

DAN MREJERU'S SPEAKINGMAN: A GEOLOGIST'S THEORY ON THE EVOLUTION OF HUMAN INTELLIGENCE

Dan Mircea Mrejeru is not the kind of person who usually gets to reopen the question of how humans became human. He trained as a geologist in Bucharest in the 1970s, left Romania for the United States in 1985, and spent the next thirty-five years running a geotechnical engineering firm in which soil, rock and bearing capacity were the daily problem. In the evenings, over more than two decades, he wrote twenty books on the origin of the human mind. The latest is the seventh edition of *The Making, the Rise, and the Future of the Speakingman*, released this month through his own imprint, A Terrestrial Mind Publishing. The sixth edition won a Literary Titan Gold Book Award earlier this year, Mrejeru's sixth Gold across the series and its companion works. The seventh adds more than a hundred pages on a single idea: that the evolution of human intelligence was driven, above all, by the cooling of the planet.

Most theories of human origins are produced inside universities by paleoanthropologists, linguists or evolutionary biologists. Mrejeru belongs to none of those tribes.

THE MAKING, THE RISE AND THE FUTURE

He describes himself, in the post-scriptum of the sixth edition, as "an independent researcher in multidisciplinary domain," affiliated only with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, whose method is to read across fields until a pattern surfaces and then test whether the pattern has a cause. His academia.edu profile, where he has uploaded more than a hundred papers, places him in the top two percent of users on the platform, with readers in over two thousand universities across one hundred and fifty-four countries. The book series is the distillation of that reading.

Each edition swaps in new evidence and, when a chapter grows to critical mass, a new Part. In this sense *The Speakingman* is less a

finished book than a living manuscript that Mrejeru has been revising in public since the early 2020s.

Two leaps, not one

At the core of the *Speakingman* thesis is the argument that *Homo sapiens* did not slide gradually into language. Mrejeru proposes two discrete cognitive leaps. The first, roughly five hundred thousand to three hundred thousand years ago, reorganized the cerebellum and the frontoparietal cortex and produced the anatomically modern hominin brain. The second, between one hundred thousand and twenty-seven thousand years ago, rewired that brain again into what he calls the *Speakingman*: a creature whose

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"It becomes mandatory that humanity adopt a hybrid state of the mind, which if it does not evolve naturally, it must be implemented in an artificial way."

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