



Pre-Conference Events Bulletin No.2

Minding Animals International welcomes you to the second Pre-conference Events Bulletin and would like to announce several events for the first half of 2011. Details are provided in this bulletin and on the Minding Animals Website: www.mindinganimals.com

Events are at various stages of development, and workshops, lectures, exhibitions or seminars in at least 30 cities are now being considered.

The first two Pre-conference Events have now been held. An expert meeting on Fish Welfare was held in late November in Utrecht, the 2012 host city, and co-hosted by the Ethics Institute of Utrecht University. A summary of the event can be found on the Minding Animals website on the Preconference Events page.

The second event was a public lecture held at Macquarie University in Sydney which was co-hosted by the Centre for Research on Social Inclusion. The lecture was given by Minding Animals Patron, Professor Marc Bekoff. Earlier in the day, Marc delighted a Master class of students and fellow academics with his wit and deep insight into the emotional lives of animals. His trip was supported by Voiceless, the Animal Protection Institute.



Marc in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney

Three Events planned for February, 2011

- **Los Angeles, USA - a symposium: *How Like Us Are They? Human and Nonhuman Primate Cognition***
The symposium will be held at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), on 4 February.
- **Brisbane, Australia - a one day conference: *Who Drives Animal Welfare in Australia?***
The Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics of the University of Queensland will host this Minding Animals event at the QCA Lecture Theatre and Gallery at Griffith University, Southbank in Brisbane on 14 February.
- **Sydney, Australia - a three day workshop: *The History, Philosophy and Future of Ethology***
The Centre for Research on Social Inclusion will be hosting an ISL-HCA funded International Collaborative Workshop in Sydney between 19 and 21 February.

Information for these and later events can be found in this Preconference Events Bulletin.

Third Event: Symposium, Los Angeles, USA, 4 February, 2011

How Like Us Are They? Human and Nonhuman Primate Cognition

The symposium will take place at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Insights into the minds of animals have repercussions for how we interact with them and could have important ethical and legal implications as well. What does the scientific data say? What do our best theories of evolutionary biology, cognitive ethology, and behavioural psychology tell us about the minds of primates? What aspects of the minds of animals are accessible to scientific study and what are the limitations? Are the current cognitive abilities attributed to primates the best explanations of their behaviours, or are scientists making unwarranted inferences based on outmoded folk psychological concepts? Do animals understand the intentions of conspecifics? Do they show what one may consider altruistic and empathic behaviour? Can they plan for the future? Do they understand sophisticated aspects of their own and others' existence like mortality? This symposium examines these questions.

The programme and speakers will be:

8:00 - Registration, coffee and muffins

8:45 - Welcome and introductions

9:00 - **Dale Jamieson**, *Our Knowledge of Animal Minds*

9:30 - **Dan Dennett**, *Applying the Intentional Stance to non-humans. Can it take the strain?*

10:00 - **Marc Bekoff**, *The Emotional Lives of Animals: What We Know and How We Know It*

10:45 - *How comparative psychologists have deluded themselves and the public about the nature of animal minds*

Part One: **Daniel Povinelli**, *On the Continuing Exaggeration of the Similarity between Human and Animal Minds*

Part Two: **Derek Penn**, *Why is the Human Mind So Weird?*

11:30 - **Sally Boysen**, *Pittdown pan: Will the real chimpanzee please stand up?*

Noon - Lunch

1:30 - Discussion

5:00 - Closing Remarks

If you have any questions regarding the symposium, or if you would like to attend, then details regarding the venue, accommodation and transport, or registration can be obtained by contacting the symposium coordinator whose contact information can be found at:

http://myweb.csuchico.edu/~rcjones/UCLA_Primate_Cog_Symposium/index.html

Fourth Event: Conference, Brisbane, Australia, 14 February, 2011

Who Drives Animal Welfare in Australia?

The Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics at the University of Queensland will present this one day conference on 14 February at the QCA Lecture Theatre and Gallery, Room S05 204, at Griffith University, South Bank, in Brisbane

The event will commence at 9am and conclude at 4.30pm. Registration will cost \$AUD90 (\$50 concession).

The Keynote Speaker will be Professor Donald Broom, Cambridge, the world's first Professor of Animal Welfare and founder of the Centre for Animal Welfare and Anthrozoology.

Don has been a prolific researcher and has held many posts advising the UK government and the EU on animal welfare issues. He will deliver a lecture entitled *The Comparative Perspective* and will compare drivers of animal welfare in Europe with those in Australia.

Other speakers at the event will include, but not be limited to:

- **David Bayvel**, New Zealand Government, OIE and Comparison with NZ
- **Rod Bennison**, Minding Animals 2
- **Iris Bergmann**, Mapping Welfare Drivers
- **Laurie Dowling**, Head of Animal Welfare Unit, DEEDI, State and Territory Governments
- **Kevin Doyle**, Australian Veterinary Industry, The Veterinary Profession
- **Bidda Jones**, RSPCA Australia, The Regulatory Process
- **Glenys Oogjes**, Animals Australia, Animal Advocacy Groups in Australia
- **Clive Phillips**, CAWE, International Attitudes
- **Andrew Robins**, CAWE, Industry Structure Case Study
- **Brian Sherman**, Voiceless, Philanthropy and Animal Welfare
- **John Stewart**, Agforce, The Livestock Producers
- **Peter Thornber**, DAFF, National Government/ Australian Animal Welfare Strategy
- **Catherine Tiplady**, CAWE, All OK on Valentine's Day?
- **Gail Tulloch**, Griffith University, Animal Philosophy

For further details, please see the conference brochure attached to the end of this Bulletin.

Fifth Event: Workshop, Sydney, Australia, 19 to 21 February, 2011

The History, Philosophy and Future of Ethology

The fifth event is an ISL-HCA funded International Collaborative Workshop with international speakers including:

- **Dominique Lestel** (ENS, France)
- **Brett Buchanan** (Laurentian, Canada)
- **Gary Steiner** (Bucknell, USA)
- **Jeffrey Bussolini** (CUNY, USA)
- **Morten Tønnessen** (Tartu, Estonia)

There will also be a number of local speakers and participants. It is a small but intensive interdisciplinary workshop at the borders of animal behaviour science, the ecological humanities and Continental philosophy, under the auspices of the Macquarie University Animals and Society Working Group within the Centre for Research on Social Inclusion. Though space is limited, if you are working in the history and philosophy of ethology and would like to participate, please contact Matthew Chrulew at: mchrulew@gmail.com

Please note that a public lecture is also being planned; details of which may also be obtained by contacting Matthew.

Future Events

Details regarding other Pre-conference Events will be progressively posted on the Minding Animals website: www.mindinganimals.com

If you would like to be kept informed of these events, and if you think that you are not on the Minding Animals Conference email database, please send an email to: mindinganimals@gmail.com with your details.

Several Minding Animals Preconference Events are at various stages of development. Consideration is being given to holding Minding Animals Preconference Events in such diverse places as San Francisco (USA). In the interim, over the page you will find a list of Preconference Events and Partner Conferences that have now been confirmed.

Call for Abstracts: Two Events in Chester, UK, 21 to 24 May, 2011

Animals as Religious Subjects and Animals as Medical Subjects

The European Forum for the Study of Religion and Environment is pleased to announce its third international conference entitled *Animals as Religious Subjects: A Transdisciplinary Conference* from 21 to 24 May, 2011. The conference will be held at the University of Chester and Gladstone's Library, Hawarden, Wales.

Minding Animals International is proud to announce that the conference will now also be a Minding Animals Preconference Event, as will a one day seminar that follows the conference entitled *Animals as Medical Subjects*. The seminar will explore human nonhuman boundary questions in medicine, such as chimeras, xenotransplantation and animal 'pharming'.

Invited speakers include:

- **Tim Ingold** (Dept Anthropology, University of Aberdeen, UK)
- **Marc Bekoff** (Dept Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Boulder, USA)
- **Stephen Clark** (Dept Philosophy, University of Liverpool, UK)
- **Sabine Obermaier** (Deutschen Institut der Universität Mainz, Germany)
- **David Clough** (Dept Theology and Religious Studies, University of Chester, UK)
- **Aleks Pluskowski** (Dept Archaeology, University of Reading, UK)
- **The Very Revd. Dr Antje Jackelén** (Bishop of Lund, Sweden)
- **Kurt Remele** (Institut für Ethik und Gesellschaftslehre, Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz, Austria)
- **Ingvild Gilhus** (Dept Religion, University of Bergen, Norway)

Papers are invited from a range of disciplines, including but not limited to aesthetic, anthropological, archaeological, ethical, historical, natural scientific, philosophical, sociological, theological, and zoological perspectives.

While the keynote papers will be presented in English, those wishing to present in another language may do so, but abstract need to be submitted needs to be in English.

Please let the committee know which language you intend to present your paper. There will be no simultaneous translation provided at the conference, but participants will be informed of the language used in each case'.

Short papers will be limited to 20 minutes duration with 10 minutes discussion.

Abstracts should be **350 words maximum** with a clear title and summary of arguments to be used.

The deadline for Submission of Abstracts is on or before **January 10th 2011**.

Papers should be submitted to the chair of the conference committee, c.deane-drummond@chester.ac.uk

Notification of acceptance of papers will be announced by 14 February, 2011.

Further details can be obtained by visiting the following website:

<http://www.chester.ac.uk/trs/animals-as-religious-subjects>

Some other Events planned for Europe (further details soon):

Call for Abstracts: International Interdisciplinary Conference, University of Rennes 2, France, 20 to 21 October, 2011

Representing Animals in Britain

The University of Rennes 2 still invites abstracts to this International Interdisciplinary Conference and Minding Animals Pre-conference Event. Please submit 250 word abstracts by 1 February, 2011, to Emilie Dardenne (emiliedardenne@yahoo.fr) or Sophie Mesplède (sophie.mesplede@uhb.fr) with "Representing Animals in Britain Proposal Submission" noted in the subject line. Attachments should be in Rich Text or Word format only. Please include your name, professional affiliation, and contact information. Notification of acceptance will be made by April 1st, 2011. The best papers will be subsequently selected for publication. Presentations at the conference will be in English.

For further details, please see the First Minding Animals Preconference Bulletin or visit the Rennes Conference website at: <http://www.sites.univ-rennes2.fr/ace/Bienvenue.html>

Hamburg, Germany, 1 July, 2011

A one day conference at the University of Hamburg:

Fleisch essen. Das gesellschaftliche Mensch-Tier-Verhältnis und die Bedeutung von Fleisch.

(Eating Meat. The Societal Human-Animal-Relationship and the Meaning of Meat)

London, UK, 8 October, 2011

A symposium hosted by Antennae (The Journal of Nature in Visual Culture) and Minding Animals International at the University College, London:

Animal Ecologies in Visual Culture

The symposium proposes an exploration of artistic practices involved with animals and environmental concern. In the recent re-surfacing of the animal in contemporary art, emphasis has been given to mammals, mainly because of the most immediate relational opportunities that these animals offer to us. However, a number of very interesting artists has been recently trying to bridge the abyss between 'us' and more 'taxonomically remote' creatures through the use of art and science as active interfaces. This new focus reveals the interconnectedness between humans, amphibians, reptiles and insects, and the environments in which we all live. Through a multidisciplinary approach, the symposium aims at facilitating a dialogue between artists, scientists and academics interested in informing wider audiences through visual communication.

Oslo, Norway, 14 October, 2011

A one day conference examining human relationships with equines and canines:

Shared Worlds

Uppsala, Sweden, 17 to 18 October, 2011

A two day conference between 17 to 18 October, 2011 on zooethnographies

Information for these and later events will be made available in future editions of the Preconference Events Bulletin, and on the Minding Animals website, as plans progress.

Some other events being planned (in alphabetical order)

- Abu Dhabi, UAE – a proposed seminar on animals and history - early stages of development
- Barcelona, Spain – seminar on animals and the law – possibly at the end October, 2011
- Bogor, Indonesia – seminar on animals and education close to the Indonesian capital
- Brisbane, Australia – a lecture to be held in conjunction with Australian Animal Studies Conference in July, 2011
- Cape Town, South Africa – seminar in April, 2011, at the University of the Western Cape, details next bulletin
- Christchurch, New Zealand – lecture on the South Island of New Zealand in October, 2011
- Delhi, India – a seminar on wildlife issues in the Indian capital later in 2011
- Edinburgh, UK – a seminar looking at plant ethics at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
- Geneva, Switzerland – a one day conference on 27 October, 2011
- London, UK – a one day seminar at the London School of Economics on 7 October, 2011
- Newcastle, UK – a conference on animal ethics and public health at the end of June, 2011
- New York, USA – an all day seminar at NYU at the end of September, 2011
- Portsmouth, UK – a one day animals and society conference at the end of July, 2011
- Utrecht, The Netherlands – a seminar on animal rights issues in May, 2011, with special guests
- Wollongong, Australia – a lecture to be held in conjunction with the Global Animal Conference in July, 2011

Partner Event: *The Animal Gaze Returned*

Following the success of the first Animal Gaze symposium in November, 2008, the next Animal Gaze symposium on contemporary art and human animal studies will take place **27 and 28 October, 2011**, at the School of Fine Art, Sir John Cass Faculty of Art, Media & Design at London Metropolitan University in Whitechapel, London (UK). The symposium will be accompanied by a series of East End art exhibitions.

The Animal Gaze Returned's theme of engagement takes its cue from the current economic climate affecting UK universities - a through-route attempt by contemporary artists, curators, educators and arts administrators to engage in professional art practice in ways that directly intersect with and traverse the academic arena of animal-human studies. Among the issues examined will be: art for animal sensoria; belief and animals - performance art; censorship over animal issues in art's so-called 'zone of freedom'; animalisation; art and animal absence; animals and studio ethics; contemporary animism and science; phenomenology and animal skin; art and animals in industrial farming.

A pre-symposium day led by London Met staff, involving 20 PhD and MA students whose interest lies in contemporary art and human animal studies will also take place at the School of Fine Art on October 26th, 2011. Participation in the pre-symposium event attracts a 50% discount on the symposium delegate fees. Information on how to apply for one of these places will appear on the conference website soon.

For further details on the Animal Gaze Returned, please visit: <http://www.animalgaze.org/>



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this is a Minding Animals pre-conference event

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South Bank QLD 4000

9am - 4.30pm
Full registration \$90
Concession \$50



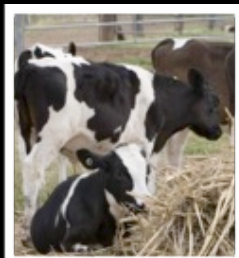
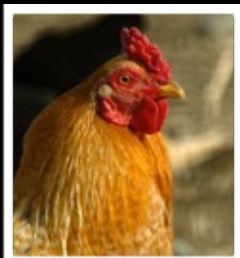
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Join with Prof. Don Broom and renowned animal welfare experts from Australia and New Zealand to address some contentious issues for animal welfare.



Confirmed Speakers

More to be announced.

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