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"Crowd control: The Calming Effect of Social Behavior in African Naked Mole-Rats"

Abstract: Our world is changing at a faster pace due to human activity than at any other time in the history of our species. How will our brains adapt to overcrowding and worsening air quality? Luckily, there are other fellow mammals that can teach us. African mole-rats have been living successfully under such conditions for tens of millions of years, but with some important changes to the brain that we may want to plan for. In this talk, we will explore those changes and discuss their causes and consequences.