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The Search for Neanderthal Genes

Friday 4 March, 16.00–17.30

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What does the DNA of our closest ancestors tell us about ourselves? Professor Svante Pääbo is a Director at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology and one of the first people in the world to start looking at ancient DNA.

From his early work with Egyptian mummies to his breathtaking achievement of sequencing the genome of our nearest ancient relatives, the Neanderthals, he's changed how we think about ourselves.

Professor Pääbo's current work is to understand why humans survived while Neanderthals became extinct. He and his team have found relatively few differences between our genes and the Neanderthals' – but these include some that relate to the brain.

Could these differences explain what makes us human?

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Event location

Entrance Hall
Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology
Deutscher Platz 6
04103 Leipzig
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