Dog Thought (ANTH 395D)

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Dogs were once written off as a boring domesticated species with little to contribute to the scientific study of behavior, cognition, or human evolution. However, research in the past two decades has led to a resurgence of interest in dogs across scientific disciplines, especially those focusing on behavioral and cognitive evolution. In this course we will explore the scientific literature addressing how dogs understand their world, how dog psychology evolved during domestication, and what these processes may tell us about the evolution of other species, including our own.