



Minding Animals Bulletin 38

The next Minding Animals conference will be held from 17 to 24 January, 2018, inclusive, at the Centro de Exposiciones de la UNAM (UNAM Conference Centre) at the Mexican National University in Ciudad de México (UNAM). Details on the venue can be found at:

<http://www.cec.unam.mx>

The conference will be jointly hosted by the Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, located in Morelia, and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) located in the southern suburbs of Ciudad de México.

Earlybird Registrations and Call for Abstracts Now Open

All registrations and the call for abstracts can be lodged directly at:

<http://mac4.tueventoenweb.com/>

Or following the link at:

<http://www.mindinganimals.com/conferences/mac4-ciudad-de-mexico-mexico/>

You can also direct any problems you may have in registering or submitting your abstract to either: mindinganimals@gmail.com or to: dgarcia@intermeeting.com.mx

To be able to take advantage of the Minding Animals Member Discount and register for a cheaper rate, you MUST initially become a Member of Minding Animals. Membership of Minding Animals International Inc. is open to all individuals at the flat rate of \$20 USD for the period up to 31 December, 2017. Savings over \$50 USD can be made. Please follow this link to join:

<http://www.mindinganimals.com/members-donors/>

Conference Deadlines

The following Conference Deadlines have been set:

- CFP and first tier early bird registrations NOW OPEN
- Close of CFP/Abstracts: 15 July, 2017
- Author notification: 31 August, 2017
- Close of first tier early bird registrations: 30 September, 2017
- Close of Registrations for Participation in a Panel Session: 30 September, 2017
- Close of ALL registrations if intending to give a paper: 1 November, 2017
- Close of second tier early bird registrations: 30 November, 2017

Considering Your Abstract

The official conference language will be English but, like all previous conferences, presentations in other languages will be welcome and special language sessions offered. Special Spanish and Portuguese sessions will be available, as well as other languages if demand allows. As for the previous three Minding Animals Conferences, MAC4 will be open to no end of papers dedicated to animal studies and animal protection. We would like to stress that Minding Animals International Inc. (MAI) works to further the development of animal studies internationally and to help establish legal and moral protections for all nonhuman animals. As such, Minding Animals Conferences are available for animal academics and activists alike, and provides an avenue for the transdisciplinary field of Animal Studies in all its guises (Human Animal Studies, Anthrozoology, Critical Animal Studies and so on) to be more responsive to the protection of animals.

It is recognised that animal protection in this context encapsulates environmentalism, animal liberation, animal rights, wildlife protection, animal welfare and animal law and justice, veterinarian and the zoological sciences (in no particular order of importance).

MAI aims to enable discourse between the various interests (from the arts, literature, feminist studies, queer studies, philosophy, law and public policy, to the humanities and cultural studies, to name just a few) within this rapidly developing transdisciplinary field in ways that will improve the status of nonhuman animals and alleviate nonhuman animal exploitation. As such, MAI also facilitates research in Animal Studies. So we will soon be calling for abstracts from all these areas of interest.

We stress to all delegates that they should participate in Minding Animals Conferences in a spirit of honesty and cooperation, accepting that other delegates may have quite divergent opinions, but always with the overall objective of protecting animals, no matter in what form or time frame. Nonetheless, we urge critical debate and active engagement with your fellow delegates.

Registration Fees in USD

FULL REGISTRATION				
	15 Dec 2016 to 31 Jan 2017 Minding Animals Member Special	Early Bird 1 Feb to 30 Sep, 2017	1 Oct to 30 Nov 2017	1 Dec to Onwards
Developed Nations		\$500.00	\$600.00	\$700.00
Developed – Minding Animals Member *	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$550.00	\$650.00
Intermediate Nations		\$400.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
Intermediate Nations–Minding Animals Member *	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$550.00
Developing Nations		\$300.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Developing Nations–Minding Animals Member *	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$450.00

STUDENT REGISTRATION				
	15 Dec 2016 to 31 Jan 2017 Minding Animals Member Special	Early Bird 1 Feb to 30 Sep, 2017	1 Oct to 30 Nov 2017	1 Dec to Onwards
Developed Nations		\$400.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
Developed – Minding Animals Member *	\$300.00	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$550.00
Intermediate Nations		\$300.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Intermediate Nations–Minding Animals Member *	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$450.00
Developing Nations		\$200.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
Developing Nations–Minding Animals Member *	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$350.00

PARTIAL DAY REGISTRATIONS will be open after November 1st 2017

\$100.00 per day and irrespective of Full/Student or Developed/Intermediate/Developing Status
More than 3 days - you must register for the entire conference

No refunds after 1 December 2017. 80% only 1 to 30 November 2017. Full refunds before.

- Developed nation is: USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, northern Europe, Gulf States
- Intermediate nation is: Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, eastern Europe, Russia, Turkey and other Middle East
- Developing nation is: All the Americas except USA and Canada, all of Africa, rest of Asia (excluding Turkey, Gulf States, the Middle East, Singapore and Japan), and the Pacific (excluding Australia and New Zealand)

Speakers

Will Kymlicka

Will Kymlicka is the Canada Research Chair in Political Philosophy in the Philosophy Department at Queen's University in Kingston, Canada, where he has taught since 1998. He is the co-author with Sue Donaldson of *Zoopolis: A Political Theory of Animal Rights*, published in 2011, and now translated into German, French, Spanish, Japanese, Turkish and Polish. *Zoopolis* argues that animals belong at the heart of democratic political theory - defending rights of citizenship for domesticated animals and sovereignty rights for wild animals - and its ideas have helped launch the recent 'political turn' in animal ethics.



Will and Sue have continued developing their model of a zoopolis, and its implications for animal advocacy, legal reform, and alliances with other social justice movements. Their recent work has appeared in *Politics and Animals*; *The Philosophy and Politics of Animal Liberation*; *Journal of Animal Ethics*; *Canadian Perspectives on Animals and the Law*; and the *Oxford Handbook of Animal Studies*. Will directs the Animals in Philosophy, Politics, Law and Ethics research group at Queen's University, including its postdoctoral fellowship program, and teaches courses in animals and political theory and in animals and the law. He will join us in México as an Invited Speaker and Panelist.



Special Conference Events to Look Out For

Documentary Film Festival

As for the three previous conferences, documentaries will feature strongly at the conference in Ciudad de México. If you are a film maker and are interested in showing your film at the conference, please send an email proposal with *Curator Documentaries Mexico* in the subject line to mindinganimals@gmail.com

Critical Animals Studies Study Circle

A Critical Animals Studies Study Circle was held prior to the second Minding Animals Conference in Utrecht, and dedicated sessions offered in New Delhi. A special preconference CAS Study Circle is also being arranged for the conference in Ciudad de México. CAS abstracts will also be most welcome in the broader conference programme. The Study Circle will be held at the Royal Pedregal Hotel, located close to the MAC4 venue on 17 January, 2018, between 12 noon and 16:00. Details regarding speakers will be provided in a future Bulletin.

Study Circles/Panel Sessions at MAC4

In México, Study Circles, which have been a popular aspect of all previous Minding Animals conferences will be replaced by dedicated Panel Sessions. Nonetheless, there will again be an opportunity at the Conference for delegates at each of the panels to indicate if they wish to continue ongoing debate in Study Circles by leaving their name and email contact details. The structure of the panels will nevertheless be similar and involve a number of speakers who will each present a 10 minute discussion (about half the allocated time), followed by questions or comments from the floor. We MUST reiterate that questions or comments are to be kept brief and not become presentations. Several panels are planned. More detail regarding the panels will emerge as we get closer to the big event.

Research Networks Forum

In addition to the panel sessions, an hour will be available for specific Research Networks to present their findings. Are you part of a network of scholars or part of a research project covering several institutions? If you and your colleagues are interested in presenting your findings, then please send a proposal to: mindinganimals@gmail.com Spaces are very limited, so please be quick.

Animal Geographies: 20 year Anniversary In discussion with Jennifer Wolch and Jody Emel

In 2018, it will be the 20th anniversary of the release of the ground breaking *Animal Geographies: Place, Politics and Identity in the Nature-Culture Borderlands* (Verso, 1998), edited by Jennifer Wolch and Jody Emel. Minding Animals is excited to announce a discussion with these renowned animal geographers at the México Minding Animals Conference.

Partner Events

11 to 12 April, 2017: Stellenbosch, South Africa

Dogs in Southern African Literatures

Dogs –once you start looking for them – appear pervasively in the literatures of Southern Africa. Sometimes they are central characters (as in Jock of the Bushveld). Most often they appear peripherally or incidentally – pet dogs, feral dogs, guard dogs, wild dogs, companion dogs – tangential but apparently necessary. What are they doing there?

The conference will take place on 11 to 12 April, 2017, on the campus of the Stellenbosch University at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS, <http://stias.ac.za/>).

Conference email address: DogsConference2017@gmail.com

29 to 30 June, 2017: Liverpool, England

Centre for Human Animal Studies 2017 Conference, Edgehill University: Animals and Social Change

CfHAS will host a conference on the theme of animals and social change in June 2017.

We invite submissions that address these questions:

- What constitutes effective social change for other animals?
- How do particular framings of animal ethics and veganism shape strategies for intervention and change?
- How do the worlds of animal advocacy and academic research on human-animal relations speak to each other? Could more come from those interactions?
- What role do visual media, the online vegan community and documentary film-making play in effecting social change?
- How do different communities imagine progressive social change for animals taking place?

CfHAS is interested in receiving submissions of academic papers (20 minutes), short films (any genre) and poster presentations. This conference will include paper and poster presentations, film screenings and a workshop session focused on strategies for social change involving dialogue between academics, activists and advocates. The conference is designed to facilitate time and space for discussion.

This conference will be of interest to those working in critical animal studies, advocacy, grassroots activism, animal media and the vegan business community.

Please submit abstracts by 1st March to: cfhas@edgehill.ac.uk

Book Recommendations

This month we would like to announce just the one new publication:

The Animals' Agenda: Freedom, Compassion, and Coexistence in the Human Age

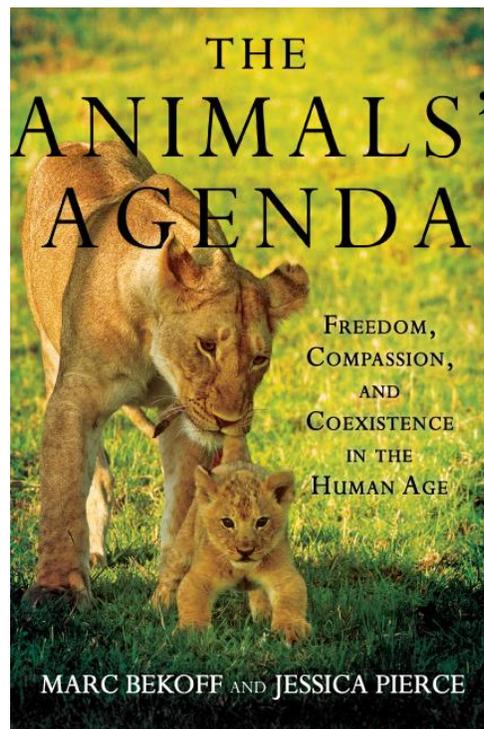
Author: Marc Bekoff and Jessica Pierce

Publisher: Beacon Press

Publication: April 18, 2017

Wide ranging studies of animal intelligence and emotions have enabled us to learn ever more about what animals think, feel, and want. However, this knowledge is not necessarily translating into more compassionate and respectful treatment of animals. *The Animals' Agenda* critically addresses our relationships with animals in factory farms, research labs, and entertainment venues, as well as our interactions with pets and wildlife, exploring what we know of their capacity not only for pain and frustration but also joy and empathy. Using the latest science, renowned animal expert Marc Bekoff and leading bioethicist Jessica Pierce argue for a paradigm shift. They demonstrate that the current approach of animal welfare science, while offsetting some of the worst aspects of animal suffering, falls far short of promoting true animal well being and freedom. *The Animals' Agenda* will educate and inspire people to rethink how we affect other animals, both unintentionally and intentionally, and how we can evolve toward more peaceful and less violent ways of interacting with our animal kin in an increasingly human dominated world.

An increasing number of compassionate people care deeply about animals. But there are not yet enough of us. We need to change the way the world is run, so that all creatures can enjoy their lives and bring up their offspring without interference. Education is the key; that's why everyone should read The Animals' Agenda. This book will change hearts and minds — Brian May, CBE, founding member of Queen and founder of the Save Me Trust.



The amazing cover comes courtesy of Tom Mangelsen from *Images of Nature*.