

the evolution of human languages

the beginning of the human story



PUBLIC TALKS BY EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGIST MARK PAGEL, FRS

Mark Pagel, Professor of Evolutionary Biology at Reading University, UK, and author of *Wired for Culture*, will explore the origins of our unique language capability and highlight its remarkable features that allow languages to evolve and adapt much like genes do, meaning we can trace its evolution back thousands of years into our past.

Professor Pagel is touring New Zealand as a guest of the Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, with support from the Royal Society of New Zealand.

AUCKLAND

Tuesday 12 March, 6pm,
Auckland Museum Events
Centre, \$15/\$10 for Royal Society
and Auckland Museum Institute
members, and students with ID

HAMILTON

Wednesday 13
March, 6.30pm,
Gallagher Academy
of Performing Arts,
University of Waikato

WELLINGTON

Friday 15 March, 6pm,
Embassy Theatre,
Courtenay Place, \$15/\$10
for Royal Society members,
and students with ID

DUNEDIN

Monday 18 March,
6.30pm, St David's
Lecture Theatre,
University
of Otago

CHRISTCHURCH

Wednesday 20
March, 6.30pm,
Central Lecture
Theatre 1, University
of Canterbury