

**Darwin and the Social Sciences**  
**Location: Sparkle Helmore Lecture Theatre 2**  
**Law School, ANU**

There is no registration fee. But those who wish to attend should e-mail Kim Sterelny (kimbo@coombs.anu.edu.au) to register their interest, since numbers are important for reasons of space and coffee-supply.

**Thursday November 12**

**First Keynote: 9.15 am- 10.30 Brian Boyd "'Open Fields': Darwin, the Humanities and the Social Sciences"**

Coffee: 10.30- 11am

Stephen Davies "Music, adaptation, transformation" 11am-12pm

Ben Fraser "Sexual Selection and Human Morality" 12pm – 1pm

Lunch (independent foraging) 1pm- 2.30 pm

2.30 pm- 6.15 pm: Language Afternoon (joint with RSPacS Linguistics Conference)

**Second Keynote 2.30-3.45 Russell Gray: "Darwinism and Cultural Evolution"**

Coffee: 3.45-4.15

Nicholas Evans: "Renewing the Darwin connection: coevolutionary approaches in post-Chomskyan linguistics" 4.15-5.15

Dr. Michaelis Michael "English is biologically heritable"

**Conference Dinner 7.45 on**

(venue: tba. It will be an inexpensive Asian café near the ANU. Those interested in attending the dinner should e-mail Kim Sterelny [kimbo@coombs.anu.edu.au](mailto:kimbo@coombs.anu.edu.au) so that he can book for appropriate numbers)

## **Friday November 13**

Elias L. Khalil “Charles Darwin Meets Organismus economicus” 9.15-10.15

Gerald Keaney “From Marx to Darwin: what can economic explanations of society can teach us about biological ones?” 10.15-11.15

Coffee: 11.15-11.45

11.45-12.45 Pam Lyon “When Psyche met Darwin: An already consummated affair?”

Lunch (independent foraging) 12.45 - 2. Pm

**Third Keynote 2pm- 3.15 Peter Godfrey Smith 'Darwinism and Cultural Change.'**

Coffee 3.15-3.45

**Fourth Keynote 3.45- 5pm Paul Seabright “Darwin and Human Society”**

Brett Calcott and Lina Eriksson: Explaining institutional change: what social science should borrow from biology

### **7.30pm onwards: Special Musical Event Jane Sheldon and the Australian Premier of “The Origin Cycle”**

(Big Band Room, School of Music — free, but those wishing to attend must e-mail Sterelny for a ticket, as space strictly limited. For further information, see Origin-ANU poster)

## **Saturday November 14**

Robert Scotney “Creativity and the Origin of the Species” 9.30-10.30

Coffee: 10.30-11pm

Kirsty Douglas 'Professor Owen and the not-elephant: Armchair travellers in the empires of the dead'. 11.30-12.30

Kim Sterelny “From Fitness to Utility” 12.30-1.30

1.30 on: lunch + Survivor’s Drinks at Wig and Pen