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## The Handicap Principle: A key element in communication and its effects on the human body and behaviour

By the renowned Evolutionary Biologist

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Thursday, 8th Oct'09, Time: 4:00 pm

Venue: Faculty Hall, IISc, Bangalore 12

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Tea/Coffee will be served after the lecture

**About the Speaker:** Amotz Zahavi is an Israeli evolutionary biologist, a Professor Emeritus at the Zoology Department of Tel Aviv University, and one of the founders of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (known as the "SPNI"). He studied in particular the Arabian Babbler. In 1980, Amotz Zahavi, together with the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel and two other colleagues, was awarded the Israel Prize for SPNI's special contribution to society and the State, for the environment.

**Abstract:** The Handicap principle is a theory put forth by Amotz Zahavi that complements Darwin's idea of sexual selection beautifully. This idea has been discussed in a fascinating book by Amotz and his wife Avishag Zahavi, "The Handicap Principle: A missing piece of Darwin's puzzle", published in 1975. Zahavi's ideas have generated a great deal of interest and debate. In this lecture, we will hear from Zahavi about the role of handicaps in the lives of humans and other animals.

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