

ASEM 2410
THE CULTURED APE
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Research Topic Areas

What would an evolutionary understanding of human nature—i.e., a view of life that acknowledges humankind’s heritage as “Cultured Apes”—say about the following? What would it produce in the way of an “evolutionary pragmatics” for dealing with any compelling societal problems related to the topic?

Addictive behavior
Terrorism/Mass murder
Suicide
Euthanasia/End of life issues
Crime and punishment (e.g., solitary confinement)
Public health
Medicine/medical practice
Love, Marriage, Divorce
Homosexuality/Gay Marriage
Sexual infidelity/adultery
Rape/Date rape
Sexual harassment
Prostitution/Pay for sex
Parenting (lots of good and bad advice out there)
Diet (many have been suggested)
Education (teaching and learning)
“Family Values”
Child abuse
Social media/electronic communication
Consumer behavior
Artificial Intelligence
Depression
The Arts
Racial prejudice/Xenophobia
Ethnic conflict
Altruism and self-sacrifice
Political ideology
Religious belief
Gender inequality (e.g., in the workplace)
International relations/security
Urban design
Park design (should consider the EEA?)
Architecture
Sports and Competition
Organizational behavior (e.g., within business fields)
Science Wars
Scientific Fraud