

Evolution: from phenotype to molecular approaches

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The aim of this course is to provide an overview of the genetic variation present in human populations, with a focus on the evolutionary processes that have shaped such diversity.

1) Humans: evolution in an ape clade (January 11, 14:30-17:30)

Primates and apes: habitat, distribution, morphology and genetic diversity

The human lineage: hominin evolution For and against the third chimpanzee

2) African origins and peopling of the world (January 12, 14:30-17:30)

The emergence of modern humans in the African continent: molecular, archaeological and fossil evidences

The migration out of Africa and the colonisation of the world: spatial distribution of genetic variation and dispersal processes

The colonisation of Europe and the Americas

3) Meeting the relatives: Neanderthals, Denisovans and others (January 13, 14:30-17:30)

Homo diversity in time and space Replacement or gene-flow? Species, subspecies and populations

4) Cultural variation and genetic diversity (January 14, 14:30-17:30)

The Neolithic revolution: food, metabolism and diseases

Mating choices: geography, norms and taboos Residential norms and spatial differentiation

5) Identity and identification (January 15, 14:30-17:30)

Forensic Genetics: what can I learn from your DNA?

Genetic Ancestry: Tell me who I am

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