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public lecture

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University of Bern, main building, room 101

The population genomic history of western Eurasia

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Recent ancient genomic studies have shown that the contemporary genetic makeup of western Eurasia was formed surprisingly late in history through several migration events.

Prof. Dr. Eske Willerslev will cover these events, from the early Stone Age hunter-gathers through the late Mesolithic hunter-gathers, the Neolithic farmers, the Bronze Age pastoralists, the Iron Age, and finally to the Viking period. He will also discuss the consequences of changes in lifestyle on pathogen pressures and the differences in disease risk across the populations of western Eurasia.