Culture evolves

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Synopsis
The capacity for culture is a product of biological evolution – yet culture itself can also evolve, generating cultural phylogenies. This highly interdisciplinary joint meeting with the British Academy will address new discoveries and controversies illuminating these phenomena, from the roots of culture in the animal kingdom to human, cultural evolutionary trees and the cognitive adaptations shaping our special cultural nature.

Speakers
Speakers include Dr Mark Collard, Professor Gergely Csibra, Professor Francesco d’Errico, Professor Luc-Alain Giraldeau, Professor Naama Goren-Inbar, Professor Russell Gray, Professor Paul Harris FBA, Dr Joe Henrich, Professor Barry Hewlett, Professor Kevin Laland, Dr Derek Lyons, Professor Ruth Mace FBA, Dr Marta Mirazon Lahr, Professor Mark Pagel, Professor Susan Perry, Dr Simon Reader, Dr Luke Rendell, Dr Hélène Roche, Professor Stephen Shennan FBA, Professor Tore Slagsvold, Dr Dietrich Stout, Dr Alex Thornton, Professor Carel van Schaik and Professor Andrew Whiten FBA.

Registration
This meeting will take place at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre as part of a wider Festival of Science to celebrate the Royal Society’s 350th anniversary.

This meeting is free to attend, but pre-registration is essential. The online registration form and programme information can be found at:

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