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#### For today's lecture:

☐ Hominin taxonomy

How do we classify human fossils?

■ Modern human fossils

When and where do we find anatomically modern fossils?

□ Populations and demes

Are population models better than species models?

■ Models of anthropogeny

What model of modern human origins is best supported with the current evidence?







# Hominin taxonomy

How do we classify human fossils?







- ☐ Classifying the natural world
- □ Linnean hierarchical classification
- Numerical taxonomy
- □ Cladistics
- □ Phylogenetics







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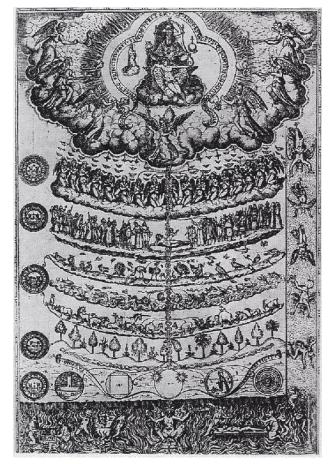






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Aristotle's Great Chain of Being, Plato's Academy, 4th Century Greece



Valades, Didacus. 1579. Rhetorica Christiana.







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Khaldun's *Introduction to Universal History*, 14th Century Islam, Tunisia

"..the world of creation...started out from the minerals and progressed, in an ingenious, gradual manner, to plants and animals. ...the last stage of each group is fully prepared to become the first stage of the newest group. The animal world then widens, its species become numerous, and, in a gradual process of creation, it finally leads to man, who is able to think and reflect."



Khaldun, Ibn, 14th Century, The Muqaddimah (مقدمة)







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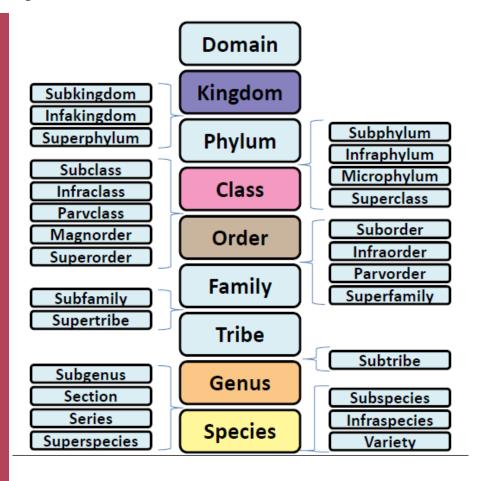
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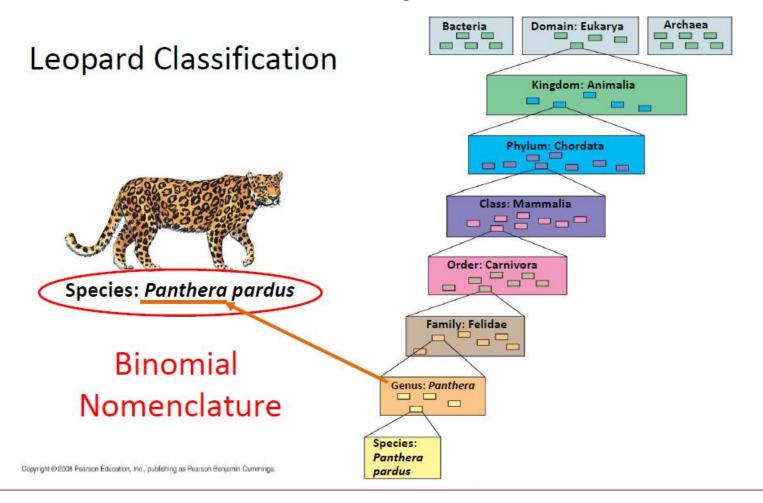
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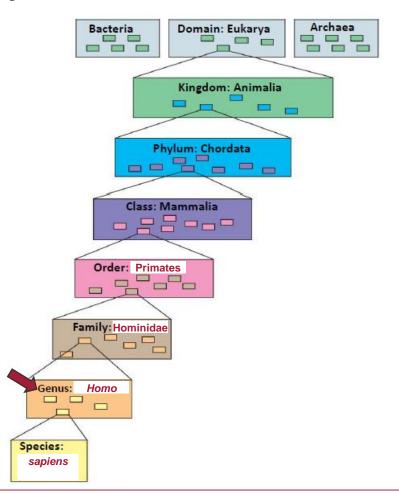
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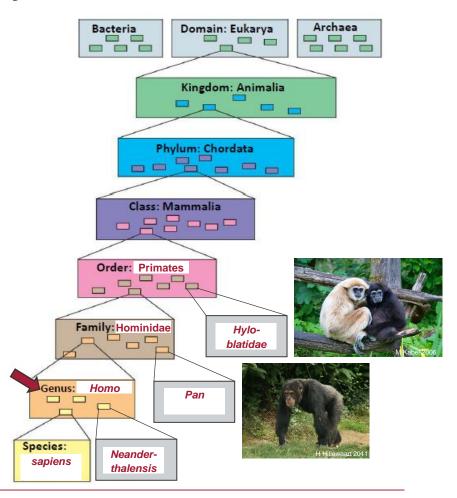








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#### articles

#### **New hominin genus from eastern Africa** shows diverse middle Pliocene lineages

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Most interpretations of early hominin phylogeny recognize a single early to middle Pilocene ancestral lineage, best represented by Australopithecus afarensis, which gave rise to a radiation of taxa in the late Pilocene. Here we report on new fossils discovered west of Lake Turkana, Kenya, which differ markedly from those of contemporary A. afarensis, indicating that hominin taxonomic diversity extended back, well into the middle Pliocene. A 3.5 Myr-old cranium, showing a unique combination of derived facial and primitive neurocranial features, is assigned to a new genus of hominin. These findings point to an early diet-driven adaptive radiation, provide new insight on the association of hominin craniodental features, and have implications for our understanding o Plio-Pleistocene hominin phylogeny.

The eastern African hominin record between 4 and 3 Myr is bone with a more cylindrical articular eminence and deeper represented exclusively by a single species, A. afarensis, and its possible ancestor, Australopithecus anamensis, which are commonly thought to belong to the lineage ancestral to all later hominins<sup>3-2</sup>. face, particularly the moderate subnasal prognathism, sagittally and This apparent lack of diversity in the middle Pliocene contrasts transversely flat nasoalveolar clivus, anteriorly positioned maxillary markedly with the increasingly bushy phylogeny evident in the later hominin fossil record. To study further the time interval between 4 and 3 Myr, fieldwork in 1998 and 1999 focused on sites of this age at Lomekwi in the Nachukui Formation, west of Lake Turkana. New hominin discoveries from Lomekwi, as well as two mandibles and isolated molars recovered previously3 (Table 1), indicate that multiple species existed between 3.5 and 3.0 Myr. The new finds include a well-preserved temporal bone, two partial maxillae, isolated teeth, and most importantly a largely complete, although distorted, cranium. We assign the latter specimen to a new hominin genus on the basis of its unique combination of primitive and derived

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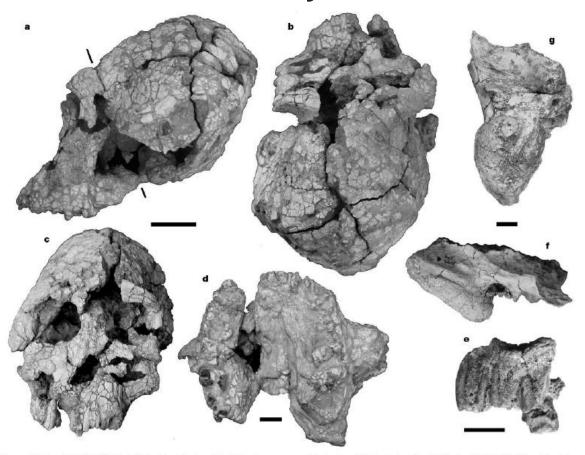


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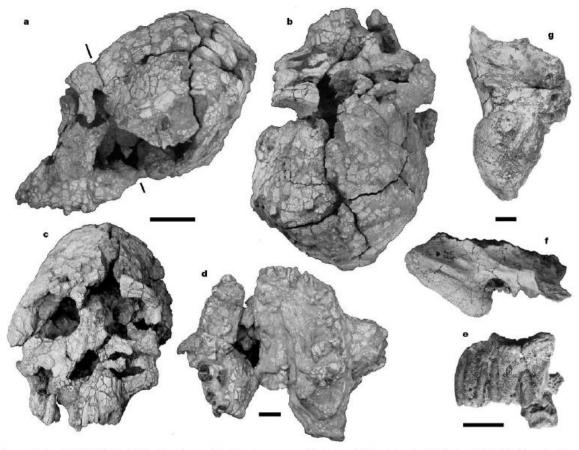


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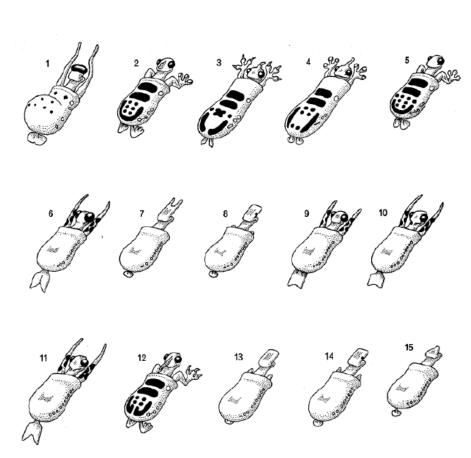
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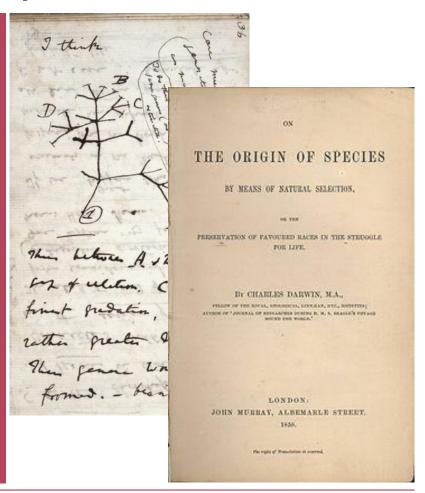








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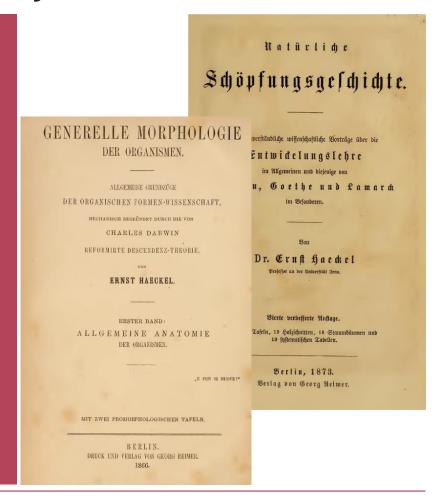








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# Modern human fossils

When and where do we see anatomically modern fossils?



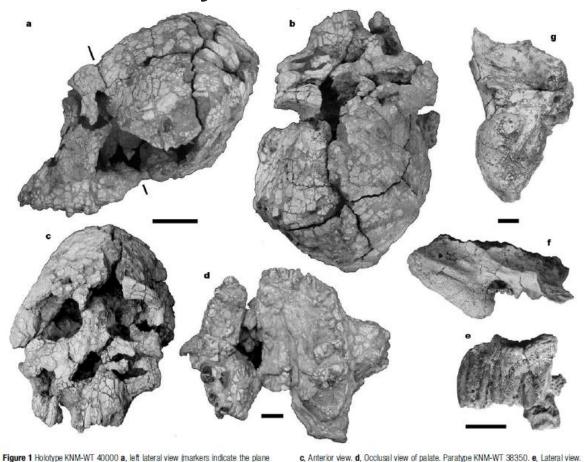


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#### **Classification and taxonomy**





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MAMMALIA PRIMATES. Homo.

#### I. PRIMATES.

Dentes Primores superiores IV, paralleli. Mamma Pectorales 11.

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r. HOMO nofce Te ipfum (*)
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Regitur Consvetudine.

Sapiens.

1. H. diurius; varians cultura, local tetrapus, mutus, hirfutus.

Juvenis Urfinus lichainus, 1661,

Juvenis Lupinus bessensis, 1344,

Juvenis Ovinus hibernus, Talp. obs. IP., 9

Juvens Hannoveranus,

Pueri 2 Pyrenaici, 1719,

Johannes Leodicensis.

America-2. rufus, cholericus, rectus.

Pilis nigris, rectis, crassis; Naribus patulis, Facie ephelitica, Mento subimberbi.

Pertinax, hilaris, liber.

Pingis se lineis dædaleis rubris.

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adolescente in perfectissimam, facultatibus instructam sere amibus pluribusque, quam reliqua cuncta. Nudam in nuda bumo, natali die, abjecit natura ad vagitus statim el ploratum, monibus pedibusque devinciendom Animal cateris imperaturum; cui scire nibil sine dostrina; non sari, non ingredi, non vosci, non aliud natura sponte, Plin. Vides itaque qualem vitam nobis verum natura promist, qua primum nascentium omen sietum esse voluit.

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Homo: know thyself\*

\*know your wisdom, as told by Solon, written on golden letters on the Diana Temple







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Juvenis Lupinus heffenfis 1344. Juvenis Ovinus hibernus. Talp. obs. I.F. 9

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Juvents Hannoveranus.

Pueri 2 Pyrenaici. 1719, Johannes Leodicensis.

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sapiens: culture, light







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sapiens ferus: speechless, hairy

sapiens americanus: red, choleric/reactive,



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#### What (or who) is the modern human holotype?

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Europaus.

B. albus, fanguineus, torosus.
Pilus flavescentibus prolixis. Oculis cæruleis.
Levis, acutifismus, inventor.
Tegicur Veitimentis arctis.
Regicur Ritibus.

Afiaticus.

Pilis nigricantibus Oculis fuscis;
Severus, fastuosus, avarus.
Tegitur Indumentis laxis.
Regitur Opinionibus.

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Naturaliter: Te audacis natura miraculum, Animalium Principem, cujus caussa cunsta cunsta genuit natura, esle animal sens, ridens, melodum, loquens, docile, pidicans, admirans, fajientissumm; sed fragile, nudum, suapte natura inerme, ad omnem fortune contumeliam projedum, aliena opis indigens, anitz mentis follicitzque tutele, precarii spiritus, pertinacis sei, querule vias, terda sapientise. Temporis annihilati emortui contuntorim, prassentis vividi dilandatorem, futuri dubii attimatorem in viu volucri, perticissima, irrevocabili, se optima quague dies miseris mortalibus avi prima sugit; shum ad quottitanum opus laboriosa Egettas vocat; alium sums incarectra. Itiliemque suffocat; alium Ambirio numquam quieta follicitat; alias Davinis, quas optacerat, metuit, & voto laborio su contuntorio alium semper vettibulum obsidens rurba, Hic se habere dalet Lib ros, hic se perdidite; Lacryune nobis decrunt antequam caussa decendi. Sed quousque nos malos nostra maia rapuere: circumserre per cutia, ru re in ignotos, tratos sine injaria, ferarum more occilere quem non oderirura, secundos optare ventos, quorum selicitats est ad bella p ritere; patum vudelicet ad mortes nostras terra lare pater, Sonec. Cettera animantia congregari contra dissimilia, as Homini pismima ex bomine mala Plin.

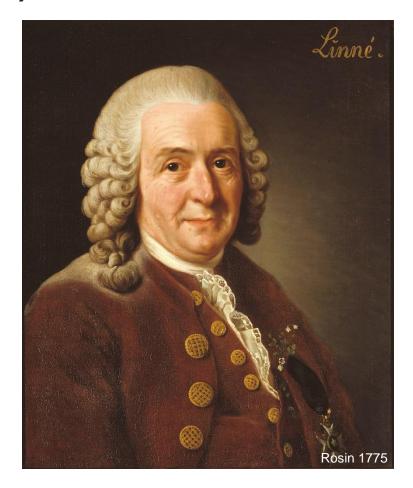
Politice: Te recht loco tenere errorem publicum factum, qui te vix enixum confverudinis larva induit, nurrit, educat. alut, regit, fecundum quam honestus, sortis, sapiens, moratus, pius existimaris; Cum gubernatus Opinione vivas ad Confverudinem, pec ad Rationem. Te, inter perituros constitutum, cum nulli centigit impune nacic, benefici loco petere, ut ultimus cervicem præbeas, dum interim, dulci fortuna ebrius, colligendo in crastinum Lapillos fortunæ cerus, verbis in furorem ageris, alter theoretiae pios odio persequeris, quantosque tumultus excitas, non ur servias, sed cui; nugis irrevocabile tempus confumis; immortalia exernaque animo volutas, de seris nepotibus pronepotibusque disponis, novas spes oblitus conditionis. Tuæ ponis, cum interea lorga conantem mors opprimit, at in agone oculos aperiens ( x y 2 e x 15) somnium primo observas; Sic vivinus ut immortales id movimus ut mortales. Senec.

Moraliter: Te sub rudi larva Ineptum, Lascivum, Imitatorem, Ambitiosum, Prodigum, Solicitum, Astutum, Austrom, Invidum, Avarum, transformari in Attentum, Castum, Consideratum, Modessum, Sobrium, Tranquillum, Sincerum, Mitem, Beneficum, sini Contentum, Uni animantium













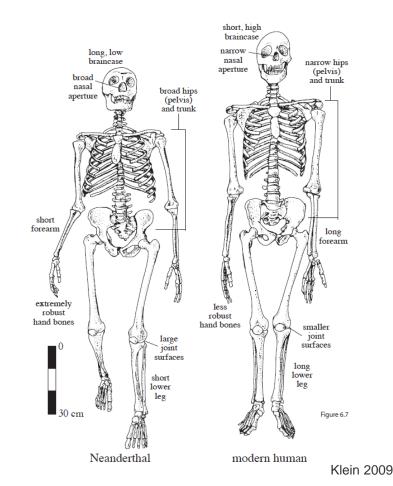


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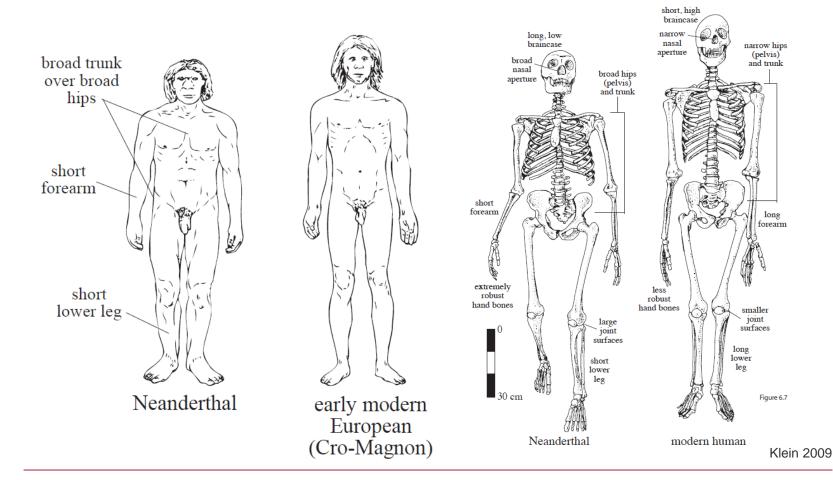
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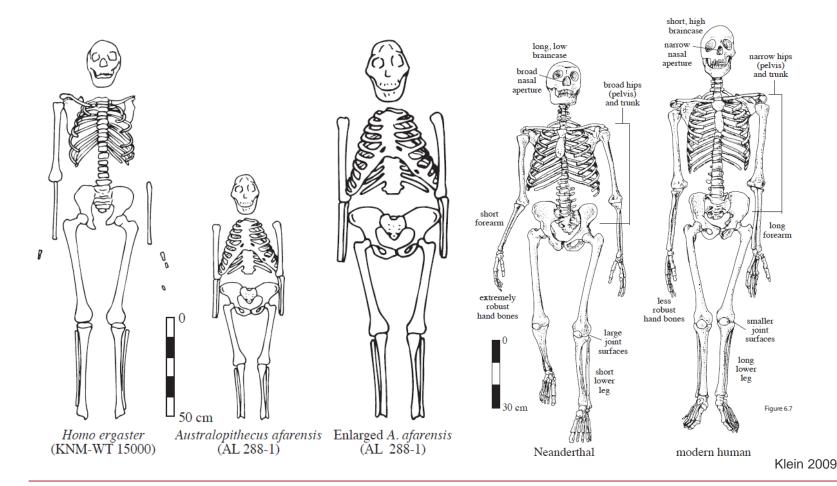
















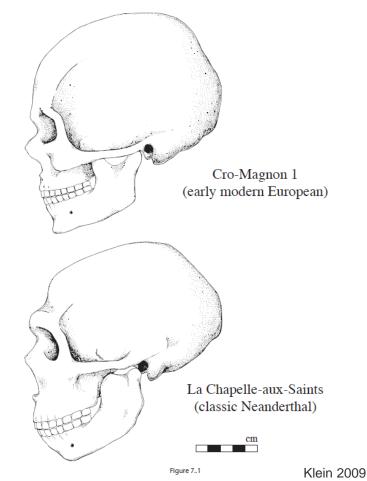


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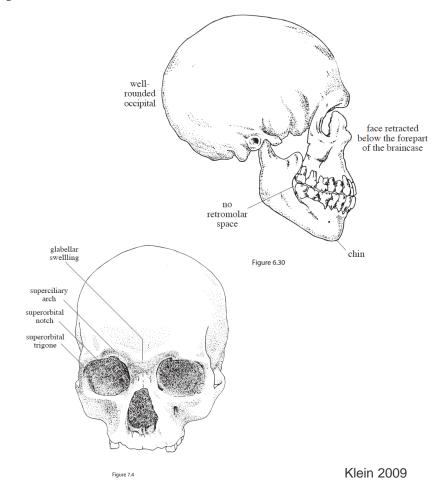


### What do people living today look like?

### **Cranial anatomy:**

- Globular neurocranium
  - Rounded occipital bone
  - Elongated parietal bones
  - Bossed frontal bone
  - Mandibular chin
- □ Orthognathic face

Note: some anatomical variation due to sexual dimorphism



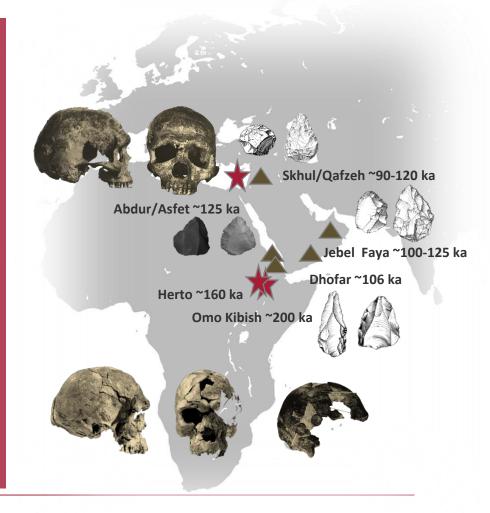






### The fossil record of Africa and the Levant

- ☐ Omo Kibish, Ethiopia, ~200 ka
- ☐ Herto Bouri, Ethiopia, ~160 ka
- ☐ Skhul, Israel/Palestine, ~90-120 ka
- ☐ Qafzeh, Israel/Palestine, ~90-120 ka

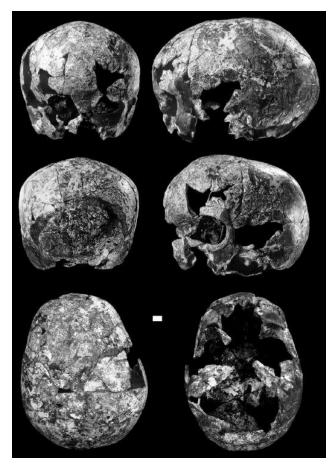








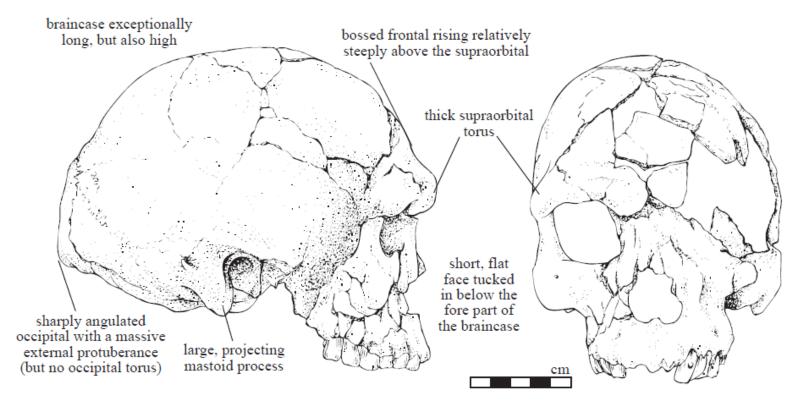












Herto BOU-VP-16/1

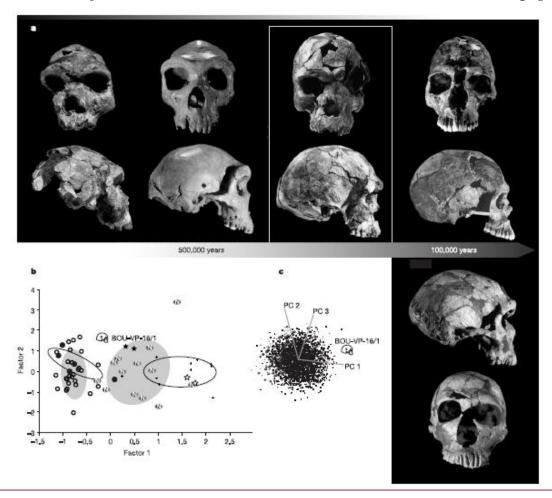
Figure 6.26

Klein 2009

















#### Methods

Order Primates L., 1758 Suborder Anthropoidea Mivart, 1864 Superfamily Hominoidea Gray, 1825 Family Hominidae Gray, 1825 Homo sapiens idaltu subsp. nov.

**Etymology.** The subspecies name 'idàltu' is taken from the Afar language. It means 'elder'. **Holotype.** BOU-VP-16/1 (Fig. 1), an adult cranium with partial dentition. Holotype and referred material are housed at the National Museum of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa. Holotype from Bouri Vertebrate Paleontology Locality 16 (BOU-VP 16); differentially corrected GPS coordinates: 10°15.5484' N and 40°33.3834' E.

Referred material. BOU-VP-16/2 cranial fragments; BOU-VP-16/3 parietal fragment; BOU-VP-16/4 parietal fragment; BOU-VP-16/5 child's cranium; BOU-VP-16/6 R. upper molar; BOU-VP-16/7 parietal fragment, BOU-VP-16/18 parietal fragments; BOU-VP-16/42 upper premolar, BOU-VP-16/43 parietal fragment.

Stratigraphy and age. Bouri Formation, Upper Herto Member. Dated by <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar to between 160,000 and 154,000 years ago (ref. 6).

**Diagnosis**. On the limited available evidence, a subspecies of *Homo sapiens* distinguished from Holocene anatomically modern humans (*Homo sapiens sapiens*) by greater craniofacial robusticity, greater anterior—posterior cranial length, and large glenoid-to-occlusal plane distance. *Homo sapiens idaltu* is distinguished from the holotype of *Homo rhodesiensis* (Woodward, 1921) by a larger cranial capacity, a more vertical frontal with smaller face, and more marked midfacial top ography (for example, canine fossa). We consider the holotypes of *H. helmei* and *H. njarasensis* too fragmentary for appropriate comparisons.

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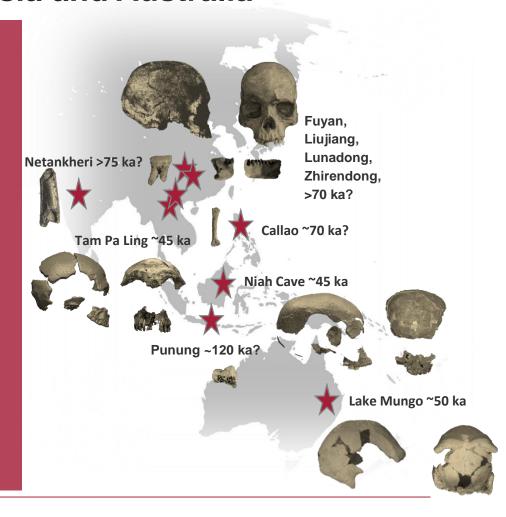






### The fossil record of Eurasia and Australia

- ☐ Tam Pa Ling, Laos ~45 ka
- ☐ Niah Cave, Borneo ~45 ka
- ☐ Lake Mungo, Australia ~50 ka









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- ☐ Linnean hierarchical classification
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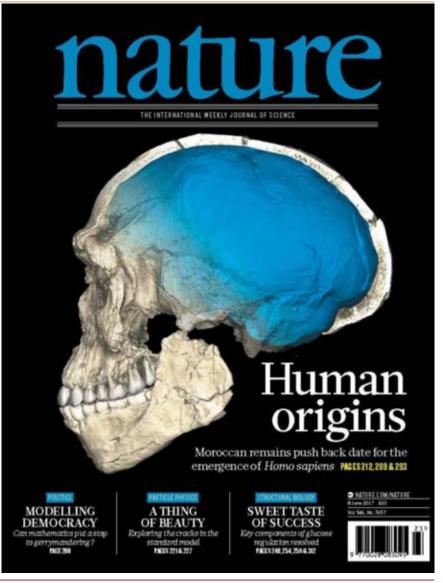




# Classification and taxonomy



Hublin et al. 2013









Should we think about populations rather than species?







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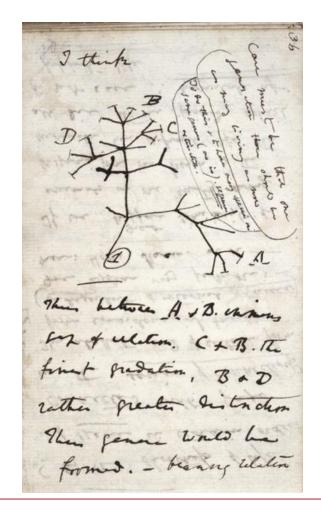
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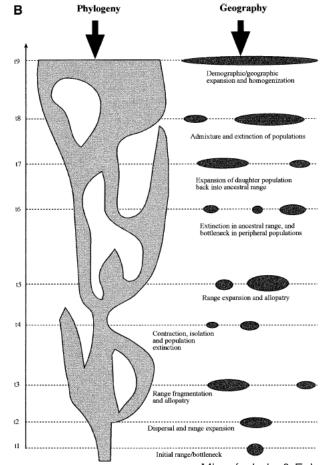








- □ A population is bound by common external characters (ecological niche, behavior) that retain internal similarities
- A deme generally refers to a local population of a polytypics species that can interbreed with one another but retain a distinct gene pool
- ☐ When demes are isolated for a long time, they can become distinct subspecies
- Geographical constraints are implicit



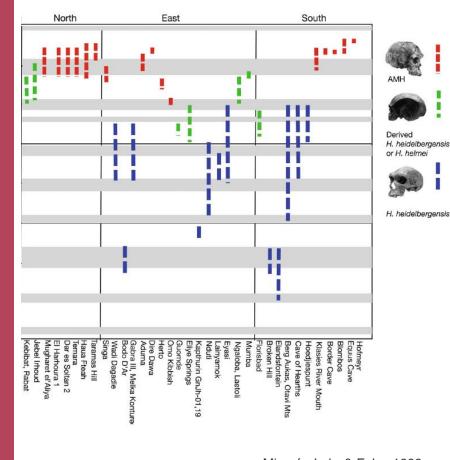
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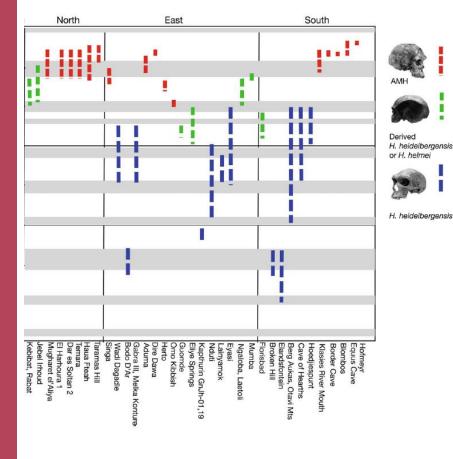
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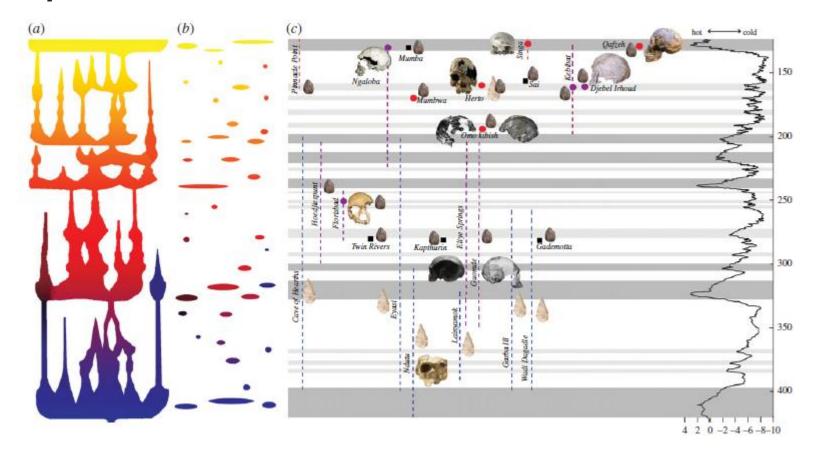


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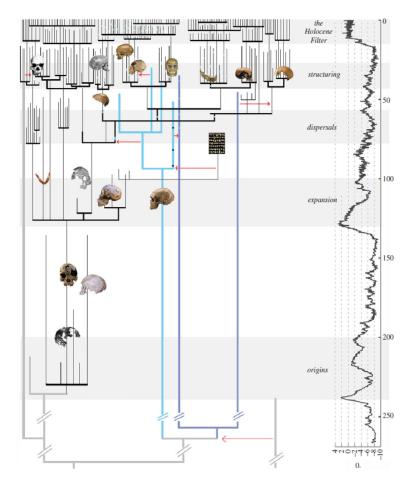


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### For next week's lecture:

- ☐ Genomics of modern human origins
  How does (ancient) DNA inform the
  debates on modern human origins?
- Models of anthropogeny
  What model of modern human
  origins is best supported with the
  current fossil and genomic
  evidence?
- When, how, and why did anatomically modern humans disperse out of Africa?







