

# There and Back Again: new research on the “hobbit” remains from South-East Asia, and why it matters



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*Paleontology now indicates that upright walking was the first major adaptation to occur in the hominin lineage. My work has involved placing the skeletal structure and function of the lower limb within this context of taxonomic diversity, and previous results have indicated that early hominins may have been experimenting with different forms of bipedalism.*

*Being as young as 18,000 years old, the diminutive *H. floresiensis* (“hobbit”) may be the youngest extinct species of hominin in the record.*

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