

MCZ 150TH ANNIVERSARY LECTURE SERIES

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All lectures are located in the Geological Lecture Hall at 24 Oxford Street, Cambridge



THIS BRICK ARK: CELEBRATING THE MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOOLOGY'S FIRST 150 YEARS AND THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT 150

Lecture by James Hanken
Thursday, October 15, 6:00 PM

Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ), the product of larger-than-life figures of 19th-century science, is a world-renowned center for research and education in evolutionary and comparative biology. The MCZ's Director, Dr. James Hanken, will explore the history of this institution, what it can tell us about the changing role of university-based natural history museums, and what museums must do to survive—indeed, to thrive—in the 21st century. Dr. Hanken's lecture also marks the reopening of the Museum's historic Great Hall of Mammals.

A reception and preview of the renovated gallery will immediately follow the lecture.



NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUMS AND SOCIETY

Lecture by Cristián Samper
Tuesday, October 27, 6:00 PM

The role of natural history museums in society has evolved over the past two centuries. The type of collections, research questions asked, technologies used and methods for communicating with their audiences have changed dramatically. New challenges and technologies are opening new frontiers for our understanding of the natural world and the relevance of Museums in society is strong. Dr. Cristián Samper, Director of the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution, will examine the past, present and future of natural History museums in society.



NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUMS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTURY

Lecture by Michael Novacek
Thursday, November 5, 6:00 PM

In the 21st century the planet faces radical transformation, which includes mass extinction, rapid change in climate, and large-scale loss of natural habitat. American Museum of Natural History Paleontologist Michael Novacek will discuss how natural history museums like Harvard's MCZ offer unique opportunities for scientific discovery, education, and inspiration, and provide a management plan that draws on the past, reveals the present, and maps our future.