



Human occupation of Sahul by 65,000 years ago: Chronology, site formation and human behaviour at Madjedbebe, northern Australia

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SEMINAR OVERVIEW:

Recent excavations at the site of Madjedbebe in Kakadu from 2012-2015 (formerly known as Malakunanja II) have reshaped our understanding of the timing of modern human dispersal Out of Africa as well as the technology and behaviour of the first people to enter Sahul 60-70kya. This seminar will provide an overview of the chronology and ongoing analyses of the rich finds from the site. It will explore implications for debates surrounding modern human dispersals, genetics and the behaviour and toolkit of the earliest known inhabitants of Sahul.

