

JULY SEMINAR - SAVE THE DATE!

The context of primate evolution on Rusinga and Mfangano Islands

Date: Friday, 15 July 2011, Time: 11.00am – 12.30pm

Venue: BIEA Seminar Room, Laikipia Road, Kileleshwa

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Chair: Dr Fredrick Manthi - *Senior Research Scientist, Palaeontology – The National Museums of Kenya (NMK)*

The biological group that comprises apes and humans originated more than 20 million years ago. Our earliest ancestors from this group are best documented in the fossil deposits on Rusinga and Mfangano Islands, situated in the Kenyan waters of Lake Victoria. More than a century of fossil discoveries there has accumulated a wealth of knowledge about these primates, but important questions about their environmental and chronological context persist.

Our team is using new methods and technologies to document the habitats in which our early ancestors thrived. Here I will report the results of this research, and discuss new ideas about the origin and evolution of the ape and human lineage.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP by sending an email to kerry.kyaa@biea.ac.uk