

Contingency, Chance and Determinism in Deep History



Abstract:

The roles of contingency, chance and determinism have long been of interest to historians, evolutionary biologists, paleontologists, economists and specialists in many other fields. Erwin will discuss these issues in the context of events from the fossil record; his paper will be followed by comments designed to invite a cross-disciplinary audience discussion of these major themes.

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