



## Welcome to the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of the Minding Animals Bulletin

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### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS ABSOLUTE DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 30 SEPTEMBER**

### **EARLYBIRD REGISTRATIONS DEADLINE REMAINS 30 SEPTEMBER**

If you wish to submit an abstract or to register for the conference, please complete the necessary forms immediately by following the links on the Conference website at: [mindinganimalsconf3.in](http://mindinganimalsconf3.in)

Despite abstracts closing at the end of September, several academic Panel Sessions are planned for the Minding Animals Conference, not to forget the Protecting the Animals Seminar Series (PASS) and the Documentary Festival. You still have time to register an abstract for these sessions. Participants will need to lodge their abstracts for Panel Sessions, the PASS or Documentary Festival by 30 October, directly to: [mindinganimals@gmail.com](mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com)

### **ABSTRACT DEADLINE FOR PANEL SESSIONS, PROTECTING THE ANIMALS SEMINAR SERIES AND DOCUMENTARY FESTIVAL WILL REMAIN OPEN TO 14 NOVEMBER (NO EXTENSIONS POSSIBLE)**

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## Important Visa Information for Minding Animals Conference Participants - *Please Read Carefully*

Due to security issues, all conferences that are held in India need to be granted approval by the Indian Ministries of External Affairs and Home Affairs. Approval was granted.

Please note that ALL delegates that are NOT from India, must submit an online Visa application.

Note that most countries need not apply for a Visa - please contact your travel agent or Indian High Commission or Embassy to clarify if you are exempt. Visa restrictions for some countries can be quite complex, particularly for nationals from Pakistan, Iran, Iraq and China.

In submitting your application form, you must send all the relevant information requested on the online Visa Application Form, including your Passport and photograph (note that this is NOT a standard Passport sized passport photo). Your travel agent can help you with all this. You MUST supply three letters with your application, namely:

1. A copy of the letter from the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs that will be sent to all registrants
2. A copy of the letter from the Indian Ministry of External Affairs that will be sent to all registrants
3. A copy of an Invitation letter from the conference organisers. This letter will be sent to all delegates after they register.

NB. We stress that the earlier you register, the less likely you will have any hold-ups.

In answer to some of the questions which we have received about the advanced timing of the close of abstracts, it is for this very reason that abstracts are needed to close so early.

## Additional Plenary and Invited Speaker

Please note that, due to personal circumstances, Claire Kim and Carol Adams will no longer be able to join us in New Delhi.

### Plenary Speaker

Minding Animals International is proud to announce the following Plenary Speaker:



**Dashor Paljor Dorji**, known as Benji, is the cousin of Bhutan's King. He is the Minister for Environment in the Kingdom and is a respected environmental and animal activist. He has served the government of Bhutan since 1966. He was appointed Chief Justice of Bhutan in 1985 to 1987, and then Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Social Services. In 1991, he was sent to Geneva as Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva and also was accredited to Austria, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Netherlands, EU (Brussels) IFAD (Rome) and FAO (Rome). From 1994 to 1998 Benji served as Deputy Minister of the National Environment Commission and currently he is a special advisor to the National Environment Commission. Benji has been a long-time advisor to the Bhutan Foundation in particular on Bhutan's environment and conservation programs. He is the Founder of the Royal Society for the Protection of Nature in Bhutan (RSPN), Bhutan's First Environmental NGO and the Founder President of the Bhutan Ornithological Society as well as the Bhutan Ecological Society June 2010 (BEST).

### Invited Speakers

The following Invited Speakers have now accepted a speaking role at MAC3:

**MK Ranjitsinh** is an expert on Indian wildlife and natural history, he has authored many books, including *Beyond the Tiger: Portraits of Asian Wildlife*. Born in the princely house of Wankaner, he joined the Indian Administrative Service in 1961, and held several environment related jobs. He is Chairman of the Programme Committee for the Wildlife Trust of India, co-host for Minding Animals 3 in New Delhi. He served as the Addl. Secretary in the Ministry of Environment and Forests, he drafted and piloted the Wildlife (Preservation) Act of 1972, the first comprehensive wildlife legislation applicable to the whole country and which has been the legal basis of wildlife conservation and for the establishment of national parks and sanctuaries in India. As the first Director of Wildlife Preservation of India under this Act, he drafted the schemes for financial assistance to the States of India from the Central Government for establishing national parks and

sanctuaries. He was the Member Secretary of the Task Force appointed by the Government of India for launching Project Tiger, and also initiated the Project Snow Leopard to save the Himalayan ecosystems and its fauna and flora.

MK Ranjitsinh piloted the final drafting and approval in Parliament of the present National Forest Policy of India and was the Chairman of the Research Advisory Committee of the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehra Dun. After retirement, was a member of the National Forest Commission appointed by the Government of India, under the chairmanship of the former Chief Justice of India, B.N. Kirpal and, after his incapacitation, chaired the final stages of the report of the Commission.



In the international field, as the Senior Regional Adviser in the UNEP Office at Bangkok, he provided technical advice in nature conservation, ecosystem management, legislation and international cooperation to Asian countries, in particular Thailand, Mongolia, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, India, Malaysia and Indonesia. As a member of the UNEP/IUCN/FAO team, he assisted in preparing the National Conservation Plan for Thailand; leader of the team which drafted the Bangladesh Conservation Strategy for the Government of Bangladesh; and prepared the first draft of the Cooperative Environment Programme for South Asian countries. As a representative of the Government of India to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), he was appointed Chairman of the Standing Committee of CITES. He has been India's Commissioner to the International Whaling Commission and helped in the reformation of the Indian Ocean Sanctuary for whales, under the aegis of this Commission. He has been the Vice Chairman of the Survival Service Commission of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), under the chairmanship of Sir Peter Scott. In view of the special expertise on Himalayan fauna and flora, he was appointed Chairman of the Himalayan Group of the Survival Service Commission of the IUCN.

**Anindya Sinha** is currently Professor at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Neuroscience, Indian Institute of Science, both in Bangalore and Senior Scientist at the Nature Conservation Foundation in Mysore. He studied botany in Calcutta University and earned a doctorate in molecular biology from the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai, in 1993.



Anindya's early research concerned the social biology of wasps, population genetics of elephants and the classical genetics of human disease, which he pursued in the Indian Institute of Science and the National Centre for Biological Sciences, both in Bangalore. His research interests over the last two decades have, however, primarily been in the areas of animal behavioural ecology, cognitive ethology, population and behavioural genetics, and conservation biology, particularly of primates. He is also interested in the philosophy of biology, biology education and the popularisation of science, and has lectured extensively in a variety of educational and research institutions both within and outside India.

## Minding Animals 4: Call for Expressions of Interest

This is the first call for expressions of interest to host the 4<sup>th</sup> Minding Animals Conference in 2018. Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are invited from academic institutions and or larger animal protection organisations (including collaborations) that can organise and host a large conference of potentially over 500 participants. We are especially interested in receiving EOIs from the USA, Canada or Mexico. If you are interested, you are initially asked to log on to the following web link: <http://mindinganimals.com/about/objectives/>. The link details the objectives of Minding Animals International Incorporated and some detail on what is expected of a Minding Animals Conference host. If you are interested in sending an EOI, please send an email to: [mindinganimals@gmail.com](mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com)

## Minding Animals (MAI) Board Matters

### Nominations for Treasurer

The Board is still searching for an experienced academic or activist with a keen interest in animal protection that has skills and experience in all matters financial. As MAI is incorporated in the US and where bank accounts are maintained, nominations would be particularly welcomed from US citizens.

If you are interested in nominating for the position, please send you nomination and short CV to: [mindinganimals@gmail.com](mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com)

### Minding Animals Bulletin and Journal

Nominations have been received for a Minding Animals Editor and will be considered at the next Board meeting to be held in New Delhi on 17 January. Matters for discussion at the Board include establishing the Bulletin as a more formal and regular newsletter, as well as establishing an academic journal that is dedicated to discourse on all matters relevant to the concept of *Minding Animals*.

Further nominations are most welcome. Please send nominations to [mindinganimals@gmail.com](mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com)

## Minding Animals Partner and Preconference Events

Would you like to partner your conference, seminar or other event with Minding Animals International? Benefits include a reach to an Animal Studies audience of over 3,000 academics, activists and artists. If interested, please drop us a line at [mindinganimals@gmail.com](mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com). In this Bulletin, you will find details on the following events:

- **19 to 20 October, and 16 to 17 November, 2014: Los Angeles, USA - *Third Annual 'Animals and Society Lecture Series – Wild and Endangered***
- **25 October, 2014: Ormskirk, UK - *Animals: ethics, sustainability, sentience***
- **15 to 17 November, 2014: Sacramento, USA - *All Things Great and Small: Interdisciplinary Interspecies Community***
- **4 to 5 December, 2014: Edinburgh, UK - *Between Apes and Angels: Human and Animal in the Early Modern World***

### **19-20 October, and 16-17 November, 2014: Los Angeles, USA**

#### ***Third Annual 'Animals and Society Lecture Series – Wild and Endangered***

The 3rd Annual 'Animals & Society' Lecture Series, which is themed this year 'Wild & Endangered', is being held - for the first time - in two locations, both at the National Museum of Animals and Society and the University of Redlands. The first lectures entitled *Dolphin Confidential: Confessions of a Field Biologist*, were held on 21 and 22 September. The following lectures follow:

*The Case Against Keeping Elephants in Captivity* with Catherine Doyle

Sunday, October 19, Museum, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Museum / Los Angeles)

Monday, October 20 Orton Center, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (University of Redlands)

*The Natural Healers: Why Wild Horses Belong* with Craig Downer

Sunday, November 16 Museum, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Museum / Los Angeles)

Monday, November 17 Orton Center, 7:00-8:30 p.m. (University of Redlands)

Full details available at: <http://www.museumofanimals.org/#/lectures-2014/4550748>

### **25 October, 2014: Ormskirk, Edge Hill University, UK**

#### ***Animals: ethics, sustainability, sentience***

Host Institution: UK Centre for Human Animal Studies Conference

Keynote speakers: Elisa Aaltola, Jonathan Balcombe and Richard Twine

The Centre for Human Animal Studies (CfHAS) will be holding its inaugural conference on Saturday 25th October 2014 at Edge Hill University. The conference will also mark the official launch of CfHAS, the first centre of its kind in the UK. Reflecting the expansion and intellectual vibrancy in the fields of animal studies, Critical Animal Studies, human-animal studies, and the science of animal emotion and cognition, this conference will have three broad but intersecting thematic strands: ethics, sustainability and sentience.

Contact: Claire Molloy at: [Molloyc@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:Molloyc@edgehill.ac.uk)

<http://www.edgehill.ac.uk/cfhas/conferences/>

## **15-17 November, 2014: Sacramento, USA**

### ***All Things Great and Small: Interdisciplinary Interspecies Community***

Host: Nonhumans UC Davis Interdisciplinary Animal Studies Research Group

Keynote speakers: Frans de Waal

Venue: UC Davis campus, Sacramento

Inquiries: Ted Geier at: [tegeier@ucdavis.edu](mailto:tegeier@ucdavis.edu)

Further details, see website: <http://nonhumans.org/november-2014-conference/>

## **4-5 December, 2014: Edinburgh, UK**

### ***Between Apes and Angels: Human and Animal in the Early Modern World***

Host Institution and Venue: University of Edinburgh

Keynote speakers: Harriet Ritvo and Louise Hill Curth, with others including Ingrid Tague, Juliana Schiesari, Karen Edwards, Peter Edwards, Richard Almond & Susan Wiseman

Call for papers (close 31 October, 2014) – see conference blog: <http://apesandangels.wordpress.com/cfp-2/>

Further information regarding the conference, please visit the website or contact the organisers: Andrew Wells and Sarah Cockram at [andrew.wells@ed.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.wells@ed.ac.uk) or [s.cockram@ed.ac.uk](mailto:s.cockram@ed.ac.uk)

Further details, see website: <http://www.apesandangels.ed.ac.uk>

## **Announcements**

It has been the practice of the MAI Board to limit announcements in the Bulletin due to issues of spamming and cross-networking. Limited numbers of announcements will now be added to the end of each Bulletin. If you would like to have a small advertisement placed, please send your advertisement (MS Word format) to [mindinganimals@gmail.com](mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com)

## **POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP IN ANIMAL STUDIES**

The Department of Philosophy at Queen's University invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Animal Studies. This is a one-year non-renewable 12-month fellowship. The successful applicant will have a demonstrated expertise in animal ethics, law and public policy, show evidence of teaching potential, and be able to participate constructively in departmental and collegial activities. While we interpret animal ethics, law and public policy broadly, and welcome applications from various disciplines that study human-animal relations including political science, law, philosophy, sociology, geography, and environmental studies, we are looking in particular for research that critically examines the moral, legal and political dimensions of how human-animal relations are governed. A recipient of the Fellowship is expected to reside in Kingston, to teach a University course in animal studies, and to help organize a workshop or conference in the field. The Fellow will work under the supervision of Prof Will Kymlicka.

The 2015-16 fellowship will start on July 1, 2015. Applicants must have submitted their doctoral dissertation by that date, and must be within five years of having received their doctorate. The salary for the postdoctoral fellowship will be \$40,000, which includes remuneration for teaching a half-course in animal ethics or a cognate subject. Applications are due by January 15th, 2015. The fellowship is one of several new initiatives regarding Animals in Philosophy, Politics, Law and Ethics at Queen's. For more information, visit <http://www.queensu.ca/philosophy/jobs.html> or contact Prof Kymlicka at [kymlicka@queensu.ca](mailto:kymlicka@queensu.ca)

# Travel Advice to India

## Personal Safety

You may have heard news in the media that some women, both locals and travellers to India, have experienced devastating and unforgiveable physical abuse involving sexual assault. Whether or not the proportion of these assaults per head of population have been inflated by Western media as has been alleged, it is important that all our delegates to MAC3 must feel safe and have a fantastic time whilst in India.

Generally, India is an extremely safe and friendly place, but like in every human society there are challenges. If you have not been to India, you can be assured that you may be confronted but inspired, distressed yet delighted. It may very well change your attitudes forever. It is recommended, particularly if you are a woman, that if you feel the need to stay safer than by travelling alone, then we recommend you travel with other conference delegates. Maybe travel to India in a group or with your partner, share a taxi or tuk tuk (motorised rickshaw) to the conference and around Delhi, or when travelling outside Delhi join an organised tour. Be vigilant at all times, and like in any other metropolis, beware of pickpockets.

## Vaccinations

Consider vaccinations for Cholera, Hepatitis A and Typhoid. These are probably unnecessary if you intend to stay in New Delhi only. In relation to Malaria, you should consider obtaining Doxycycline or some quinine-based medication from your doctor, especially if travelling outside New Delhi or staying in India to travel, although it will be winter. One side-trip to be announced shortly will be to a wetland – then, in this case, such medication is strongly recommended.

It is particularly recommended that you approach any animal with caution as rabies is prevalent in India. The JNU campus has many street dogs and squirrels as well as macaques and jackals. We strongly advise that you should not approach or interact with any animal in any way.

Toilet paper is not available in all facilities, including some hotels, hostels, tourist sites and public lavatories. Unless you wish to use the ever-present hose, then it is recommended that you take an ample supply of tissue paper at all times. It is highly recommended that you consider obtaining a course of the drug Ciprofloxacin from your doctor to take with you. This antibiotic is safe and extremely effective in treating stomach bugs and diarrhoea. Some groups of people may be less disease resistant than others. In this regard, it is also recommended that you take a supply of Imodium, as well as sachets of an oral electrolyte powder, such as Dioralyte or Hydrolyte, to use with bottled water.

## Luggage

Most overseas visitors require a visa to enter the country, some with particular restrictions, such as from Iran, Pakistan, China and Afghanistan. You MUST ensure that you leave at least 3 months between applying for a visa and your departure. Minding Animals will endeavour to have the abstract review process completed by 1 October, 2014. In all respects, your visa, travel and accommodation are your responsibility. Information regarding accommodation options will become available soon.

When eventually departing India from any airport, you should ensure that any hand/cabin luggage is labelled with a tag from the airline which you are using. Security staff at airports will stamp that tag as security-checked. This is complicated as the authorities may require a second security check before you enter the plane and they will verify that the first check has been stamped on that particular airline's tag. If this is not done, you may risk losing your hand/cabin luggage.



Alle Interessierten sind herzlich eingeladen!

## Minding Animals Germany Symposium 20.-21. September 2014



**Ort:** Landeskirchliches Archiv ELKB, Vortragssaal, Veilhofstr. 8, 90489 Nürnberg

**Anmeldung:** bis zum 1. September 2014 per E-Mail an: [mara-daria.cojocar@hfph.de](mailto:mara-daria.cojocar@hfph.de)

### Programm am Samstag, 20. September:

ab 13.30	Ankunft
14.00 – 14.10	Begrüßung durch Prof. Dr. Martin Ullrich
14.10 – 14.30	Vorstellung des Minding Animals Netzwerks durch Dr. Jessica Ullrich (Repräsentantin von Minding Animals Germany)
14.30 – 15.15	Prof. Dr. Martin Ullrich: <i>Musik für das zoon politikon: Zur Wirkungsgeschichte des menschlichen Musizierens für nichtmenschliche Zuhörer</i>
15.15 – 15.45	Pause
15.45 – 16.30	Prof. Dr. Friedrich Weltzien: <i>Tier und Kunst. Ästhetische Probleme im Interspeziesaustausch</i>
16.30 – 17.15	Dr. Mara-Daria Cojocar: <i>Reasons for becoming passionate (about) animals. Der klassische Pragmatismus und die Frage nach dem Tier</i>
17.15 – 18.00	Dr. Judith Benz-Schwarzburg: <i>Die Neuentdeckung des Schweins durch Verhaltensforschung und Ethik</i>
ab 19.00	Gemeinsames Abendessen (bitte bei Anmeldung hierfür registrieren)

### Programm am Sonntag, 21. September:

9.00 – 9.30	Antonia Ulrich: <i>Nachahmung, Mimesis und Mimikry in Nietzsches Tierphilosophie</i>
9.30 – 10.00	Dr. Jessica Ullrich: <i>Interspezies-Mothering in der zeitgenössischen Kunst</i>
10.00 – 10.30	Susanne Heiter: <i>Lebende Tiere in Werken US-amerikanischer Musiker in den 1960er/70er Jahren</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Tabea Sabrina Weber: <i>“...lifeless eyes...” – Spielberg's Jaws (1975) als Beispiel fiktiver Haidarstellungen der Postmoderne</i>
12.00 – 13.30	Gemeinsames Mittagessen (bitte bei Anmeldung hierfür registrieren)
13.30 – 17.30	Planungstreffen der Mitglieder von MA Germany

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Das Symposium findet statt in Kooperation mit der Hochschule für Musik Nürnberg.