

Human Culture I: Agriculture, City and State (MULSO024)

Introduction

During the previous lectures, we have explored how life has evolved on Earth and how human is different from other species. In this lecture, we are going to look at how our early forms of organization evolved and were accelerated by our collective learning. The appearance of agriculture was about 10,000 years ago and it was a precursor for the formation of our early large communities. But how did the humans live before knowing to farm? Did anyone invent farming? Why was agriculture so revolutionary, providing a foundation for the exponential growth on our population afterwards? What were the conditions for the development of huge empires and were there any recurrent characteristics? How did the power structure, social class stratification and labor specialization, and resource accumulation and allocation change after the appearance of agriculture? Let us reveal this crucial element in our human history that had changed our way of live and provided a strong basis for the rapid growth of collective learning to the next level.

Programme Type

Public Lecture 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

100

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 3 Apr 2017

Application Result Release Date 4 Apr 2017

Schedule

Session	Date	Time	Venue
1	15 April	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Lecture Theatre 3610, Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building, City University of Hong Kong (AC2, 3610) #

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