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Palaeoanthropology Meets Primatology 2: The Origins of Percussive Technology

A one-day symposium at the
Leverhulme Centre for Human Evolutionary Studies
Fitzwilliam Street, University of Cambridge

Why were humans and our direct ancestors the only animals ever to systematically make sharp-edged tools? What role did percussion technologies such as nut-cracking play in this crucial development? And what answers can the study of modern primates contribute to these questions?

In seeking to reconstruct the genesis of Plio-Pleistocene hominin technology, one productive avenue explores models drawn from observed primate behaviours. Despite significant potential benefits, however, cross-communication between palaeoanthropologists and primatologists has been limited to date. This symposium brings together leading international researchers in primate and early hominin tool use to take a step forward in our understanding of the origins of technology, focusing on percussion activities.

Speakers and Discussant:

**Thomas Wynn ▪ Ignacio De La Torre ▪ Robert Foley
Bruce Hardy ▪ Jack Harris ▪ Tetsuro Matsuzawa
William McGrew ▪ Julio Mercader ▪ Mike Petraglia
Helene Roche ▪ Elisabetta Visalberghi**

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08:30 – 15:15



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