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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to this issue of the Animals & Society Institute's Human-Animal Studies e-newsletter. I hope that this issue has information that is of use to you. Please let me know what you’d like to see! For future editions of this newsletter, please send submissions to margo@animalsandsociety.org.

**ASI News**

We are excited to announce the publication, by UTB Press, of Human-Animal Studies, the first German-language textbook in the field, by Gabriela Kompatscher, Reingard Spannring, and Karin Schachinger, all of the University of Innsbruck. The overview, in German:

Human-Animal Studies: Gesellschaftliche, philosophische und kulturelle Aspekte des Mensch-Tier-Verhältnisses Die erste deutschsprachige Einführung in die Human-Animal Studies (HAS) fungiert für Studierende und Lehrende der HAS und für Nachbardisziplinen, die auf das Mensch-Tier-Verhältnis blicken, als

This text was made possible by the HSI-ASI International Development Project, which funds the development of a human-animal studies program which directly resulted from the International program which funded the University of Innsbruck. Congratulations!

HAS News

Don't forget to register for, and send in an abstract for, the Minding Animals conference! The conference will be held from 17 to 24 January, 2018, in Mexico City. Abstracts close 15 July.

- **Registrations and Abstracts**
- **Details regarding the best accommodation option and how to share costs**
- **Further details about the conference**

Thanks to generous funding from Mr. Bob Barker, UCLA Law School is pleased to offer the [Animal Law and Policy Small Grants Program](http://law.ucla.edu/centers/social-policy/animal-law-grants-program). The UCLA ALP Program exists to encourage new academic empirical research, with the goal of developing better empirical bases from which to understand, evaluate, and pursue animal law reform. Applicants from a variety of academic disciplinary backgrounds, including economics, sociology, demography, social psychology, moral psychology, medicine, plant-based nutritional science, cognitive science, law, public health, and public policy are encouraged to apply. The UCLA ALP Program has two goals:

- Fostering sound empirical -- quantitative or qualitative -- knowledge related to human uses of animals, alternatives to uses of animals, and humans' relationship to animals, which animal law and policy academics and practitioners could use to develop animal law and policy reform applications;
- Supporting empirical research that enables animal law and policy academics and practitioners to develop increasingly more sophisticated understandings of the impact of public policies and laws that affect animals directly or indirectly.

Advanced-level graduate students are strongly encouraged to apply. Established scholars interested in expanding their non-legal research agenda to include topics related to the UCLA ALP Program's goals are also welcome. For more information, please visit: [http://law.ucla.edu/centers/social-policy/animal-law-grants-program](http://law.ucla.edu/centers/social-policy/animal-law-grants-program)

Animal Charity Evaluators is pleased to introduce the Animal Advocacy Research Fund. The purpose of this fund is to support research that contributes to an understanding of human-animal relations and effective animal advocacy. The application deadline for the next funding round is **June 16**. Before applying, we strongly recommend reviewing our focus areas page to understand what types of proposals we are most interested in funding. You may also find it useful to review the details of our evaluation process and read about the projects we've funded so far. For more information, please contact: Greg Boese, Advocacy Program Officer, Animal Charity Evaluators  [greg.boese@animalcharityevaluators.org](mailto:greg.boese@animalcharityevaluators.org)
New Books

Following are some of the books coming out this month that we are excited about!

Ohnuma, R. (2017). *Unfortunate Destiny: Animals in the Indian Buddhist Imagination*. Oxford University Press. Unfortunate Destiny focuses on the roles played by nonhuman animals within the imaginative thought-world of Indian Buddhism, as reflected in pre-modern South Asian Buddhist literature. These roles are multifaceted, diverse, and often contradictory: In Buddhist doctrine and cosmology, the animal rebirth is a most "unfortunate destiny" (durgati), won through negative karma and characterized by a lack of intelligence, moral agency, and spiritual potential. In stories about the Buddha's previous lives, on the other hand, we find highly anthropomorphized animals who are wise, virtuous, endowed with human speech, and often critical of the moral shortcomings of humankind. In the life-story of the Buddha, certain animal characters serve as "doubles" of the Buddha, illuminating his nature through identification, contrast or parallelism with an animal "other." Relations between human beings and animals likewise range all the way from support, friendship, and near-equality to rampant exploitation, cruelty, and abuse. Perhaps the only commonality among these various strands of thought is a persistent impulse to use animals to clarify the nature of humanity itself--whether through similarity, contrast, or counterpoint. Buddhism is a profoundly human-centered religious tradition, yet it relies upon a dexterous use of the animal other to help clarify the human self. This book seeks to make sense of this process through a wide-ranging-exploration of animal imagery, animal discourse, and specific animal characters in South Asian Buddhist texts.

Räsänen, T., & Syrjämaa, T. (Eds.). (2017). *Shared Lives of Humans and Animals: Animal Agency in the Global North*. Routledge. Animals are conscious beings that form their own perspective regarding the lifeworlds in which they exist, and according to which they act in relation to their species and other animals. In recent decades a thorough transformation in societal research has taken place, as many groups that were previously perceived as being passive or subjugated objects have become active subjects. This fundamental reassessment, first promoted by feminist and radical studies, has subsequently been followed by spatial and material turns that have brought non-human agency to the fore. In human-animal relations, despite a power imbalance, animals are not mere objects but act as agents. They shape our material world and our encounters with them influence the way we think about the world and ourselves. This book focuses on animal agency and interactions between humans and animals. It explores the reciprocity of human-animal relations and the capacity of animals to act and shape human societies. The chapters draw on examples from the Global North to explore how human life in modernity has been and is shaped by the sentience, autonomy, and physicality of various animals, particularly in landscapes where communities and wild animals exist in close proximity. It offers a timely contribution to animal studies, environmental geography, environmental history, and social science and humanities studies of the environment more broadly.

Smart, A., & Smart, J. (2017). *Posthumanism: Anthropological Insights*. University of Toronto Press. Designed to explain posthumanism to those outside of academia, this brief and accessible book makes an original argument about anthropology's legacy as a study of "more than human." Smart and Smart return to the holism of classic ethnographies where cattle, pigs, yams, and sorcerers were central to the lives that were narrated by anthropologists, but they extend the discussion to include contemporary issues like microbiomes, the Anthropocene, and nano-machines, which take holism beyond locally bounded spaces. They outline what a holism without boundaries
could look like, and what anthropology could offer to the knowledge of more-than-human nature in the past, present, and future.

(All summaries taken from publishers' websites.)

## New Research

Following are some of the latest research articles in the field of human-animal studies:


Collins, C., Corkery, I., Haigh, A., McKeown, S., Quirke, T., & O’Riordan, R. (2017). The effects of environmental and visitor variables on the behavior of free-ranging ring-tailed lemurs (Lemur catta) in captivity. Zoo Biology.


http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2017.1314949.


Mather, J. What did students learn in a Human Animal Interactions course? A gloomy view of the future.


Peemot, V. S. (2017). We Eat Whom We Love. Inner Asia, 19(1), 133-156.


Sivakumar, S. A. ATTITUDE TOWARDS LEARNING VETERINARY SCIENCE AMONG SCHOOL STUDENTS. Thiagarajar College of Preceptors Teppakulam, Madurai, 29.


Anthrozoös 30(2) is now online. Check out the articles on dogs, cats, bats, chickens, pigs, ethics, and carcass-eating at zoos! You can access the table of contents and the abstracts directly from: http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rfan20/current

**Animal Studies Journal** is seeking submissions from scholars and creative practitioners for a special edition focusing on the themes of the forthcoming Australasian Animal Studies Association conference 'Animal Intersections', to be held at the University of Adelaide 3-5 July, 2017. The journal is interested in papers which address the fractures, tensions and layers of intersection across human-animal relations, and in particular for the lives of non-human animals. Papers might engage with the practices and methods associated with theories of intersectionality in order to enrich the study of non-human animal lives and their interface with human society. If you are interested in submitting an essay for consideration, please visit the journal website and consult submission rules and policies. Length of contributions is generally 4000-6000 words for articles, 1000-6000 for creative works plus images. Submissions are due no later than **July 31**.

**Between the Species** will publish a special journal issue in honor of Tom Regan. Please consider submitting a paper that is related to Tom Regan's work. The deadline is **July 1**. When submitting a manuscript, indicate that you'd like your paper to be considered for this special issue.

**Upcoming Meetings**

**Empathy, Animals.** June 20, Film University of Basel.

**ISAZ.** June 22-27, University of California, Davis.

**Edge Hill University Centre for Human Animal Studies Conference: Animals and Social Change** June 29-30, Liverpool Quaker Meeting House.

**Australasian Animal Studies Association Conference 2017:** Animal Intersections. July 3-5, University of Adelaide.

Abuse and Safeguarding under conditions of Austerity and Globalisation. July 7, Manchester Metropolitan University. Find out more by emailing k.kardas@mmu.ac.uk

**International Symposium for Equine Welfare and Wellness.** July 11-13, Wartenberg-Rohrbach, Germany.

**Critical Animal Studies: Forging Alliances and Intersections.** July 15-16, Melbourne, Australia.

Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals workshop. August 9, University of Colorado, Boulder.

**World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences.** August 20-24, Seattle, WA

**7th International Conference on the Assessment of Animal Welfare at Farm and Group Level.** September 5-8, Wagingen, Netherlands.
Development for Species: Animals in society, animals as society. September 18-19, Deakin University, Melbourne City campus.

Working with Animals. October 6-7, University of Southampton.

First International Canine Science Conference. Arizona State University, October 6-8, Tempe, AZ.


5th European Conference for Critical Animal Studies. October 26-28, Lund University, the Pufendorf Institute

Calls for Papers: Conferences

Abuse and Safeguarding under conditions of Austerity and Globalisation, July 7, Manchester Metropolitan University.

This free one day symposium will include presentations by speakers and there will be streams for separate papers. Areas of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Globalisation, power and abuse
- Modern day slavery and human trafficking
- Child sexual abuse and exploitation
- Abuse of vulnerable adults
- The links between human and animal abuse
- Abuse of older people
- Abuse based on race or ethnicity
- Safeguarding practice in context
- Comparative/international approaches to abuse or safeguarding
- Abuse in sport, training and leisure contexts

Lunch will be provided on the day and there is a wine reception in the early evening after the main symposium to launch the newly constituted charitable professional association ASPIRE (Association for Abuse Studies, Safeguarding Practitioners and Researchers). Keynote speaker to be announced.

We value and welcome all in/disciplinary focuses on abuse including sociological, psychological, social anthropological, social work, criminological, social policy and practice perspectives, gender studies, social care, philosophical and historical.

If you would like to present on the day, or would like further information, please send a 150 word abstract to k.kardas@mmu.ac.uk by June 10.

Development for Species: Animals in society, animals as society. September 18-19, Deakin University, Melbourne City campus.
This symposium aims to introduce nonhuman species, particularly farmed animals, into the development discourse as stakeholders, and critical members of societies, rather than their current status as environmental/economic commodities in development. With the rise of human-animal scholarship, development scholars are increasingly recognising the importance of including non-human animals in our academic endeavours, and the urgency of studying animals as actors, as well as subjects of marginalisation in societies. Together with the mounting evidence that directly link animal agriculture to planetary catastrophes like climatic change, the impetus to examine the role of animals in our shared species ecological and social worlds is of growing urgency. The organisers seek abstracts in the areas including but not limited to:

- Urban/rural sociologies and animals
- Religion, culture and animals
- 'Food' and sociology of farmed/production animals
- Sociology of relationships and animals
- Sexual Politics of Meat - gendered violence in animal farming
- Companion Animals and society
- Poverty and animal rights
- Democracy and nonhuman animals
- Activism and animals
- Developing species inclusive spaces
- Challenging anthropocentrism in research

Presentations are to be 20mins in duration. Please send your 200-300 word abstracts to both zoei.sutton@flinders.edu.au & v.narayanan@deakin.edu.au by June 30.

**Working with Animals**: October 6-7 at the University of Southampton. The British Animal Studies Network seeks papers for its next meeting, to be held at the University of Southampton on the theme of 'Working with Animals'. Please submit your title with an abstract of no more than 200 words and a brief biography (also of no more than 200 words) to Emma Roe on E.J.Roe@soton.ac.uk. These should be included within your email - i.e. not as attachments. The deadline for abstracts is **July 14**. Presentations will be 20 minutes long, and we hope to include work by individuals at different career stages. Sadly we have no money to support travel, accommodation or attendance costs. We would welcome papers that deal with such issues in contemporary and historical settings, and would especially like to see papers that address these issues from contexts outside the UK, including the Global South. Papers are welcomed from across animal studies, including disciplines such as (but not limited to) geography, anthropology, sociology, literary studies, art history, history, science and technology studies, ethology, psychology, behavioural sciences and ecology.

**Calls for Papers: Books**

The editors comprising the Vegan Geographies Collective are seeking contributions to a proposed edited book entitled *Vegan Geographies: Ethics Beyond Violence*. Veganism as an ethics and a practice has a recorded history dating back to Antiquity. Yet, it is only recently that researchers have begun the process of formalising the study of veganism. Scholars who examine this theory and action are usually situated in sociology, history, philosophy, cultural studies or critical animal studies. The centrality and contested nature of place in the actions and discourse of animal rights activists however suggest an inherently spatial praxis. Slaughterhouses are deliberately closed and
placed out of the sight; our familiar urban environment is filled with references to eating meat and exploiting animals, although normalised and rendered invisible. On the other hand, activists take to the street to defend animal rights and invite individuals to change their perception on everyday places and practices of animal violence. Animal liberation and veganism therefore embody an inherently spatial praxis - the desire to live without places of violence (White, 2015). As underlined by Harper (2010:5-6), 'veganism is not just about the abstinence of animal consumption; it is about the ongoing struggle to produce socio-spatial epistemologies of consumption that lead to cultural and spatial change'. While an interest in domination over non-human animals has gained momentum within critical geography circles in the last two decades (Wolch and Emel, 1995; Philo and Wilbert, 2000; Emel et al., 2002, Gillespie and Collards, 2015; White, 2015), the scarcity of available literature highlights the need for geographers to further reflect on vegan activism and practice. As scholars-activists identifying with veganism, we seek to underscore what geographers can contribute to our understanding of critical veganism and vegan praxis. Our intention is to publish the book with an established University Press. Abstracts are due by June 1. 250 to 300 word abstracts. Chapter length is expected to be between 8,000 and 10,000 words. For further information, please contact Simon Springer: simonspringer@gmail.com

Please Support our Human-Animal Studies Efforts

As you can see, there is a tremendous amount of activity and progress going on today in the field of human-animal studies, and we always invite your input and participation.

Your donation to the Animals & Society Institute will enable us to continue to expand the field in many more ways and work in conjunction with others around the world who share these goals.

Thank you for supporting our Human-Animal Studies efforts!

Margo DeMello
Human-Animal Studies Program Director

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