

The 7th International Palaeontological Congress



New directions in palaeoanthropological research in Southern Africa

This symposium will explore innovative approaches and emerging research in palaeoanthropology, focusing on the rich fossil and archaeological record of southern Africa. Presentations will highlight recent discoveries, advancements in analytical techniques such as ancient DNA analysis and isotopic studies, and interdisciplinary frameworks integrating palaeosciences. The symposium will also address critical themes in the field, including the application of indigenous knowledge, the role of ethics in fieldwork and heritage preservation, and efforts to decolonize palaeoanthropological narratives. By showcasing cutting-edge methodologies and fostering dialogue on theoretical and practical developments, this symposium aims to illuminate new directions for understanding human evolution in southern Africa.

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