

14:10–15:00 Yutaka Kobayashi

Genealogies, ages, and frequencies of cultural traits

15:00–15:50 Joe Yuichiro Wakano

Ecocultural range-expansion models for the replacement or assimilation of Neanderthals by modern humans

15:50–16:00 Closing remark