

International Development Project

Human-Animal Studies (HAS), the interdisciplinary field that looks at the interactions and relationships between humans and other animals, has been strongest in the English-speaking world, with the majority of books, journals, college programs and courses accessible to an English-speaking, largely Western, audience.

In 2014, the Animals & Society Institute (ASI) sought to change that by launching the *[Human-Animal Studies International Development Project](#)*, which provides one non-American university per year resources to build or expand its own HAS program.

The 2018 winner was the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Mumbai, India, and we are thrilled to share their achievements. With ASI's support, the Tata Institute of Social Sciences:

- **Developed a master's course**, "Animal Ethics and Social Justice," which was offered to 22 students over a three-week period and included 14 sessions for a total of 30 hours of instruction.
- **Organized two public lectures**, each attended by approximately 100 people, as part of a "Planet Politics" series. Of particular note, one of the lectures was by a highly respected activist working on issues of nature and society in India.
- **Established internships** with the Welfare of Stray Dogs, the Federation of Indian Animal Protection International, the Humane Society International (India), and the Animal Care project of the Tata Trusts.
- **Created an online resource bank** with a variety of HAS journal articles and encouraged the library to procure key books on HAS.

Through this innovative program, ASI seeks to continue to foster the spread of HAS programs throughout the world.