



# **Alcohol and Humans: A Long and Social Affair**

**Thursday 13 & Friday 14 September 2018  
The British Academy, London**

**Convenors:**

**Professor Robin Dunbar, University of Oxford  
Dr Kimberley Hockings, University of Exeter**

## **Day 1: Thursday 13 September 2018**

09.30        *Registration and refreshments*

10.00        Introduction

### **SESSION 1**

CHAIR: Robin Dunbar (University of Oxford)

10.10        Robert Dudley (University of California Berkeley, USA)  
*The natural biology of dietary ethanol, and its implications for primate evolution*

10.50        *Refreshments*

11.20        Matthew Carrigan (University of Florida Gainesville, USA)  
*Hominoid ancestors adapted to dietary ethanol*

12.00        Kimberley Hockings (University of Exeter)  
*The use of raffia palm wine by coexisting humans and chimpanzees*

12.40        *Lunch*

### **SESSION 2**

CHAIR: Lewis Daly (University College London)

14.00        Elisa Guerra Doce (University of Valladolid, Spain)  
*The earliest toasts: archaeological evidence for the production and consumption of alcohol in Prehistoric Europe*

14.40        Patrick McGovern (University of Pennsylvania Museum, USA)  
*Uncorking the past: alcoholic fermentation as humankind's first biotechnology*

15.20        *Refreshments*

16.00        Oliver Dietrich, Laura Dietrich and Jens Notroff  
(German Archaeological Museum, Germany)  
*Cult and feasting as incentives for cooperative action amongst hunter-gatherers at early Neolithic Göbekli Tepe*

16.40        *Discussion*

17.00        *End of first day of conference*

## **Day 2: Friday 14 September 2018**

09.30            *Registration and refreshments*

### **SESSION 1**

CHAIR: Matthew Carrigan (Santa Fe College, USA)

10.00            Michael Dietler (Anthropology, University of Chicago, USA)  
*Alcohol as embodied material culture: perspectives from anthropology and archaeology*

10.40            *Refreshments*

11:15            Lewis Daly (University College London)  
*The nature of sweetness: Indigenous fermentation technologies and the cultivation of fungi among the Makushi Amerindians of Guyana*

11:55            Asha Rosinger (Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, USA)  
*Chicha as water: contributions of a traditional fermented beverage to daily water intake among forager horticulturalists in the Bolivian Amazon*

12:35            *Lunch*

### **SESSION 2**

CHAIR: Kimberley Hockings (University of Exeter)

14:00            Robin Dunbar (University of Oxford)  
*Feasting and its role in community formation*

14:40            Angela McShane (V&A Museum)  
*Through the 'venice glass': Performative materialities and the praxis of intoxication in the early modern past*

15.20            *Refreshments*

16.00            James Nicholls (Alcohol Research UK)  
*Being different: alcohol as a problem of modernity*

16.40            Concluding discussion

17.00            *End of conference*