

ARCHE Seminar Series 2023

Prof. Lee R. Berger presents

“The Future of Exploration in the greatest age of exploration”

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Abstract: Understanding where we come from as a species has been one of the great goals of humankind, exploring the questions of where we come from and why we are here. In this discussion, Professor Lee Berger will explore some of the greatest discoveries of the last two decades in the search for human origins, discoveries he has been instrumental in, and intimately involved with as the leader of ground-breaking expeditions across Africa. These discoveries have led us to literally re-evaluate the story of human origins. This will be a true Salon Privé, where Lee will show us the latest discoveries that will be coming out on over the next months, discoveries that are not yet known to the World. Using these current discoveries, and lessons from what has been described as one of the most challenging sciences on earth, Lee will explore why he believes we are currently in the greatest age of exploration. Lee will relate the importance of lessons he has learned during his search for understanding human origins, lessons that he believes are applicable to all areas of scientific endeavour and to our daily lives.

BIO: Prof. Lee R. Berger Ph.D. D.Sc. is an award-winning researcher, explorer, author and speaker. His explorations into human origins on the African continent, Asia and



Micronesia for the past two and a half decades have resulted in many new discoveries, including the discovery of two new species of early human relatives – *Australopithecus sediba* and *Homo naledi*. These discoveries were recognised by the Smithsonian as among the ten most important scientific discoveries of the decade in 2020. His contributions to exploration sciences have also resulted in advances in the field of applied exploration methods and the application of technology to exploration, excavation and discovery. Teams under his leadership have recovered more individual hominid remains in sub-equatorial Africa over the last decade than were recovered in the previous 90 years. Berger is presently the Phillip Tobias Chair in Human Evolution at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa and an Explorer at Large for the National Geographic Society.

Date/Time – Friday 24th March, 2023: Seminar from 11.30 am, followed by networking lunch at the Unibar

*Room – *** UPDATED VENUE*** N76_1.05 (Nathan Campus)*