

Matariki Lecture Series – call for speakers

To date, the Matariki Lecture has been an annual event; with a faculty member from one Matariki partner institution traditionally delivering a public lecture with Q&A at one of the other partner institutions, (often as part of a wider visit).

In 2020, the Matariki Executive voted to build on this concept by developing a more regular series of lectures; with several presentations being delivered over a shorter period of time attached to the same broad theme. Where possible, each series will be made up of individual lectures given by colleagues from different partner institutions. Speakers will preferably have some prior/existing connections with each other (e.g. research collaboration), although this is not essential.

The first such series, on the theme of **“Human Evolution”**, was successfully held in March 2021. Speakers from Tübingen, Uppsala, Dartmouth and Durham delivered short (15 minute) lectures on different aspects of the wider topic, followed by a live Q&A / panel discussion session featuring all members. The YouTube recording can be viewed here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yS3UkNlq9Sc&list=PLoDT3ZU3FLIkzOYg8zhT8X33_d-PJ2ST&index=5.

We are now seeking nominations for our next planned series; **“Race and Discrimination”**. This is purposefully a very broad theme and we are looking to cover a range of different aspects and viewpoints within the series.

The following information may be useful for those considering applying:

- We are looking for speakers from a range of different disciplines / subjects;
- Speakers may be Faculty members, professional services staff, or student representatives of relevant associations;
- Depending upon interest/event timings, individual lectures will be up to 45 minutes in duration (but may be shorter as per the Human Evolution event);
- Lectures may be pre-recorded, but will usually be followed up with a live (online) Q&A session for which the presenter must be available;
- Lectures / panel sessions will be recorded and shared via various online platforms, (YouTube, Twitter, websites, etc).

If you are interested in being involved, please speak to your [local Matariki Coordinator](#) in the first instance. The deadline for nominations to the Secretariat is **Friday 16th April 2021**.