

# The evolution of cooperation: why we need each other to succeed

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During his upcoming Public Lecture, evolutionary biologist Martin Nowak, author of the best-selling book *SuperCooperators*, will share his cutting-edge research on the mysteries of cooperation. According to Nowak, many problems that challenge us today can be traced back to a tension between what is good and desirable for society as a whole and what is good and desirable for an individual. This conflict is illustrated in global problems such as climate change, pollution, hunger, and overpopulation. Nowak argues that cooperation—not competition—is the key to the evolution of complexity.

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