



The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters introduces

The Academy Seminar in the Humanities and Social Sciences 2009  
*Evolution, Culture & Society*

19 – 20 October 2009

**REGISTRATION**

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHICH DAY(S) YOU WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR

I will attend the seminar on Monday and Tuesday (Incl. lunch both days)

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I will attend the seminar on Tuesday (incl. lunch)

RSVP by Wednesday 14 October 2009 by E-mail: [l.t.navestad@dnva.no](mailto:l.t.navestad@dnva.no)

**PROGRAM**

**Monday 19 October**

- 09:00            Coffee
- 09:30            Opening remarks by Professor Øyvind Østerud,  
President of The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters
- 09:40            Professor John Dupré, University of Exeter, Great Britain:  
*What does Darwinism tell us about human nature?*  
Discussion
- 11:10 – 11:15   Short break
- 11:15            Professor Jane Mansbridge, Harvard University, USA:  
*How the world works: Enclave variation and everyday selection in the  
generation of ideas*  
Discussion
- 12:45 – 13:45   Lunch
- 13:45            Professor Azar Gat, Tel Aviv University, Israel:  
*Why war? Motivation for fighting in the human state of nature and after the  
onset of cultural evolution*  
Discussion
- 15:15            Coffee break
- 15:30            Professor Peter Hammerstein, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany:  
*Games, markets and the evolution of cooperation*  
Discussion

**Tuesday 20 October**

09:30 Coffee

10:00 Professor James R Hurford, The University of Edinburgh, Scotland:  
*From apes to language-using humans*  
Discussion

11:30 – 11:35 Short break

11:35 Professor Nikolaus Ritt, Vienna University, Austria:  
*Assuming that it is possible to approach cultural history in evolutionary terms, are there any good reasons for doing so?*  
Discussion

13:05 – 14:05 Lunch

14:05 Professor Harvey Whitehouse, Oxford University, Great Britain:  
*Explaining religion*  
Discussion

15:35 Coffee break

15:50 Professor Martha McClintock, The University of Chicago, USA:  
*Broken ties? Lessons learned from an evolutionary and transdisciplinary approach to social isolation and illness*  
Discussion