

*The African Roots of Human Behaviour,
LCHES, University of Cambridge,
15 May 2014*

08:30 – 09:30 registration

09:30 – 09:45 **Marta Mirazon Lahr**, LCHES, Dept. of Archaeology & Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge
Welcome and Introduction

The African MSA in historical, evolutionary and ecological context

CHAIR: MARTA MIRAZON LAHR, LCHES, Arch & Anth, Univ. of Cambridge

09:45 – 10:15 **Robert Foley**, LCHES, Dept. of Archaeology & Anthropology, Univ. of Cambridge
Foundations of human behaviour: evolutionary perspectives on the African Middle Stone Age

10:15 – 10:45 **Larry Barham**, Dept. of Archaeology, Classics & Egyptology, Univ. of Liverpool
The first industrial revolution...400,000 years ago?

10:45 – 11:15 COFFEE

Sahel, Sahara and Mediterranean North Africa

CHAIR: PETER MITCHELL, School of Archaeology, Univ. of Oxford

11:15 – 11:45 **Philip van Peer**, Dept. of Archaeology, KU Leuven
The Nile Valley, Modern Human dispersals, and the origin of Upper Palaeolithic societies

11:45 – 12:15 **Eleanor Scerri**, PACEA, Université Bordeaux 1
Exploring the West African MSA: Preliminary Results of the Senegal Prehistory Project'

12:15 – 12:45 **Graeme Barker**, McDonald Inst, Dept. of Archaeology & Anthropology, Univ of Cambridge
The Haa Fteah in context: history, prehistory and palaeoenvironments

12:45 – 14:00: LUNCH

Regionalisation of the African MSA

CHAIR: GRAEME BARKER, McDonald Inst., Arch & Anth, Univ. of Cambridge

14:00 – 14:30 **Enza Spinapolice**, Dept. of Human Evolution, Max Planck Inst. for Evolutionary Anthropology
New insights on the Early MSA of Garba III, Melka Kunture

14:30 – 15:00 **Jose Manuel Maillo Fernandez**, Dept de Prehistoria y Arqueologia, UNED, Madrid
Technological strategies in the middle Stone Age of East Africa

15:00 – 15:30 **Laura Basell**, School of Geography, Archaeology & Palaeoecology, Queen's Univ. Belfast
Life Evolution and Palaeoecology at the Source of the Nile

15:30 – 16:00 TEA

Innovations, dispersals and the end of the MSA

CHAIR: ROBERT FOLEY, LCHES, Arch& Anth, Univ. of Cambridge

16:00 – 16:30 **John Parkington**, Dept. of Archaeology, Univ. of Cape Town
Becoming us: human behaviour and the archaeological record in the Cape, South Africa

16:30 – 17:00 **Christian Tryon**, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Harvard
Why don't we talk much about intra-African hominin dispersals in the Late Pleistocene?

17:00 – 17:15 Summation: *PAUL MELLARS, University of Cambridge*

17:15 – 18:00 Final discussion

18:00 – 19:30 drinks @ LCHES