



Minding Animals

Minding Animals International Bulletin No.11

Minding Animals International (MAI) welcomes you to Bulletin No.11. It has been a very short three years since Newcastle and we hope to see everyone that participated in Newcastle back at Minding Animals 2 in Utrecht. We especially welcome those speakers and delegates that have participated in all the many pre-conference and partner events over the past three years, and to new participants not familiar with the Minding Animals phenomenon.

REGISTER NOW FOR MINDING ANIMALS 2

Preliminary Programme available 8 May

Earlybird Registration extended to 15 May

Programme at a Glance now available at:

<http://www.uu.nl/faculty/humanities/EN/congres/mindinganimals/programme/>

Nominations for Minding Animals Board and Advisory Committee

MAI would like to receive nominations for Ordinary Member positions on the Minding Animals Board of Directors, for positions of Secretary and Treasurer, and for members of the Academic Advisory Committee. Participants will serve for a period of three years up to MA3 in 2015.

Board members, including National representatives, are expected to be active participants in the decision-making of MAI and be prepared to attend occasional face-to-face Board meetings held in conjunction with pre-conference and partner events held around the globe.

If you are interested in serving on either committee, please fill out the Nomination Form at the end of this Bulletin and either email back to mindinganimals@gmail.com, or hand to either Rod Bennison or Kim Stallwood at the Utrecht Conference.



ICAS at Minding Animals 2

MAI would like to announce that the Institute for Critical Animal Studies will be holding a special Critical Animal Studies roundtable between 2:30pm and 5:30pm on 3 July in Utrecht before the Opening Reception to Minding Animals 2. A lunchtime roundtable will also follow during the main conference. Places are strictly limited to 100 people (only 30 places left as at 1 May), so you MUST register your attendance - first come, first served. If you would like to register for this event, please send an email to mindinganimals@gmail.com. Venue details and an agenda for this Special Event will be sent to all registrants before the Utrecht conference.

Before Minding Animals, the founding of the Institute of Critical Animal Studies (ICAS) in 2001 helped to consolidate and give a name to diverse scholarly voices advocating a new ethical and social relationship between *Homo sapiens* and the other animal species. Grounded in normative opposition to human domination and oppression of other animals, the field of Critical Animal Studies (CAS) has developed into a multi- and cross-disciplinary field combining animal liberation activism and serious scholarship. In cooperation with Minding Animals 2, ICAS invites participation in its afternoon Satellite Symposium on July 3. The event will delineate possible future trajectories for CAS internationally.

As the early 21st century unfolds, thousands of other species are imperilled, while billions of individual animals suffer and die in countless animal industries dispersed throughout the globe. Given this urgent context, what is the best way for international scholars in Critical Animal Studies to work together to maximise our impact as engaged intellectuals, both within our respective disciplines and across disciplines? Conversely, what are some of the constraints acting against the growth of Critical Animal Studies? Interested parties are encouraged to submit abstracts for a short discussion paper (15 minute presentation) based on one of the following two broad themes:

1. Strategy and Collaboration. What areas of thematic convergence or shared emphasis might we identify, to ensure that the whole of our efforts is somehow more than the sum of our many parts? What specific interventions or campaigns might we as intellectuals commit ourselves to in the near term, in order to impact knowledge production at the national and international levels? How might we strengthen collaborative efforts across national borders? How might our encounters across disciplines (and national cultures) generate new collaborative projects, actions, concepts, strategies, and theories? How can they mobilise productive sites and forms of resistance and innovation against diverse manifestations of animal oppression?

2. The Future of CAS within the Disciplines. As we look toward the future of CAS from our own individual disciplinary locations, what opportunities and challenges do we see for expanding the influence of CAS within those disciplines? What should the relationship be between CAS and mainstream animal studies? What would a more effective CAS political science, CAS economics, CAS literature, CAS geography, CAS sociology, CAS education, and so on, look like? What priorities might we set for these CAS disciplinary 'subfields' do? What should be their specific powers and effects?

The session will be devoted to a discussion of the Symposium themes, with the aim of reaching consensus on new directions for Critical Animal Studies. Everyone is welcome to attend, but you will need to pre-register by emailing mindinganimals@gmail.com. Papers, however, will primarily be solicited by personal invitation of the organisers. However, interested scholars who have a strong wish to present should feel free to send a paper or paper abstract directly to the Symposium organiser, John Sanbonmatsu (js@wpi.edu), for consideration (no later than June 10).

Special note: the discussion will continue during a special lunchtime roundtable during the Minding Animals conference (date to be announced). Participants need not plan to attend the Minding Animals conference in order to participate in the ICAS Symposium; however, you will need to be a Minding Animals delegate to attend the lunchtime roundtable.

Minding Animals Study Circle Roundtables at Utrecht

The conference programme to be announced shortly will indicate the following schedule for Study Circle Roundtables at Utrecht:

Lunchtime Roundtable, Wednesday, 4 July

- * Minding Marine Mammals (Co-convenors: Véronique Servais & Fabienne Delfour; Scribe to be announced)
- * Animals and Philosophy (Convenor: John Hadley; Scribe: Morten Tønnessen)
- * Animals and the Queer Communities (Convenor: Greg Murrie; Scribe: Susan McHugh)
- * a combined Compassionate Conservation, and Animals and Science (Convenor: Chris Draper; Scribe: Lauri Hyers)

Lunchtime Roundtable, Thursday, 5 July

- * Minding Great Apes (Convenor: Judith Benz-Schwartzberg; Scribe: Krithika Srinivasan)
- * Animals and Religion (Convenor: Arabella Unger; Scribe to be announced)
- * Meat (Co-convenors: Carrie Packwood Freeman and Jan Deckers; Scribe: Iris Bergmann)
- * Animals, Politics and the Law (Convenor: to be announced; Scribe: Chloë Taylor)

Lunchtime Roundtable, Friday, 6 July

- * Minding Equines (Convenor: Karen Dalke; Scribe: Kristen Armstrong Oma)
- * Animals and Sentience (Convenor: James Giordano; Scribe: Helen Proctor)
- * Animals and Feminism (Convenor: Lynda Birke; Scribe: Debra Merskin)
- * a combined Extinction, and Animals and Climate Change (Convenor: Linda Williams; Scribe: Thom van Dooren)

Convenors will preside over the discussion at Utrecht, lead debate on the Study Circle following Utrecht and in the run-up to MA3 in 2015, and coordinate with the Minding Animals Board the publication of articles in the ISEE (as mentioned in Bulletin No.9). Also, Scribes will collect a roll of participants at the roundtables and will take a short set of minutes detailing decisions made at their respective roundtable, and subsequently distribute them to the Study Circle.

We still need a Convenor for the Animals, Politics and the Law Study Circle, and Scribes for the Minding Marine Mammals Study Circle and Animals and Religion Study Circle. If you would like to nominate for one of these positions, please make contact before 25 June at: mindinganimals@gmail.com

Minding Animals 3 in 2015 – Deadline extended to 25 June

MAI has received some exciting proposals from the US, Canada and India, for hosting the third Minding Animals conference in 2015. Nevertheless, we would still like to receive Expressions of Interest from other institutions interested in hosting Minding Animals 3 in July 2015. If you are interested, please contact mindinganimals@gmail.com to receive a copy of the 2015 guidelines.

Getting to Utrecht

Utrecht Central Station is directly connected by railway to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport. Trains leave every 15 minutes, and take no more than 30 minutes to get to Utrecht. During the night, trains leave every hour. Utrecht is also well connected to the international airports of Rotterdam and Eindhoven. Both airports have a shuttle connection to the railway stations. Direct trains from Eindhoven to Utrecht take 50 minutes, from Rotterdam to Utrecht 40 minutes. For travelling to Utrecht by train, see: www.ns.nl/en/travellers/home (Dutch railway company)

Registration at the Conference and other important times

Registrations will commence at 17:30 on 3 July directly after the ICAS Event and Interfaith Service, and before the Opening Reception which will commence at 19:00. The Opening Reception will be followed by a Public Lecture by Nobel Laureate and Minding Animals Patron, Professor JM Coetzee, at 20:30.

Registrations, Interfaith Service and the Opening Reception will take place at the Auditorium (Aula) of the Academy Building (Academiegebouw) located on the central square of the city centre, called the Domplein. The Conference Dinner will also take place here at 18:00 on 6 July.

The two Public Lectures scheduled for the conference (both at 20:30 on 3 July and 6 July) will take place at the Domchurch, also located on the Domplein and opposite the Academy Building.

Registrations will also open an hour before each day of the conference. The conference will take place at De Uithof, at the university campus located directly east of the city centre and easily accessible by public transport. For travelling in Utrecht by bus, please see the following website: www.gvu.nl (website has an interactive map of Utrecht with details on bus routes – it is in Dutch, so translate with Google).

Minding Animals Events before Utrecht

12 to 13 June, 2012: Sydney, Australia

Host: HARN - Human Animal Research Network, University of Sydney

Event title: *Animal Death*

Venue: Woolley Common Room, Building A20, University of Sydney (Camperdown Campus)

Keynote speakers: Prof Deborah Bird Rose and Associate Prof Annie Potts

Convenors: Dr Fiona Probyn-Rapsey (fiona.probyn-rapsey@sydney.edu.au) and Dr Jay Johnston (jay.johnston@sydney.edu.au)

For registrations, see the conference website: <http://sydney.edu.au/arts/research/harn/>

Minding Animals Events and Partner Conferences Post-Utrecht

5 to 7 September, 2012: Manchester, United Kingdom

Host: Manchester Centre for Political Theory (MANCEPT) Workshops in Political Theory, University of Manchester

Event title: *Workshop on Animals in Political Theory* [Forms part of the MANCEPT Workshops]

Venue: University of Manchester

Convenor: Steve Cooke stephen.cooke@manchester.ac.uk

Abstracts are invited for a workshop on Animal in Political Theory at the MANCEPT Workshops in Political Theory. Contributions are welcome from the fields of political theory/philosophy, history of philosophy, and ethics. Potential topics include, but are not limited to: animal rights, animal and global justice, animals and democratic theory, animal liberation, liberalism and animals, and animals and political thought.

If you would like to present a paper at this workshop, please send a 500-word abstract (or a full paper) to Steve Cooke by 15 May, 2012.

Conference website: <http://manceptworkshops2012.wordpress.com/>

10 to 11 September, 2012: Lisbon, Portugal

Host: Centre for Philosophy of Science of the Faculty of Science of the University of Lisbon

Event title: *From Grooming to Speaking: recent trends in social primatology and human ethology*

Venue: Auditorium of the FFCUL, Edifício C1 – Piso 3, Faculty of Science of the University of Lisbon

Conference contact: Nathalie Gontier, nathalie.gontier@vub.ac.be

Conference details at:

http://cfcul.fc.ul.pt/linhas_investigacao/Philosophy%20of%20Life%20Sciences/int_col/index.htm

Call for Abstracts: closes 30 June

We call for primatologists, ethologists, anthropologists, sociobiologists, evolutionary, cognitive and comparative psychologists, biolinguists, evolutionary linguists, bio-ethicists, philosophers and historians of science, to provide talks on:

- (1) Historical reviews on the introduction and use of primate studies to acquire knowledge on the origin and evolution of communication and language
- (2) Methodologies of primate communication and language research
- (3) Theories on primate communication and the evolution of language
- (4) Ethical issues in social primatology and human ethology

Much more than provide a platform for the dissemination of new research results, the conference organisers will give preference to reflexive talks that deal with theoretical, methodological and ethical issues of primate research and ethology, and how the latter fields provide insight into human language evolution.

21 to 22 September, 2012: Oslo, Norway

Host: Council for Animal Ethics, University of Oslo Centre for Development and Environment, and Minding Animals Norway

Event title: *Dyreetikkonferansen 2012: the animal behind the food and the human behind the consumer*

Venue: Veterinærinstituttet (Veterinary Institute), Ullevålsveien, 68, Oslo

Time: to be advised

Conference contact: Morten Tønnessen, mortentoennessen@gmail.com

Conference details at:

<http://www.mindinganimals.no/index.php/33-forside-hovednyhet/63-dyreetikkonferansen>

Dyreetikkonferansen will create a yearly meeting place for dissemination, exchange and debate for those interested in animal ethics and animal welfare in Norway. Animal husbandry in agriculture is the key theme for 2012, but future conferences shall also examine wild animals, as well as the role of animals in community life.

3 to 4 October, 2011: Brno, Czech Republic

Host: Faculty of Veterinary Hygiene and Ecology, University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Brno, Czech Republic

Event title: *Animal Protection and Welfare*

Venue: Aula, University Hall, University of Veterinary and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Time and Date: 3 and 4 October, 2012

Confirmed speakers: see conference website

Organiser and contact: Eva Voslarova, voslarovaE@vfu.cz

Conference language: Czech, Slovak and English (simultaneous interpreting between the languages will be provided)

Conference details: see conference website or contact Eva

Website: <http://www.vfu.cz/welfare/>

March, 2013: Vienna, Austria

Host: Vienna Conference of Animal Ethics and Law (VCAEL), Forschungsstelle für Ethik und Wissenschaft im Dialog, Institut für Philosophie, Universität Wien

Event title: *The Case for Animal Rights - 30 Years Later*

Venue: to be announced mid 2012

Time and Date: to be announced mid 2012

Guest speakers (so far): Professors Tom Regan, Tom Beauchamp and David Favre

Organiser and contact: Erwin Lengauer and Andrea Yehudit Richter, contact@veaw.at

Conference details will be made available soon at:

<http://veaw.univie.ac.at/lectures/the-case-for-animal-rights-30-years-later/>

MINDING ANIMALS INTERNATIONAL NOMINATION FORM

Name: _____

Email: _____

Institution/Independent Scholar: _____

I would like to serve on the (please tick one):

Minding Animals International Board of Directors Ordinary Member

Minding Animals International Secretary

Minding Animals International Treasurer

Minding Animals Academic Advisory Committee

[Please note that Board and Committee members serve a three year term. The Board makes decisions for MAI regarding communications, conferences and funding, whilst the Academic Advisory Committee provides occasional advice to the Board on academic matters]

What can you contribute as an active Minding Animals participant?

You must attach a short statement to this nomination form as to how you would advance the objectives and work of Minding Animals (objectives available on the Minding Animals website).

Forms should be scanned and emailed to: mindinganimals@gmail.com before 3pm (Sydney time) on 25 June, 2012, or handed with your supporting statement to either Rod Bennison or Kim Stallwood at Minding Animals 2 in Utrecht before 5pm on 6 July.