DNA tells the story of human migration

Genome research tells a story of get up and go: it deciphers a text far older than any written record, and the DNA of humanity's fellow-travellers offers a series of confirmatory footnotes to a narrative of migration that began somewhere in Africa at least 60,000 years ago.

The DNA of modern Europeans, for example, tells of an invasion by near-eastern farmers at least 6,000 years ago that all but extinguished evidence of Europe's original hunter-gatherers, and of a subsequent vast and continuous westward movement of peoples.

What all such research reveals, again and again, is that human history is a story of movement, of migration, of a trafficking of peoples and an exchange of genes that defies all attempts at border control.

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