

**UCL - INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY**

**ARCL0122: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF HUMAN EVOLUTION IN  
AFRICA**

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Pleistocene outcrops in West Turkana (Kenya)

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## **1- OVERVIEW**

### **Short description**

This module studies the emergence and behaviour of early humans in Africa. It begins with a presentation of the paleoecological and geographical background to human evolution, and the history of research in the continent. A summary of the evolutionary patterns in our lineage will be followed by a review of the emergence of human technology, and then by a discussion on when and how the first archaeological sites appeared in the African continent. The last couple of lectures review behavioural adaptations of *Homo erectus*, the origins of modern humans in Africa, and the cultural features of the Middle Stone Age.

### **Week-by-week summary**

#### **3 October**

Session 1. Introduction to the study of human evolution in Africa and organization of the module. Geographical, ecological and geological context of human evolution in Africa

#### **10 October**

Session 2. History of palaeoanthropological investigations in Africa

#### **17 October**

Session 3. Evolutionary history of Primates. Hominins before the appearance of the genus *Homo*

#### **24 October**

Session 4. Emergence of technology (Lecturer: T. Proffitt)

#### **31 October**

Session 5. The earliest archaeological sites in Africa

**\* 7 November: Reading week, no teaching\***

#### **14 November**

Session 6. Oldowan technology practical

#### **21 November**

Session 7. Seminar: *The archaeology of the African early Pleistocene*

## **28 November**

Session 8. *Seminar: The African Acheulean*

## **5 December**

Session 9. *Seminar: The emergence of anatomically modern humans in Africa*

## **12 December**

Session 10. Acheulean and Middle Stone Age technology practical

**\*\* 12 December: Deadline for submitting the essay and handout \*\***

All sessions taught by I. de la Torre except 24<sup>th</sup> October, by Dr Tomos Proffitt

## **FIVE TOP READINGS FOR THE ENTIRE MODULE**

Isaac, G. L. 1989. *The archaeology of human origins*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. (INST ARCH BB 1 ISA & ISSUE DESK IOA ISA)

Lewin, R. 1987. *Bones of Contention*. University of Chicago Press, Chicago. (INST ARCH BB 1 LEW, there are at least 7 copies in the IoA Library)

McBrearty, S. & Brooks, A. S. 2000. The revolution that wasn't: a new interpretation of the origin of modern human behavior. *Journal of Human Evolution*, 39: 453-563. Available electronically via UCL computers.

Plummer, T. 2004. Flaked Stones and Old Bones: Biological and Cultural Evolution at the Dawn of Technology. *Yearbook of Physical Anthropology*, 47: 118-164. (Available online)

Wood, B., 2010. Reconstructing human evolution: Achievements, challenges, and opportunities. *PNAS* 107, 8902-8909.

## **GENERAL TEXTS**

Boyd, R. & Silk, J. B. 2003. *How Humans Evolved*. Norton, 3rd Edition. New York. (Science short loan collection BOY)

Gallay, A. (ed.) 1999. *Comment l'homme? A la découverte des premiers Hominidés d'Afrique de l'Est*. Editions Errance, Paris. (INST ARCH DCD Qto GAY)

Harris, J. W. K., Braun, D. R. & Pante, M. (2007). 2.7 MYR-300,000 years ago in Africa. In (D. Pearsall, Ed.) *Encyclopedia of Archaeology*. New York: Academic Press, 63-72. Available online

Klein, R. G. 2009. *The Human Career: Human Biological and Cultural Origins. 3rd edition*. Chicago University Press, Chicago. (INST ARCH BB 1 KLE)

Klein, R. 2000. Archeology and the Evolution of Human Behavior. *Evolutionary Anthropology* 9, 17-36. Available online

Lewin R & Foley, R. 2004. *Principles of Human Evolution*. Oxford, Blackwell INST ARCH LEW (ISSUE DESK)

Potts, R. 1996. *Humanity's descent. The consequences of ecological instability*. New York. ANTHROPOLOGY B 30 POT

Roche, H., Blumenschine, R. J. & Shea, J. J. (2009). Origins and Adaptations of Early *Homo*: What Archeology Tells Us. In (F. E. Grine, J. G. Fleagle & R. E. Leakey, Eds.) *The First Humans: Origins and Early Evolution of the Genus Homo*. Dordrecht: Springer, 135-147. Available online

Schick, K. D. and N. Toth 1993. *Making Silent Stones Speak. Human Evolution and the Dawn of technology*. London, Weidenfeld and Nicolson. IoA BC 120 SCH

### **Methods of Assessment**

The module will be assessed by a seminar presentation, of which a handout must be submitted (20% of the module mark), and one 3,500-word essay which counts for 80% of the module mark. The topics and deadlines for each assessment are specified below.

### **Teaching methods**

This module will involve five lectures (10 hours), two practical classes (4 hours) and three seminars (6 hours). The structure of seminars is as follows: a short presentation of the case study will be introduced by the module coordinator. Then, a student or a team of students will support a particular hypothesis, with their arguments grounded on the bibliography provided. After, another group of students will support an alternative hypothesis, again through some suggested articles. It is expected that the exposition of rival explanations on the interpretation of case studies will create a discussion environment in which all students participate.

Composition of the discussion groups will depend on the size of the class, but all sessions are compulsory for all students. Seminars have recommended articles, which all students (and not only those involved in the discussion groups) are expected to have read, in order to contribute actively to the discussion. Discussion groups and the selection of seminar topics will be arranged in the first session of the module.

### **Workload**

There will be 10 hours of lectures, 4 hours of practicals and 6 hours of seminar sessions for this module. Students are expected to undertake around 6 hours per week of reading, plus 76 hours preparing for and producing the assessed work. This adds up to a total workload of some 150 hours for the module

## **Prerequisites**

This module does not have prerequisites.

## **2- AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ASSESSMENT**

### **Aims & objectives**

The focus of this module is the study of the behavioural characteristics of early humans in Africa. First, a description of the sedimentary and chrono- stratigraphic record of the Rift Valley will be presented, in order to understand why the early archaeological sites are found in Africa.

After this introduction to the geological background, we will discuss the paleontological and archaeological record in detail. First lectures focus on the history of research in Africa, and when and how first archaeological sites appeared. The cognitive status of early technologies will be discussed in depth, then investigating the development of the Oldowan during the Early Pleistocene. This Early Pleistocene record and the behavioural models proposed for explaining the configuration of Oldowan sites will be main topics of the module.

The beginnings of the Acheulean and the disappearance of the Oldowan technology will also be considered from an evolutionary perspective, trying to understand the ecological and behavioural implications of this transition. Last lectures will discuss the origins of modern humans in Africa, the cognitive implications of this new genus of *Homo*, and the cultural characteristics of the Middle Stone Age.

### **Learning outcomes**

On successful completion of the module, students should demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge on the Archaeology of Human Evolution in Africa. Students will be able to read critically scientific publications, identify the key elements of the African Stone Age material culture, and include it in the evolutionary framework required for the interpretation of the behaviour of archaic humans. In addition, the development of seminars will support the acquisition of oral presentation skills and debate abilities.

### **Coursework**

#### **Assessment**

20% of the module will be assessed by a seminar presentation. To make it easier for the other examiners (secondary and external), students should print out the powerpoints with just two images per page (so that any text on the images can be easily read), and write a few lines or notes on each image in a separate word-file. That gives a bit more space for notes if needed (up to **500 words**). You need to print a handout of the slides with notes and give that to the module coordinator for assessment. A pdf of the handout and notes should be submitted to Turnitin.

80% of the module will be assessed by **one essay** of roughly **3,500 words** length (excluding bibliography). **The subject area should be one of the seminars.** However, in the case of the essay the student **must** talk about the **two** (or more) points of view suggested in each seminar, not only one of them, i.e. should describe all the alternative explanations for each topic, using as many as possible of the references suggested in the seminar bibliography list and the complementary readings. The student can choose for the essay the same topic as for the seminar, or (preferably) a different one.

If students are unclear about the nature of an assignment, they should discuss this with the Module Coordinator. Students are not permitted to re-write and re-submit essays in order to try to improve their marks. However, students may be permitted, in advance of the deadline for a given assignment, to submit for comment a brief outline of the assignment. The Module Co-ordinator is willing to discuss an outline of the student's approach to the assignment, provided this is planned suitably in advance of the submission date.

### Word counts

The following should not be included in the word-count: title page, contents pages, lists of figures and tables, abstract, preface, acknowledgements, bibliography, lists of references, captions and contents of tables and figures, appendices.

	Word limit	Range
Handout	500	450-550
Essay	3,500	3,325-3,675

Penalties will only be imposed if you exceed the upper figure in the range. There is no penalty for using fewer words than the lower figure in the range: the lower figure is simply for your guidance to indicate the sort of length that is expected.

In the 2018-19 session penalties for overlength work will be as follows:

- For work that exceeds the specified maximum length by less than 10% the mark will be reduced by five percentage marks, but the penalised mark will not be reduced below the pass mark, assuming the work merited a Pass.
- For work that exceeds the specified maximum length by 10% or more the mark will be reduced by ten percentage marks, but the penalised mark will not be reduced below the pass mark, assuming the work merited a Pass.

### Coursework submission procedures

- All coursework must normally be submitted both as **hard copy and electronically**. (The only exceptions are bulky portfolios and lab books which are normally submitted as hard copy only.)
- You should staple the appropriate colour-coded IoA coversheet (available in the IoA library and outside room 411a) to the front of each piece of work and submit it to the red box at the Reception Desk (or room 411a in the case of Year 1 undergraduate work)

- All coursework should be uploaded to Turnitin by midnight on the day of the deadline. This will date-stamp your work. It is essential to upload **all parts** of your work as this is sometimes the version that will be marked.
- Instructions are given below.

Note that Turnitin uses the term 'class' for what we normally call a 'module'.

1. Ensure that your essay or other item of coursework has been saved as a Word doc., docx. or PDF document, and that you have the Class ID for the module (available from the module handbook) and enrolment password (this is **IoA1819** for all modules this session - note that this is capital letter I, lower case letter o, upper case A, followed by the current academic year)
2. Click on **[http://www.turnitinuk.com/en\\_gb/login](http://www.turnitinuk.com/en_gb/login)**
3. Click on 'Create account'
4. Select your category as 'Student'
5. Create an account using your UCL email address. Note that you will be asked to specify a new password for your account - do not use your UCL password or the enrolment password, but invent one of your own (Turnitin will permanently associate this with your account, so you will not have to change it every 6 months, unlike your UCL password). In addition, you will be asked for a "Class ID" and a "Class enrolment password" (see point 1 above).
6. Once you have created an account you can just log in at [http://www.turnitinuk.com/en\\_gb/login](http://www.turnitinuk.com/en_gb/login) and enrol for your other classes without going through the new user process again. Simply click on 'Enrol in a class'. Make sure you have all the relevant "class IDs" at hand.
7. Click on the module to which you wish to submit your work.
8. Click on the correct assignment (e.g. Essay 1).
9. Double-check that you are in the correct module and assignment and then click 'Submit'
10. Attach document as a "Single file upload"
11. Enter your name (the examiner will not be able to see this)
12. Fill in the "Submission title" field with the right details: **It is essential that the first word in the title is your examination candidate number** (e.g. YGBR8 In what sense can culture be said to evolve?),
13. Click "Upload". When the upload is finished, you will be able to see a text-only version of your submission.
14. Click on "Submit"

If you have problems, please email the IoA Turnitin Advisers on [ioa-turnitin@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ioa-turnitin@ucl.ac.uk), explaining the nature of the problem and the exact module and assignment involved.

One of the Turnitin Advisers will normally respond within 24 hours, Monday-Friday during term. Please be sure to email the Turnitin Advisers if technical problems prevent you from uploading work in time to meet a submission deadline - even if you do not obtain an immediate response from one of the Advisers they will be able to notify the relevant Module Coordinator that you had attempted to submit the work before the deadline

### **3- SCHEDULE AND SYLLABUS**

#### **Teaching schedule**

Lectures and practicals will be held 4:00-6:00 pm on Wednesdays in Term I, in room 410 at the Institute of Archaeology.

#### **SYLLABUS**

The following is an outline for the module as a whole, and identifies essential and supplementary readings relevant to each session. Information is provided as to where in the UCL library system individual readings are available; their location and Teaching Collection (TC) number, and status (whether out on loan) can also be accessed on the eUCLid computer catalogue system. Readings marked with an \* are considered essential to keep up with the topics covered in the module. Copies of individual articles and chapters identified as essential reading are in the Teaching Collection in the Institute Library (where permitted by copyright) or are available online.

Shelf marks relate to Archaeology library unless otherwise indicated. Note that many of the books are available behind desk on short loan. Some books are available in both Archaeology and Science libraries (check catalogue). TC = Teaching collection, Anth = Anthropology, Per = Periodical. Most readings for this module are from journals with online access through UCL. Please let the coordinator know if you encounter any problems accessing the readings listed for this module.

#### **SESSION 1. GEOGRAPHICAL, ECOLOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL CONTEXT OF HUMAN EVOLUTION IN AFRICA**

Understanding of the current geographical and ecological contexts, as well of the palaeoenvironmental and geological constraints of the African continent, is essential for constructing evolutionary frameworks. In this lecture, a general introduction to these subjects will be presented.

##### **ESSENTIAL READINGS:**

deMenocal, P. B. 2011. Climate and Human Evolution. *Science* 331, 540-542. Available online

Kingston, J. D. 2007. Shifting Adaptive Landscapes: Progress and Challenges in Reconstructing Early Hominid Environments. *Yearbook of Physical Anthropology* 50, 20-58. Available online

Maslin, M. A., Shultz, S. & Trauth, M. H. (2015). A synthesis of the theories and concepts of early human evolution. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B* **370**, 20140064. Available online



O'Brien, E. M. & Peters, C. R. 1999. Landforms, Climate, Ecogeographic Mosaics, and the Potential for Hominid Diversity in Pliocene Africa. In T. G. Bromage & F. Schrenk (ed.): *African Biogeography, Climate Change, and Early Hominid Evolution*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 115-137. INST ARCH 3852, and Anthropology, Q12 Bro

#### FURTHER READING:

Andrews, P. & Humphrey, L. 1999. African Miocene Environments and the Transition to Early Hominines. In T. G. Bromage & F. Schrenk (ed.): *African Biogeography, Climate Change, and Early Hominid Evolution*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 282-300. (Anthropology, Q12 Bro)

Barham, L. & Mitchell, P. J. 2008. *The First Africans. African Archaeology from the earliest toolmakers to most recent foragers*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Chapter 2. INST ARCH DC 100 BAR (5 copies)

Behrensmeyer, A. K. 1982. The geological context of human evolution. *Annual Review of Earth Planetary Sciences*, 10: 39-60. Available via Jstor

Butzer, K. W. 1982. The Palaeo-ecology of the African Continent. The Physical Environment of African from Earliest Geological to Later Stone Age Times. In J.D. Clark (ed.): *Cambridge History of Africa. Volume 1. From the Earliest Times to c500 BC*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1-69. (INST ARCH DC 100 Series CAM 1)

deMenocal, P. B. 2004. African climate change and faunal evolution during the Pliocene-Pleistocene. *Earth and Planetary Science Letters* 220, 3-24. Available online

Denton, G. H. 1999. Cenozoic Climate Change. In T. G. Bromage & F. Schrenk (ed.): *African Biogeography, Climate Change, and Early Hominid Evolution*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 94-114. (Anthropology, Q12 Bro)

Dirks, P.H.G.M., Berger, L.R., 2013. Hominin-bearing caves and landscape dynamics in the Cradle of Humankind, South Africa. *Journal of African Earth Sciences* 78, 109-131. Available online

Gasse, F. 2006. Climate and hydrological changes in tropical Africa during the past million years. *Comptes Rendus Palevol*, 5: 35-43. (Available online)

Kullmer, O. 2007. Geological Background of Early Hominid Sites in Africa. In (W. Henke & I. Tattersall, eds.) *Handbook of Paleoanthropology*. Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 339-356. Available online via Springer books.

Maslin, M.A., Brierley, C.M., Milner, A.M., Shultz, S., Trauth, M.H., Wilson, K.E., 2014. East African climate pulses and early human evolution. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 101, 1-17. (Available online)

Maslin, M. 2017. *The cradle of humanity: how the changing landscape of Africa made us so smart*. Oxford: Oxford University Press (ordered by IoA Library).

- Owen-Smith, N. 1999. Ecological Links between African Savanna Environments, Climate Change, and Early Hominid Evolution. In T. G. Bromage & F. Schrenk (ed.): *African Biogeography, Climate Change, and Early Hominid Evolution*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 138-149. (Anthropology, Q12 Bro)
- Pickford, M. 1990. Uplift of the Roof of Africa and its bearing on the Evolution of Mankind. *Human Evolution*, 5 (1): 1-20. (Anthro-Pers)
- Potts, R. 1998. Environmental hypotheses of hominin evolution. *Yearbook of Physical Anthropology*, 41: 93-136. (Anthro Pers and available online)
- Potts, R. 2013. Hominin evolution in settings of strong environmental variability. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 73, 1-13. (Available online)
- Schlüter, T. 1997. *Geology of East Africa*. Borntraeger, Berlin. (GEOLOGY QP 5 SCH)
- Sepulchre, P.; Ramstein, G.; Fluteau, F.; Schuster, M.; Tiercelin, J. J. & Brunet, M. 2006. Tectonic Uplift and Eastern Africa Aridification. *Science*, 313: 1419-1423. (Available online)
- Reed, K. E. 1997. Early hominid evolution and ecological change through the African Plio-Pleistocene. *Journal of Human Evolution*, 32: 289-322. (Anthro-Pers and also available on line)
- Trauth, M. H., Larrasoana, J. C. & Mudelsee, M. 2009. Trends, rhythms and events in Plio-Pleistocene African climate. *Quaternary Science Reviews* 28, 399-411. Available online
- Werdelin, L., Sanders, W. J. (eds.) (2010). *Cenozoic Mammals of Africa*. Berkeley: University of California Press. INST ARCH DC 4 WER
- WoldeGabriel, G.; Heiken, G.; White, T. D.; Asfaw, B.; Hart, W. K. & Renne, P. 2000. Volcanism, tectonism, sedimentation, and the paleoanthropological record in the Ethiopian Rift System. *Geological Society of America, Special Paper*, 345: 83-99. Science, GEOSCIENCE Pers.

## SESSION 2. THE HISTORY OF PALAEOANTHROPOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS IN AFRICA

In this lecture we will review the history of research in Africa. First explorers and professional archaeologists began to search for early archaeological sites in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and since then a large empirical record has been gathered. In this session, we will review the most important discoveries in Africa and their implications for our understanding of the archaeology of human evolution.

### ESSENTIAL READINGS:

Dennell, R. W. 1990. Progressive gradualism, imperialism and academic fashion: Lower Palaeolithic archaeology in the 20th century. *Antiquity*, 64: 549-558. IoA Pers and available online.

Lewin, R. 1987. *Bones of Contention*. University of Chicago Press, Chicago. (INST ARCH BB 1 LEW, there are at least 7 copies in the IoA Library)

Lockwood, C. A. (2001). Letter to the Editor: Response to a Dismal View. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* 115, 191-192. Available online

White, T. D. 2000. A View on the Science: Physical Anthropology at the Millennium. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*, 113: 287-292. (Available online)

### FURTHER READING:

Berger, L. R. & Hilton-Barber, B. 2000. *In the footsteps of Eve: exploring the mystery of human origins*. National Geographic Society, Washington, D.C. (ANTHROPOLOGY B 34 BER)

Blumenshine, R. J. 1991. Breakfast at Olorgesailie: the natural history approach to Early Stone Age archaeology. *Journal of Human Evolution*, 21: 307-327. Available online

Clark, J. D. 1990. A Personal Memoir. In Peter Robertshaw (ed.): *A History of African Archaeology*. London: James Currey Ltd., 189-204. INST ARCH DC 100 ROB & ISSUE DESK IOA ROB 4

Dennell, R. W. 2001. From Sangiran to Olduvai, 1937-1960: The quest for 'centres' of hominid origins in Asia and Africa. In Raymond Corbey & Wil Roebroeks (ed.):

*Studying human origins: Disciplinary history and epistemology.* Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 45-66. (Inst Arch BB1 Qto COR)

Fagan, B. M. 1981. Two hundred and four years of African archaeology. In J.D. Evans, B. Cunliffe & C. Renfrew (ed.): *Antiquity and Man: Essays in Honour of Glyn Daniel*. London: Thames and Hudson, 396-421. INST ARCH AE DAN & ISSUE DESK IOA DAN

Fleagle, J. G. 2000. The Century of the Past: One Hundred Years in the Study of Primate Evolution. *Evolutionary Anthropology*, 9: 87-100. (Anthro Pers and available online)

Gabel, C. 1985. Archaeology in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1800-1960. *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 18 (2): 241-264. (Available electronically through JSTOR)

Gibbons, A. 2006. *The first human. The race to discover our earliest ancestors.* Doubleday, New York. INST ARCH BB 1 GIB.

Johanson, D. C. & Shreeve, J. 1989. *Lucy's child. The discovery of a human ancestor.* New York: William Morrow and Company. ANTHROPOLOGY B 34 JOH.

Kalb, J. E. 2001. *Adventures in the Bone Trade.* Copernicus books, New York. (INST ARCH BB 1 KAL)

Leakey, L. S. B. & Goodall, V. M. 1969. *Unveiling Man's Origins. Ten Decades of Thought about Human Evolution.* Methuen & Co., London. INST ARCH BB 1 LEA

Morell, V. 1995. *Ancestral Passions. The Leakey Family and the Quest for Humankind's Beginnings.* Simon and Schuster, New York. ANTHROPOLOGY A 8 MOR

Torre, I. de la 2011. The origins of stone tool technology in Africa: a historical perspective. *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B* 366, 1028-1037. Available online

Walker, A. & Shipman, P. 1996. *The Wisdom of Bones.* Weidenfeld & Nicolson, London. INST ARCH BB 1 WAL

White, T. D. 2004. Managing paleoanthropology's nonrenewable resources: a view from Afar. *C.R. Palevol*, 3: 341-351. (Available online)

Wood, B., 2014. Fifty years after *Homo habilis*. *Nature* 508, 31-33. (Available online)

### **SESSION 3. EVOLUTIONARY HISTORY OF PRIMATES. HOMININS BEFORE THE APPEARANCE OF GENUS *HOMO***

In order to construct a framework for discussing the archaeology of human evolution in Africa, it is important to understand the fossil evidence background. A general overview of primate biological evolution will be presented in this session, underlying landmarks in the evolution of hominins and their most relevant phylogenetic relationships.

#### **ESSENTIAL READINGS:**

Boyd, R. & Silk, J. B. 2003. *How Humans Evolved*. 3rd Edition, Norton, New York. (Science Library short loan collection BOY)

Kimbel, W. H. 2007. The Species and Diversity of Australopiths. In (W. Henke & I. Tattersall, Ed.) *Handbook of Paleoanthropology*. Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 1539-1573. Available online via Springer books

Lewin, R. & Foley, R. 2004. *Principles of Human Evolution*. Blackwell, Oxford. (BB 1LEW). Chapters 8-10

Spoor, F., 2015. Palaeoanthropology: The middle Pliocene gets crowded. *Nature* 521, 432-433. Available online

White, T., 2013. Paleoanthropology: Five's a Crowd in Our Family Tree. *Current Biology* 23, R112-R115. Available online

Wood, B. 2010. Reconstructing human evolution: Achievements, challenges, and opportunities. *PNAS* 107, 8902-8909. Available online

Wood, B., 2014. Fifty years after *Homo habilis*. *Nature* 508, 31-33. Available online

#### **FURTHER READING:**

Aiello, L. & Andrews, P. 2000. The Australopithecines in Review. *Human Evolution*, 15 (1-2): 17-38. Anthro-Pers

Asfaw, B.; White, T.; Lovejoy, O.; Latimer, B.; Simpson, S. & Suwa, G. 1999. *Australopithecus garhi*: A New Species of Early Hominid from Ethiopia. *Science*, 284: 629-635. Available online

Berger, L.R., 2013. The Mosaic Nature of *Australopithecus sediba*. *Science* 340, 163-165.

- Berger, L. R., Ruiters, D. J. d., Churchill, S. E., Schmid, P., Carlson, K. J., Dirks, P. H. G. M. & Kibii, J. M. 2010. *Australopithecus sediba*: A New Species of Homo-Like Australopithecine from South Africa. *Science* 328, 195-204. Available online
- Brunet, M.; Beauvilain, A.; Coppens, Y.; Heintz, E.; Moutaye, A. H. E. & Pilbeam, D. 1995. The first australopithecine 2,500 kilometres west of the Rift Valley (Chad). *Nature*, 378: 273-274. Available online and Science Library
- Brunet, M. et al 2002. A new hominid from the Upper Miocene of Chad, Central Africa. *Nature*, 418: 145-151. Available online and Science Library
- Cachel, S. 2006. *Primate and Human Evolution*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. INST ARCH BB 1 CAC
- Constantino, P. & Wood, B. 2007. The Evolution of *Zinjanthropus boisei*. *Evolutionary Anthropology* 16, 49-62. Available online
- Haile-Selassie, Y. 2001. Late Miocene hominids from the Middle Awash, Ethiopia. *Nature*, 412: 178-181. Available online and Science Library
- Haile-Selassie, Y., Gibert, L., Melillo, S.M., Ryan, T.M., Alene, M., Deino, A., Levin, N.E., Scott, G., Saylor, B.Z., 2015. New species from Ethiopia further expands Middle Pliocene hominin diversity. *Nature* 521, 483-488. Available online
- Jolly, A. 1985. *The evolution of primate behaviour*. 2nd ed. MacMillan, New York. Anth B24 JOL
- Kimbel, W.H., Villmoare, B., 2016. From Australopithecus to Homo: the transition that wasn't. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 371. Available online
- Leakey, M. G. et al 1998. New specimens and confirmation of an early age for *Australopithecus anamensis*. *Nature*, 393: 62-66. Available online and Science Library
- Leakey, M. G.; Spoor, F.; Brown, F. H.; Gathogo, P. N.; Kiarie, C.; Leakey, L. N. & McDougall, I. 2001. New hominin genus from eastern Africa shows diverse middle Pliocene lineages. *Nature*, 410: 433-440. Available online and Science Library
- McHenry, H. M. & Coffing, K. 2000. *Australopithecus to Homo*: Transformations in Body and Mind. *Annual Review of Anthropology*, 29: 125-146. Available online
- Semaw, S.; et al 2005. Early Pliocene hominids from Gona, Ethiopia. *Nature*, 433: 301-305. Available online and Science Library
- Senut, B. 2007. The Earliest Putative Hominids. In (W. Henke & I. Tattersall, eds.) *Handbook of Paleoanthropology*. Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 1519-1538. Available online via Springer books

Senut, B. & Pickford, M. 2004. La dichotomie grands singes-homme revisitée. *C.R. Palevol*, 3: 265-276. Available online

Spoor, F., 2015. Palaeoanthropology: The middle Pliocene gets crowded. *Nature* 521, 432-433. Available online

Strait, D. S. & Wood, B. A. 1999. Early hominid biogeography. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.*, 96: 9196-9200. Available online.

Stringer, C. & Andrews, P. 2005. *The Complete World of Human Evolution*. Thames & Hudson, London (pages 82-124). INST ARCH BB1 STR

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## **SESSION 4. EMERGENCE OF TECHNOLOGY**

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Currently, the earliest archaeological artefacts are dated to 3.3 million years ago (Mya), and are found in East Turkana, Kenya. This early stone tool technology, the Lomekwian, was only identified in 2015, until then the earliest stone tool technology was the Oldowan from Gona (Ethiopia), dated to 2.6 Mya. Given the significant chronological gap between these two technologies is it reasonable to suggest a yet earlier origin for hominin tool use and technology? In this lecture, we examine the current theories surrounding the emergence of hominin technology. We consider the definition of tool use and technology, hominin responses to environmental changes, inferences drawn from contemporary primatological studies, the archaeological, fossil and palaeoanthropological evidence.

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## SESSION 5. THE EARLIEST ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN AFRICA

The Oldowan emerged in Eastern Africa some 2.6 million years ago, but earliest stone tools might be as old as 3.4 ma. We will discuss in this session their characteristics, and will review different hypotheses on why and how this technology emerged and dispersed across Africa and beyond. An emphasis will be given to the presentation of emblematic archaeological sequences such as Olduvai Gorge and the Turkana basin.

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## **SESSION 7. SEMINAR: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE AFRICAN EARLY PLEISTOCENE**

The early Pleistocene archaeological record has been used to propose several models on the behavioural strategies by early humans. In this seminar we will discuss formation processes in the Plio-Pleistocene archaeological sites, the hunting versus scavenging debate, and early human adaptations to African changing landscapes.

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## **SESSION 8. SEMINAR: THE AFRICAN ACHEULEAN**

A new culture emerged in Eastern Africa around 1.7 million years ago, the Acheulean. Technological change that led to the appearance of first large cutting tools was accompanied by new behavioural strategies and biological changes within African human populations. In this seminar, we will reflect on the evolutive significance of such changes and on the behavioural adaptations of African Acheulean hominins.

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## **SESSION 9. SEMINAR: THE EMERGENCE OF ANATOMICALLY MODERN HUMANS IN AFRICA**

New evolutionary pulses during the Middle Pleistocene led to the emergence of anatomically modern humans. At present, most researchers place the birthplace of *Homo sapiens* in Africa. In this seminar, we will discuss the evolutionary and behavioural implications of the emergence of *Homo sapiens*, and will assess similarities and differences with previous and later archaeological sequences in Africa and elsewhere.

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## **SESSION 10. ACHEULEAN AND MIDDLE STONE AGE TECHNOLOGY PRACTICAL**

This practical will be devoted to analyse and compare Acheulean artefacts from African assemblages, and to understand continuities and ruptures between this Mode 2 technology and the Middle Stone Age, from which artefacts held at the Institute will be also handled during the session.

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## SEMINARS

As described above, the structure of seminars requires that some students support a particular interpretation of the archaeological evidence, basing their arguments on the bibliography provided. Then, another group of students will defend an alternative hypothesis, again according to the references suggested.

It is expected that the exposition of rival explanations on the interpretation of case studies will promote a discussion environment in which all students participate. Therefore, discussants in each seminar should choose one of the blocks of articles that are suggested below, and present their arguments before the rest of the class. The distribution of the following blocks of articles should be agreed in the first session of this module, in order to have enough time to prepare the seminars.

### **SEMINAR 1 (associated to Session 7): THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE AFRICAN EARLY PLEISTOCENE**

**Topics to develop: Site formation processes; hunting vs. scavenging; early human behaviour; landscape use by early humans**

#### **Group 1: The home base hypothesis and “relatives”**

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### **Group 3: Discussions on site formation processes**

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## **SEMINAR 2 (associated to Session 8): THE AFRICAN ACHEULEAN**

**Topics to develop: site formation processes; large accumulation of artefacts in the Acheulean; “fate” of geladas at Olorgesailie; hunting in the African Acheulean**

### **Group 1: high integrity of sites in Olorgesailie**

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## **4- ONLINE RESOURCES**

### **Moodle**

The handbook and all module information is available in Moodle.

## **5- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **Libraries and other resources**

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<http://readinglists.ucl.ac.uk/lists/8C3D7077-4E8F-70C6-035F-2AE9F9A62728.html>

In addition to the Library of the Institute of Archaeology, other libraries in UCL with holdings of particular relevance to this degree are Anthropology and Sciences. Nowadays many of the relevant resources for this module are available in the internet. E-resources such as JStor and Journal of Human Evolution are particular helpful for this module.

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