

Minding Animals International Bulletin 18

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Special Notice - Minding Animals 3

The third Minding Animals Conference will be held in New Delhi, 13 to 20 January, 2015

The host for the conference will be the Wildlife Trust of India, in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

The conference will be held at JNU and other locations in New Delhi

Further details will be made available shortly, including exciting news regarding our keynote speaker, plenary speakers, interfaith service, arts and documentary events, and of course the conference themes

The Call for Abstracts will be made in early 2014

The Wildlife Trust of India

The Wildlife Trust of India is a national conservation organisation committed to effective action for the protection of India's natural heritage. Its principal objectives include managing or preventing wildlife crises and mitigating threats to individual wild animals, their populations and habitats through holistic strategies and practical interventions. Its mission is to conserve wildlife and its habitat and to work for the welfare of individual wild animals, in partnership with communities and governments. For further information, see http://www.wti.org.in

Within just over a decade, WTI has secured numerous victories and milestones for wildlife in India including securing habitats and establishing contiguous forests, changing public perceptions and attitude through effective campaigning, promoting individual animal welfare in conservation and pioneering systematic wildlife rehabilitation techniques, carrying out field research to identify threats, develop and implement conservation strategies for lesser studied animals and ignored habitats, advocacy for proactive reforms to create an atmosphere conducive to conservation, and promoting alternative livelihoods to minimise human dependence on forests resources, and a lot more.

What began as a three member team in a small room in south Delhi in 1998, is today a family of about 150 professionals from diverse backgrounds - conservation biologists, scientists, sociologists, wildlife veterinarians, managers, lawyers, finance experts and communication specialists - but committed to the common cause of wildlife. They are based in any of the 15 field stations in remote parts of the country and a central coordinating office in the national capital region. An eight member Executive Management Team comprising experienced conservationists, scientists, managers and bureaucrats provide a visionary leadership to the vibrant and enthusiastic WTI team. The Board of Trustees of WTI comprises nine stalwarts who bring together a collective experience of at least 300 years in the field of conservation, education and management.

Jawaharlal Nehru University

A University stands for humanism, for tolerance, for reason, for the adventure of ideas and for the search of truth. It stands for the onward march of the human race towards ever higher objectives. If the Universities discharge their duties adequately, then it is well with the Nation and the People. Jawaharlal Nehru

JNU was established in 1965 and is located on a campus that is spread over approximately 1000 acres of land on the Aravali range in New Delhi, which has been turned into a green and open area, though many academic buildings, hostels, and residences for faculty and staff have been built during the last forty years. Presently the University has over 7300 students, who come from all parts of the country and abroad, and from all sections of society. There are over 500 faculty members in addition to administrative staff who, along with students, live on campus, and they interact and mingle with each other irrespective of social or professional status. For further information, see: http://www.jnu.ac.in

The living ambience and social milieu of the campus is also reflected in an integrated, interdisciplinary approach in teaching and research. There is freedom to define and design course content or start new courses. Research themes evolve with new developments in the area and the interface between different areas of study. Everyone at the university competes to excel in their own field of research. JNU is academically and socially a vibrant place where all have space to express their views. The ten schools and four special centres produce high quality research publications, books, working papers and theses. The JNU alumni occupy important positions, in academics, government, private sector, and in fact in all walks of life. Recently JNU was ranked as the top University in the country. JNU will continue to play a major role in the field of higher education, by seeding new ideas and creating knowledge, and by imparting high level of training with values and social commitment.

Minding Animals Partner Events and Conferences

22 August, 2013: Oslo, Norway

Norwegian Animal Ethics Conference 2013

Hosts: Minding Animals Norway, the Norwegian Council for Animal Ethics 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

Conference language: Norwegian

Program includes a video greeting by Marc Bekoff, talks by Randi Oppermann Moe, Ketil Skogen and Morten Tønnessen, and participation by Gudbrand Bakken, Bjarne Braastad, Rasmus Hansson, Siri Martinsen, Hege Gaudernack Tønnesen and Åsmund Ystad

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

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)

Other speakers include Fiona Probyn-Rapsey, Jane Johnson, Chris Degeling and John Hadley

See the flyer at the end of the Bulletin for details

26-28 September, 2013: Utrecht, The Netherlands

Animal Ethics: a practical workshop

Hosts: Animal Concepts, Utrecht University and Aalborg University

Venue: in Utrecht - to be confirmed - see website

Presenters: Sabrina Brando, Bernice Bovenkerk, Jes Harfeld and Clemens Driessen Website: http://www.animalconcepts.eu/styled-4/styled-21/styled-5/index.html

Further information regarding this conference, please contact Sabrina Brando at: animalconcepts_sb@icloud.com

Workshop language: English

Workshop registration fee: Euro 195-

Interested in animals, how we treat them, how we think about them? Interested in reflecting on what we do with and to animals? Interested in what we ought to do and why?

Animal ethics is an exciting and interesting field, but not necessarily easy. Some people think that philosophers are up 'their ivory tower thinking and writing in difficult words'. Nothing is further from the truth as Jes and Bernice have lots of experience teaching theories in animal ethics combined with practical experience in how to apply ethics to our daily work with animals, whether you are working in a zoo, research laboratory or animal shelter.

This workshop consist of lectures explaining the different theories combined with many practical workshops where you are encouraged to think and discuss questions posed and case studies provided by the speakers. You are also welcome to send in your own questions so we can discuss them together during the workshop. If you want to learn more about animal ethics and how to apply this in your daily work with animals then join us in this unique workshop!

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

Animales en mente: Escuchar, entender, responder

Hosts: Facultad de Filosofia, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolas 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 Autónoma de Barcelona)

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

Conference language: Spanish

Registration and Website:

https://sites.google.com/site/proyectoceidbaumsnh/coloquioanimalesenmenteescucharentenderresponder

See the flyer at the end of the Bulletin for the conference details

18 October, 2013: Sheffield, England

Animal Machines: animals and/as technology

Hosts: University of Sheffield, in association with the Wolfson Foundation

Venue: Jessop West Exhibition Space, University of Sheffield

Time: 10:00 - 18.30

Speakers: Anat Pick, Seán McCorry, Fabienne Collignon, Clara Mancini, Richard Twine, Robert McKay, John Miller,

Matthew Cole, Emily Thew

Website: http://animalmachines.wordpress.com/ and https://twitter.com/AnimalMachines

Further information regarding this event, please contact Sean McCorry and Emily Thew at: s.mccorry@sheffield.ac.uk

or e.thew@sheffield.ac.uk

Workshop language: English

The University of Sheffield, with support from the Wolfson Foundation, is hosting a one-day interdisciplinary symposium to examine the interrelations of animals and technology. It will feature contributions from literature, film, the social sciences, and information studies. The pervasive association of animality and technicity is not only an ontological question but also structures various material and representational practices. Western philosophy has long struggled with this relation, particularly in the aftermath of Descartes' famous assertion of the mechanistic essence of animality. The ethical and political dimensions of these ontological questions are brought into focus in concrete ways through the lived experience of both humans and nonhuman animals in their everyday embodied interaction with technologies.

26 October, 2013: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Our cognitive cousins: the intelligence of apes and dolphins

A seminar highlighting the amazing scientific discoveries involving the intelligence of apes and dolphins

Hosts: Institute for Animals in Philosophy and Science, Vrije Universiteit, and the Dolphin Communication Project

Venue: Room HG 2A06, Vrije Universiteit, in the Hoofdgebouw (HG), on the second floor of section A, room #6, Amsterdam

Time: 10:00 to 17:00

Contacts: Justin Gregg or Esteban Rivas (please go to website for email contact)

Join ape behavior expert Esteban Rivas from the Institute for Animals in Philosophy and Science, and dolphin cognition researcher Justin Gregg from the Dolphin Communication Project, for a seminar that will highlight the amazing scientific discoveries involving the intelligence of apes and dolphins. This seminar will features lectures covering the study of ape and dolphin cognition, and what scientists have learned about the way these animals use complex thinking to solve problems both in the lab and in the wild. Despite being distantly related on an evolutionary scale, apes and dolphins have evolved similarly complex social systems, abilities to use using artificial communication systems, and capacities for self-awareness.

This seminar will discuss the current state of the science on ape and dolphin cognition, and compare the nature of their intelligence to that of humans and other animals. There will of course be plenty of time for healthy discussion throughout the day. This seminar is the second seminar in the Apes and Dolphins Seminar series, a three part seminar series exploring the scientific and ethical issues surrounding the study of language and intelligence in apes and dolphin. The final seminar, focusing on ethics, will take place later in 2013.

For more information and registration information, please visit: http://www.apesanddolphins.com/

Or go to: http://www.facebook.com/ApesAndDolphinsSeminarSeries

14-16 November, 2013: Ontario, Canada

Thinking Extinction: A Symposium on the Philosophy and Biology of Endangered Species

Hosts: Laurentian University

Venue: Vale Living with Lakes Centre, Laurentian University

Contact person: Dr. Brett Buchanan, bbuchanan@laurentian.ca

For more information and registration information, please visit: http://brettbuch.wordpress.com/extinction-

symposium/

Language: English and French

Registration (and fee): there will be closed and public sessions - please contact Brett

This symposium brings together leading experts in extinction studies and conservation ecology from the humanities and sciences, from across Canada, the US, Australia and New Zealand. Papers and discussion will surround the value of endangered species, (de-)extinction, endangered species laws, technological reproduction of endangered species, popular and cultural representations of endangered species, threats to biodiversity and ecological communities, and more. Among the highlights of the symposium includes the participation of multiple award winning Canadian author Margaret Atwood, and leading conservationist Stuart Pimm.

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 Minding Animals lectures will be held during the E-50:50 conference

Kim Stallwood -

Rod Bennison -

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 December, 2013: Sydney, Australia

An evening with Marc Bekoff and the Universal Declaration on Animal Sentience

Details regarding this event will appear in upcoming Bulletins

December, 2013: Amsterdam, The Netherlands

A seminar to consider Human Horse relationships

Details regarding this event will appear in upcoming Bulletins

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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12-14 March, 2014: Warszawa, Poland

Zwierzęta i ich ludzie (Animals and their People: the Fall of the Anthropocentric Paradigm) Conference and Art Exhibition

Hosted by the Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Science, and partnered by Le Centre de civilisation française et d'études francophones (CCFEF) de l'Université de Varsovie Faculty of Artes Liberales at the University of Warsaw

Funded by the Polish National Science Centre

Patronage: Minding Animals International, Animals and Society Institute, and the Institute of Critical Animal Studies

Exhibition partner: Salon Akademii Gallery, The Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw

Conference languages: Polish and English

Further information regarding the conference, please visit the website or contact the conference and exhibition organisers: Dorota Łagodzka, Anna Barcz and Leszek Golec at animalstudies.pl@gmail.com

Website: http://animalstudies.ibl.waw.pl/uk/ or

http://animalstudies.ibl.waw.pl/pl/menu/o-projekcie/konferencie

June, 2014: Canberra, Australia

Affective Habitus: new environmental histories of Botany, Zoology and Emotions

Host Institution and Venue: Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University

Details regarding this event will appear in upcoming Bulletins

4-5 December, 2014: Edinburgh, Scotland

Between Apes and Angels: Human and Animal in the Early Modern World

Host Institution and Venue: University of Edinburgh Keynote speakers: Harriet Ritvo and Loiuse Hill Curth

Other speakers: Ingrid Tague, Juliana Schiesari, Karen Edwards, Peter Edwards, Richard Almond and Susan Wiseman

Call for papers (close 31 October, 2014) – see conference blog: http://apesandangels.wordpress.com/cfp-2/

Conference language: English

Further information regarding the conference, please visit the website or contact the organisers: Andrew Wells and Sarah Cockram at andrew.wells@ed.ac.uk or s.cockram@ed.ac.uk

Website: http://www.apesandangels.ed.ac.uk

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

This conference is part of an interdisciplinary research project to explore the history of early modern human animal relations in conjunction with the rich collections available in Edinburgh. The history of human-animal relations has expanded enormously in recent years, and with it has come a renewed focus on questions concerning humanity, animality, society, culture and nature. Since early works in the field, such as Clarence Glacken's *Traces on the Rhodian Shore* or Keith Thomas's *Man and the Natural World*, attitudes to animals have been interpreted as reflecting as well as constituting social, cultural, and intellectual currents.

More recent work, at the hands of such diverse scholars as Erica Fudge, Virginia deJohn Anderson, Mary Fissell, Harriet Ritvo and Donna Haraway, has expanded this range of perspectives into intellectual, philosophical, cultural, biological, social, medical and technological spheres, and this shows little sign of slowing down. We believe that this field of inquiry is now sufficiently broad and mature to necessitate a gathering of interested scholars to survey the range and establish the extent and likely future direction of scholarly activity in human animal relations, and to reflect critically on the methodologies, sources, challenges, and research and teaching strategies in the field.

Building on exciting recent research about early modern animals, this project aims to create a dialogue between scholars from a range of humanities disciplines and specialists in animal sciences to gain new insights into the way animals and humans lived together in the early modern world. Of particular importance is an appraisal of the ground covered so far by scholars, consideration of future directions for scholarly inquiry, and exploration of the means, methods, pitfalls, and promise of communicating this exciting work to a diverse range of audiences.

In the Next Bulletin, you will find:

- Further updates on Minding Animals 3 in New Delhi
- Announcements regarding Minding Animals International Incorporated
- An introduction to the new Minding Animals Board members
- Further notices for regarding our Minding Animals Partner events



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 $12^{\rm th}$ and $13^{\rm th}$ 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









ANIMALS, EQUALITY AND DEMOCRACY

Siobhan O'Sullivan





Encountering the Author Siobhan O'Sullivan University of Melbourne

Wednesday 25th September 2013 University of Western Sydney, Bankstown Campus Bullecourt Ave, Milperra 3.G.55 2-4pm

Dr. Siobhan O'Sullivan is 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.

Animal welfare laws for hens in petting zoos are more comprehensive than laws for broiler hens raised for meat. Seem strange? In *Animals, Equality and Democracy* Siobhan O'Sullivan exposes inconsistencies in animal protection laws that favour the most popular, best known nonhuman animals. She also shows that protections vary depending on how we want to make use of a particular animal, with the most visible animals receiving the strongest level of protection. She argues that contemporary animal welfare laws make the lives of animals akin to a lottery. O'Sullivan calls this the 'internal inconsistency' and argues that animal protection inequalities offend fundamental liberal democratic values.

Other speakers include: Fiona Probyn-Rapsey, University of Sydney
Jane Johnson, Macquarie University Chris Degeling, University of Sydney.
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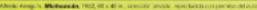




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Dra. María Teresa Giménez-Candela



Convocamos a académicos, investigadores, científicos, juristas, legisladores, artistas, funcionarios públicos, activistas, gente de empresa. o emprendedora y público en general a presentar ponencias o trabajos.

4 y 5 de octubre de 2013 Morelia, Michoacán, México

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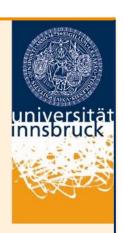




Human-Animal Studies Conference

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 <u>February 6 - 8, 2014</u>.

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 <u>July 10, 2013</u> 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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