

Institute of Critical Animal Studies

Minding Animals 2 Satellite Event

Utrecht, The Netherlands, 14:30-17:30, 3 July, 2012

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 human and nonhuman animals. 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. ICAS is holding this Satellite Symposium in cooperation with Minding Animals International to delineate possible future trajectories for CAS internationally.

As the early 21st century unfolds, thousands of nonhuman animals are imperilled, with billions of individual animals suffering and dying 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?

This event is therefore based on the following 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 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?

This event is devoted to a discussion of these two themes, with the aim of reaching consensus on new directions for Critical Animal Studies. Everyone is welcome and urged to participate in this discussion and to continue that discussion within the Minding Animals Conference over the following three days, including a special Lunchtime Roundtable meeting, *Continuing the Discussion*, on 4 July.



ICAS Satellite Event Programme

14:30-17:30, 3 July, 2012

Venue: Sweelinck Room, Drift 21, Utrecht City Centre

14:30-14:40: Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks: John Sanbonmatsu, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, USA

14:40-15:20: Six Minute Snapshot Presentations

- Richard Twine, UK
- Anat Pick, UK
- Gary Steiner, USA
- Lynda Birke, UK
- Krzysztof Forkasiewicz, Poland
- Zipporah Weisberg, Canada

15:20-15:30 Comments/Questions/Discussion

15:30-16:10: Presentations (continued)

- Fahir Amin, Austria
- Tereza Vandrovcová, Czech Republic
- Kim Socha, USA
- Alejandro Lorite Escorihuela, Finland
- Vasile Stanescu, USA
- Kim Stallwood, European Director Animals and Society Institute, and Deputy CEO Minding Animals International, UK

16:10-16:15: Brief break

16:15-17:25: Open Discussion

17:25-17:30: Closing Remarks: John Sanbonmatsu

Everyone registered for the Minding Animals conference is welcome to attend the Lunchtime Roundtable *Continuing the Discussion* at the Minding Animals Conference, 4 July, at the main conference venue

16:00-17:30: Minding Animals Interfaith Service, Academy Building

17:00-20:30: Registration opens for Minding Animals 2, Academy Building

19:00-20:30: Minding Animals Opening Reception, Academy Building

20:30-22:00: Public Lecture by Nobel Laureate and Minding Animals Patron, Professor JM Coetzee, at the DOM Cathedral

Venue Location

