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Templeton Colloquium at the NDIAS: The Invisible Aspects of Human Evolution

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“The Origin of Kinship”

Session Moderator:



Ian Kuijt is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Notre Dame. His research interests include archaeology, Irish historical archaeology, social inequality and food production in the Near Eastern Neolithic period, mortuary analysis, and lithic technology. He is the co-author of *Island Places, Island Lives: Exploring Inishbofin and Inishark Heritage, Co. Galway, Ireland* (with Ryan Lash, William Dunaruma, Katie Shakour, and Tommy Burke; forthcoming); *People of the Middle Fraser Canyon: An Archaeological History* (with A. Prentiss; 2012); and editor or co-editor of *Transformation by Fire: The Archaeology of Cremation in Cultural Context* (with C. Quinn and G. Cooney; forthcoming); and *Macroevolution in Human Prehistory* (with A. Prentiss and J. C. Chatters; 2009). In 2005, Professor Kuijt was awarded a research

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Human Adaptation in Tsavo, Southeastern Kenya (with Chapurukha M. Kusimba and Sibel Kusimba ; forthcoming) and author and co-author of numerous articles in journals that include *Economic Anthropology*, *American Anthropologist*, the *Journal of Archaeological Research*, and the *Journal of Archaeological Method and Theory*. In 2010, he was appointed Fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology.