



Minding Animals International Bulletin 17

Welcome to the 17th edition of the Minding Animals Bulletin. In this edition you will find notices for seven new Minding Animals Partner events of which we are proud to be associated. Minding Animals International encourages you to participate in these events if you are able.

Please take careful note that the Call for Papers for some events close early July

- **22 August, 2013: Oslo, Norway - Norwegian Animal Ethics Conference 2013**
- **12 to 13 September, 2013: London, United Kingdom - Dogs, Pigs and Children: Changing Laws in Colonial Britain (CFP Close 15 July)**
- **25 September, 2013: Sydney, Australia - Encountering the Author: Animals, Equality and Democracy**
- **4 to 5 October, 2013: Morelia, México - Animales en mente: Escuchar, entender, responder (CFP Close 15 July)**
- **14 to 19 November, 2013: New Delhi, India – International Elephant Congress and Ministerial Meet (E - 50:50)**
- **28 to 30 November, 2013: Karlsruhe, Germany - ICAS EU3 Conference - Technoscientific Developments and Critical Animal Studies (CFP Close 15 July)**
- **6 to 8 February, 2014: Innsbruck, Austria - Human Animal Studies Conference (CFP Close 10 July)**

Special Notice:

MA Bulletin No 18 will be released in late August. Stay tuned for announcements regarding **Minding Animal 3 in India in January 2015**, as well as developments in the organisation that is Minding Animals International and the offering of memberships

Minding Animals Partner Events and Conferences

22 August, 2013: Oslo, Norway

Norwegian Animal Ethics Conference 2013

Hosts: Minding Animals Norway, and Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM, University of Oslo)

Venue: Litteraturhuset, Oslo

Theme: Who is the wildest one in the country? From animals in fur farming to large carnivores: How we shape wild animals in our own image

Websites: <http://mindinganimals.no/> and <http://dyreetikkonferansen.no/>

Further information regarding this conference is available on the websites or by contacting Morten Tønnessen at mortentoennessen@gmail.com

12-13 September, 2013: London, United Kingdom

Dogs, Pigs and Children: Changing Laws in Colonial Britain

Hosts: Centre for the Study of Colonialism, Empire and International Law, SOAS, University of London

Venue: Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London SOAS, University of London

Further information regarding this conference, please contact the organiser Dr Yoriko Otomo at yo4@soas.ac.uk

Conference language: English

See the flyer at the end of the Bulletin for the Call for Papers

25 September, 2013: Sydney, Australia

Encountering the Author: Animals, Equality and Democracy

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Meet Siobhan O'Sullivan, a Research Fellow in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne. She has published extensively on animal related matters, with a particular emphasis on how our political institutions influence the life chances of nonhuman animals

Time and Venue: 2 to 4 pm, Room 3.G.55 University of Western Sydney, Bankstown Campus, Bullecourt Ave, Milperra (to access UWS Bankstown campus: take the Henry Lawson Drive exit off the M5 and turn right. Or, catch a UWS shuttle bus from Revesby station)

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Other speakers include Fiona Probyn-Rapsey (University of Sydney), Jane Johnson (Macquarie University), Chris Degeling (University of Sydney) and John Hadley (University of Western Sydney)

See the flyer at the end of the Bulletin for details

4-5 October, 2013: Morelia, Michoacán, México

Animales en mente: Escuchar, entender, responder

Hosts: Facultad de Filosofía, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo and Programa Universitario de Bioética, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Conference Organisers: Dra. Ana Cristina Ramírez Barreto and Dra. Beatriz Vanda Cantón

Venue: Museo del Estado, Morelia, Centro histórico, Michoacán, México

Speakers include Marita Candela (Professor in Law at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)

Contact: Ana Cristina Ramírez Barreto, ana_rb@yahoo.com

Conference language: Spanish

Registration and Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/proyectoceidbaumsnh/coloquio-animales-en-mente>

[Please note – if you have problems getting on to the website – please contact Ana Cristina Ramírez Barreto](#)

Convocamos a académicos, investigadores, científicos, juristas, legisladores, artistas, funcionarios públicos, activistas, gente de empresa o emprendedora a presentar ponencias o trabajos en el Coloquio que se llevará a cabo en Morelia, Michoacán, del 3 al 4 de octubre de 2013, como evento previo al III Congreso Internacional Minding Animals, India (14-20 de enero, 2015).

El título del Coloquio (“Animales en mente. Escuchar, entender, responder”) enfoca el problema de hablar, escuchar, entenderse y responder sobre el problema o cuestión de los animales (la relación humano-animal o la relación con los otros animales”). Llamamos “la cuestión de los animales” al hecho de la relación asimétrica, frecuentemente de explotación y abuso impune, que sostenemos con los animales no humanos. En imbricación con este primer problema, reconocemos un segundo problema: el de cómo nos escuchamos, entendemos y respondemos los humanos que estamos conversando sobre el mismo. En nuestro contexto latinoamericano la falta de atención directa a este tema, ha provocado que a pesar de contar con leyes de protección a los animales, por décadas han sido letra muerta o desconocidas. Sin embargo, en nuestras circunstancias, ¿es una respuesta adecuada la vía de la prohibición, vigilancia y punición? Habiendo considerado moralmente a los otros animales, ¿podríamos apuntar a un modo distinto de justicia para reparar el daño que les causamos?

No es posible una traducción precisa del título del congreso marco de este evento. Según Marc Bekoff (6/07/2012, *Minding Animals 2*, Utrecht, NL), *minding animals* significa:

1. Cuidar de los otros animales y procurarles una vida pacífica.
2. Reconocer que tienen mentes; sabemos que son listos, dotados de vida emocional rica y profunda y sabemos cómo les afecta lo que les ocurre; sabemos que son conscientes y sienten dolor; estos hechos están o deberían quedar asentados toda vez que interactuamos con ellos.

Así pues, *minding animals* significa simultáneamente que reconocemos en animales no humanos la riqueza emotiva, de sociabilidad y comunicación que generalmente se connota con el término “mente” [mind] y, además, que hay animales (tú, yo...) a quienes les importa lo que ocurre, en este caso, con otros animales.

Este coloquio enfocará la atención de la amplia y heterogénea comunidad de *minding animals* sobre las posibilidades de diálogo desarmado, respetuoso y sin ofensas, hacia sectores de la población o determinados grupos que se relacionan con los animales no humanos de manera violenta o abusiva.

14-19 November, 2013: New Delhi, India

International Elephant Congress and Ministerial Meet (E - 50:50)

Hosts: Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, the Wildlife Trust of India and the Wildlife Institute of India

Two special lectures will be held during the E-50:50 conference. Details will be available in MA Bulletin No.18

Venue: The Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India

Further information regarding this conference is available on the website: <http://elephant5050.in/>

28-30 November, 2013: Karlsruhe, Germany

ICAS EU3 Conference - Technoscientific Developments and Critical Animal Studies

Hosts: Karlsruher Insitut für Technologie and Das Institut für Technikfolgenabschätzung und Systemanalyse (ITAS)

Please note that the Call for papers has been extended to 15 July, 2013. Please submit your proposal to submissions@dimde.monoceres.uberspace.de

Venue: Karlsruher Insitut für Technologie, Karlsruhe

Keynotes: Anat Pick (Queen Mary University of London, UK) and Helena Pedersen (Malmö University, Sweden)

The conference will also include an exhibition by Hartmut Kiewert and a special screening of *Maximum Tolerated Dose* (2012) directed by Karol Orzechowski

Websites: critical-animal-conf.org

Further information regarding this conference, please contact Arianna Ferrari at arianna.ferrari@kit.edu

6-8 February, 2014: Innsbruck, Austria

Human Animal Studies Conference

Hosts: University of Innsbruck

Conference languages: German and English

Organising committee: Reingard Spannring, Reinhard Heuberger, Gabriela Kompatscher, Max Siller, Andreas Oberprantacher, Karin Schachinger and Alejandro Boucabeille

Further information regarding the conference, please contact Reinhard Heuberger (reinhard.heuberger@uibk.ac.at), Reingard Spannring (reingard.spannring@uibk.ac.at) or Alejandro Boucabeille (alejandro17de@yahoo.de)

Websites: www.uibk.ac.at/news/has

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Agostino Brunias, 'The Fruit Market at St. Vincent', engraving, 1770s

CALL FOR PAPERS

Dogs, Pigs and Children: Changing Laws in Colonial Britain

**Centre for the Study of Colonialism, Empire and International Law
and a partner event of Minding Animals International**

SOAS, University of London, Thursday 12th – Friday 13th September 2013

We invite scholars from a range of disciplines including (but not limited to) law, environmental history, gender studies and theology to a workshop, 'Dogs, Pigs and Children: Changing Laws in Colonial Britain' to be held at SOAS on the 12th and 13th September.

The intention behind this workshop is to bring together scholars interested in various aspects of British colonial history to discuss how jurisprudence relating to animals and children reflect changing attitudes in Britain and its colonies. We will be engaging with the ways in which laws on, *inter alia*, livestock; hunting; sacrificial practices; bestiality; conservation; slaughterhouses; pets; criminal liability and child labour reflect shifting conceptions of the minds and roles of animals and children. By focusing on this often neglected legal and colonial history, we hope to shed light on questions relating to how developments in one jurisdiction may have influenced another; how they reorganized domestic and urban spaces; how they reshaped familial relationships; how legal discourses of rights and welfare tracked those of seduction and deprivation, and how the modern 'human' is constituted against the 'animal' and the 'child'.

Please send abstracts of up to 300 words to Yoriko Otomo: yo4@soas.ac.uk



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THE PALGRAVE MACMILLAN
Animal Ethics Series



ANIMALS, EQUALITY AND DEMOCRACY

Siobhan O'Sullivan



University of
Western Sydney
Bringing knowledge to life

Encountering the Author

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University of Melbourne

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Human-Animal Studies Conference

in the tension field between ethical concern and scientific objectivity

Innsbruck, Austria, February 2014



The University of Innsbruck announces its first international conference on Human-Animal Studies, to be held in Innsbruck from February 6 - 8, 2014.

Human-Animal Studies are a young, flourishing interdisciplinary field of research at the centre of which lies the relationship between humans and animals. In view of the historically and culturally – but also socially – heterogeneous, ambivalent and contradictory relationship, one needs to raise the question of the importance of „the animal“ and human-animal relationships for human and social sciences.

Like other academic fields that have been created along the lines of progressive social movements (human rights, feminist and ecological movement), these scientific efforts have been developing parallel to the animal rights movement. It is, however, not only a question of integrating animals into academia, but also of conceptualizing them differently – as living beings with their own experiences and interests. At the same time, a critical investigation of the use and abuse of non-human animals needs to be fostered. While ethical concerns are often regarded as irreconcilable with scientific objectivity, this conference aims to overcome the dichotomy between theory and practice, science and citizenship, in order to re-establish philosophy (in the broadest sense of the word) as a driving force for change.

The following fields of research will have their own sections:

Animals in Educational Sciences

organiser: Reingard Spannring

Animals in Language and Linguistics

organiser: Reinhard Heuberger

Animals in Literature and the Media

organiser: Gabriela Kompatscher, Max Siller

Animals in Philosophy and Religion

organiser: Andreas Oberprantacher

Animals in Historical Sciences and Law

organiser: Alejandro Boucabeille

Animals in Social Sciences and Gender Studies

organiser: Karin Schachinger

Authors are invited to submit their abstracts and short CVs by **July 10, 2013** and will be notified by September 10, 2013 on whether their contribution has been accepted. The proceedings of the conference will be published.

Conference language: German, English
Conference fee: 49,- Euros

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