

# Big History: A Scientific Narrative of Changes from the Big Bang to Modern Society(IE)

## Introduction

Big History, a new perspective introduced by Prof. David Christian, provides an evidence-based scientific narrative of the evolutionary changes from the Big Bang to Now. It tries to provide answers to some of the fundamental questions like *Where do we come from?* How does life evolve on earth? Are we, homo sapiens, just one of the many species that have existed on earth, or are we special? What is the most significant difference between us and other species? Dinosaurs dominated the world for over 135 million years – why didn't they have cell phones or all the technologies we have developed in our mere few hundred thousand years of our presence? Are there any underlying themes in the evolution from the Big Bang to the development of modern human / nation-based world. Lastly, following these themes, we will explore what we can expect or extrapolate for the future, particularly in term of human development and sustainability issues.

## Programme Type

Opening Talk in Big History and Collective Learning ([Non-token-required](#))

## Speaker(s)

Prof. Alexis K.H. Lau, Associate Director of Institute for the Environment, HKUST

## Target Participants

All secondary school students in Hong Kong

## Medium of Instruction

English

## Capacity

200

## Screening

Please answer the screening question on the online application form.

\*The question must be answered by the student applicant and it can only be attempted once. The answer cannot be changed once the application is submitted. Selection is based on students' performance in answering the question.

Application Deadline **31 Jan 2017**

Application Result Release Date **1 Feb 2017**

## Schedule

Session	Date	Time	Venue
1	4 Feb	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Wong To Yick Tong Lecture Theatre, Academic 1, City University of Hong Kong (AC1, LT-17) #

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## Enquiries

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