**GENETIC HISTORY OF EUROPE**

The question we often ask ourselves is: Who are we and how did we get here?

DNA tells us something about our present, about aspects of both our past and the plausible future. The genome, that is the set of genetic code that each of us inherits from our parents, records the information.

In the last ten years, the study of ancient DNA has enriched the history, geography and evolution of our species with new relevant knowledge. Human populations (even some extinct ones) have had a continuous turnover, they have mixed over time in every place. Thanks to the possibility of extracting DNA from ancient bones, we now know that the people who live today in any given place are not descended exclusively from those who lived in the same place in the past: the populations have had a continuous turnover, the mixing of extremely differentiated groups has been a recurring phenomenon, the populations of our time are a mixture of the past ones, which in turn were mixtures.

A few years ago, there was a pretty successful video on Youtube (which still is): it was a brief cross-report of test results carried out by 67 very different people, with surprising results about their origins and kinships.

I attach here the link for watching the video.

<https://youtu.be/7mqWYuKvbXY>