



Minding Animals

Minding Animals International Bulletin No.4

Minding Animals International welcomes you to its fourth Bulletin, formerly the Pre-conference Events Bulletin. Details contained in this Bulletin are also provided on the Minding Animals Website: www.mindinganimals.com

NEWS FLASH!

New Pre-conference Events for Brazil and Australia

Pre-conference Events will now be held in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, in May, and in Sydney, Australia, in September. Details regarding these new events are provided in this Bulletin.

Call for Papers for Utrecht 2012

A Call for Papers for Minding Animals 2 in Utrecht 2012 will be announced in late April. Details regarding the Keynotes will also be made at this time.

So look out for the special Utrecht 2012 Conference Newsletter (as well as the next Bulletin) where these details and other important snippets of information will be provided.

Growth and Structure of Minding Animals International and a Call for Nominations

As Minding Animals International (MAI) continues to grow and expand, the establishment of a more 'workable' and 'servicing' organisation has become more urgent. In that regard, a Board of Directors and Academic Advisory Council will join our current and new Patrons in a more formalised structure.

This will help MAI build and grow into the future, and allow more networking and research in Animal Studies to be realised. Of course, it will also facilitate Pre-conference Events and Conferences to be held into the future, and provide support to local organisers.

Some of the current MAI committee have moved to the Board, whilst others have moved to the Academic Advisory Council, leaving room for some additional members.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Academic Advisory Council, then FIVE positions are available. Please send your nomination and a one page biography to: mindinganimals@gmail.com

Also as part of the initiative, a Call for Nominations for FOUR new MAI Board members is hereby called. If interested on being a member of the Board, then please send a one page Biography to: mindinganimals@gmail.com

Board members are required to be active committee members who will input into weekly (possibly even daily depending on the task) decision-making. The Minding Animals Board of Directors will liaise directly with the main conference Organising Committee through Rod Bennison and Kim Stallwood who will continue on the Utrecht committee but as MAI Board members.

Board members will also be involved in fund-raising and extending Animal Studies networks. In that regard, a Board member who is interested in redesigning and updating the Minding Animals website is particularly sought.

Nominees will be selected by the Board and announced in the next Bulletin and on the website.

A key component of the Board will be its representative structure. Members of the Board will include the Convenors/Chairs of national bodies. National bodies with a dedicated membership structure will be established to advocate for MAI and extend the reach of the international body.

Minding Animals Australia Incorporated (MAA) has been established as a first step in that regard. The Chair of MAA and new Board member is Assoc Prof Linda Williams. If you are interested in becoming involved in MAA please contact Linda at: linda.williams@rmit.edu.au

If you are interested in establishing a representative Minding Animals group in your country, drop an email to: mindinganimals@gmail.com

Groups in India, the UK, South Africa and France have already been suggested.

Please note that these groups are not intended to in any way replace or compete with Animal Studies groups that are already affiliated with MAI. MAI is committed to working alongside all other groups as we all expand and work towards our objectives, as you will see from the hosts of nearly all Pre-conference Events.

The Events

Five Pre-conference Events have now been held in Utrecht, Los Angeles, Brisbane and Sydney – reports appear on the Minding Animals website. Future workshops, lectures, exhibitions and seminars are at various stages of development, as you will see in this Bulletin. Details regarding these events will also be progressively posted on the Minding Animals website.

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. Otherwise, if you would like to attend one of the events, please contact the event organiser directly as detailed below.

29 April to 1 May, 2011: Saint Victor des Oules, Languedoc, France

Host: Animind

Event title: *Sommes-nous prêts à élargir notre considération aux animaux? (Are we ready to broaden our consideration of animals?)*

Venue: Au Mas des Oules à St. Victor des Oules, Gard, Languedoc, France

Time and Date: 29 April to 1 May, 2011

Speakers include: Fabienne Delfour, Michel Vandebosch, Jérôme Cette and Nathalie Dewalhens

Organiser and contact: Nathalie Dewalhens, animinds@gmail.com

Event language: French

Event fee: see conference website

Website: <http://www.animind.fr>

4 to 7 May, 2011: Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Host: Graduate Program in Literary Studies – Faculty of Letters, UFMG, and the Center for the Study of Crimes, Sins, and Monstrosities

Conference title: *Animais, Animalidade e os Limites do Humano (Animals, Animality, and the Limits of the Human)*

Venue: Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG), Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Time and Date: 4-7 May, 2011

Invited speakers: see conference programme at the end of the Bulletin

Organiser and contact: Maria Esther Maciel and Julio Jeha, zoocoloquio.ufmg@gmail.com

Event language: Portuguese and English

Event fee: see conference website

Website: <http://zoocoloquio.wordpress.com/>

21 to 24 May, 2011: Chester, UK

Host: European Forum for the Study of Religion and Environment and the University of Chester

Conference title: *Animals as Religious Subjects: a transdisciplinary conference (followed by a one day seminar entitled Animals as Medical Subjects)*

Venue: University of Chester, England, and Gladstone's Library, Hawarden, Wales

Time and Date: 21 to 24 May, 2011

Invited speakers: see below

Organiser and contact: Celia Deane-Drummond, c.deane-drummond@chester.ac.uk

Event language: English/Open

Event fee: see conference website

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

Invited speakers: see Bulletin No.3 and Minding Animals website

1 July, 2011: Hamburg, Germany

Host: Group for Society and Animals Studies of the University of Hamburg

Event title: *Fleisch essen. Das gesellschaftliche Mensch-Tier-Verhältnis und die Bedeutung von Fleisch (Eating Meat. The Societal Human-Animal-Relationship and the Meaning of Meat)*

Venue: University of Hamburg, Hamburg

Time and Date: 1 July, 2011

Organiser and contact: Julia Gutjarhr, julia_gutjahr@yahoo.de

Event language: German

Event fee: to be advised

Website: <https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/en/projekte/animals-and-society/projekte/tagung-fleisch-essen/>

2 July, 2011: Paris, France

Host: CEPIHA (Cercle d'Etudes Pluridisciplinaire des Interactions Homme-Animal) and Animaux et Compagnies

Event title: *L'animal dans le soin: entre théories et pratiques (Animal Assisted Therapy: theories and practices)*

Venue: Institute of Psychology, Paris Descartes University

Time and Date: 9am to 5:30pm, 2 July, 2011

Event speakers: see Bulletin No.3

Organiser and contact: Fabienne Delfour, animauxetcompagnies@gmail.com

Event language: French

Event fee: 30, 50 and 120 euros (respectively student/unemployed, individual, and employee)

Website: <http://www.animauxetcompagnies.com/>

7 July, 2011: Wollongong, Australia

Host: Global Animal - an Animal Studies Conference

Event: *Lecture by Professor Wendy Woodward, University of the Western Cape, South Africa*

Venue: University of Wollongong, Wollongong, Australia (room to be advised)

Time and Date: 7 July, 2011

Organiser and contact: Dr Melissa Boyde, boyde@uow.edu.au

Event language: English

Website: <http://ro.uow.edu.au/globan10/>

20 to 21 September, 2011: Sydney, Australia

Host: Macquarie University Research Centre for Agency, Values and Ethics

Event title: *Testing Times: a symposium on the ethics and epistemology of animal experimentation*

Venue: Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia (room to be advised)

Date: 20 to 21 September, 2011

Organisers and contact: Jane Johnson and Paul Taylor, testingtimes.symposium@gmail.com

Event language: English

Registration: free, but places are limited, so please book by sending an email

Symposium outline: Animal experimentation is a highly contentious practice. It generates ethical concerns due to harms to animals and epistemological worries because translations between animal experiments and human clinical medicine are problematic. In spite of these issues, the practice continues to expand. This symposium will bring together scientists, philosophers, sociologists, veterinarians and others to discuss animal experimentation and develop new approaches to the ethical and epistemological challenges it generates.

Abstracts are due Monday 23rd of May and should be sent to testingtimes.symposium@gmail.com

Abstracts should be no longer than 200 words, include a short title and the names of all authors.

27 September, 2011: New York, USA

Host: New York University Animal Studies Initiative

Event title: *Animal Studies: Changing the Subject?*

Venue: Jurow Hall and Silverstein Lounge, 101 and 101A Silver Center, New York University (entrances on Washington Place and Waverly Place, just east of Washington Park East)

Time and Date: 8:30am – 7:30pm, 27 September, 2011

Confirmed speakers: Marc Bekoff, Dale Jamieson, Una Chaudhuri, Ralph Acampora, Susan Crane, Jeffrey Bussolini, Susan McHugh and Gary Steiner

Organiser and contact: Una Chaudhuri, uc1@nyu.edu

Conference language: English

Event fee: free

Conference details: see Minding Animals website and future events bulletins

7 October, 2011: London, UK

Host: London School of Economics

Event title: *Animal Citizens*

Venue: London LSE, London, UK (room to be advised)

Time and Date: 7 October, 2011

Confirmed speakers: Will Kymlicka, Siobhan O'Sullivan, Robert Garner and Steve Cooke

Organiser and contact: Alasdair Cochrane, A.D.Cochrane@lse.ac.uk

Conference language: English

Conference details: see Minding Animals website and future events bulletins for more details

8 October, 2011: London, UK

Host: Antennae (The Journal of Nature in Visual Culture) and Minding Animals International

Event title: *Animal Ecologies in Visual Culture*

Venue: University College, London, UK (room to be advised)

Time and Date: from 11 am, 8 October, 2011

Confirmed speakers: Ron Broglio, Linda Williams, Joyce Salisbury, Rikke Hansen, London Fieldworks, Heather Ackroyd and Dan Harvey, Maja and Reuben Fowkes

Contact: Giovanni Aloï, antennaeproject@googlemail.com

Conference language: English

Event fee: £20.00

Website: see <http://www.mindinganimals.com> and <http://www.antennae.org.uk/>

14 to 15 October, 2011: Oslo, Norway

Host: Department of Criminology and Sociology of Law, University of Oslo

Event title: *Shared Worlds*

Venue: Domus Nova, Oslo (St. Olavs plass 5 - room to be advised)

Time and Date: 14-15 October, 2011

Organised by: Minding Animals International in association with Nordic Human Animal Studies

Affiliated institutions: Equine Research Network (EqRN) and Department of Semiotics at the University of Tartu by ESF grant 7790 *Dynamical Zoosemiotics and Animal Representations*

Organising team: Rune Ellefsen, Rhys Evans, Morten Tønnessen

Contact: shared.worlds.oslo@gmail.com

Conference language: English and Norwegian

Website: <http://mindinganimals.wordpress.com/>

17 to 18 October, 2011: Uppsala, Sweden

Host: Centre for Gender Research

Event title: *Zooethnographies*

Venue: University of Uppsala, Uppsala (room to be advised)

Time and Date: 17-18 October, 2011

Speakers: to be confirmed

Organisers and Contacts: Tora Holmberg, tora.holmberg@gender.uu.se, and Jacob Bull, jacob.bull@gender.uu.se

Conference language: English

Conference fee: see conference website

Website: <http://www.genna.gender.uu/animals> (event page will appear soon)

20 to 21 October, 2011: Rennes, France

Host: Anglophonie, Communautés, Ecritures (Department of Languages, Rennes 2)

Conference title: *Representing Animals in Britain: an International Interdisciplinary Conference*

Venue: Rennes 2 University, Rennes

Time and Date: 20-21 October, 2011

Confirmed speakers: Steve Baker, Robert Garner and Hilda Kean

Organisers and Contacts: Emilie Dardenne, emiliedardenne@yahoo.fr, and Sophie Mesplède, sophie.mesplede@uhb.fr

Conference language: English

Conference details: see Bulletin 1, Minding Animals website, and conference website for further details

Website: <http://www.sites.univ-rennes2.fr/ace/Bienvenue.html>

24 to 25 October, 2011: Barcelona, Spain

Host: ADS, Grupo de Investigación Animales-Derecho-Sociedad (Animals-Law-Society Research Group)

Event title: *Animals and the Law*

Venue: Facultat de Dret, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Speakers to include: Kim Stallwood, Celeste Black, Rod Bennison and Teresa Giménez-Candela

Time and Date: 24-25 October, 2011

Organiser and contact: Teresa Giménez-Candela, teresa.gimenez.candela@uab.cat or maritacandela@uab.cat

Conference language: Spanish and English

Conference details: see the Minding Animals website and future events bulletins as the event develops

27 October, 2011: Geneva, Switzerland

Host: Département de Sociologie, Université de Genève

Event title: *Minding Animals in Switzerland*

Venue: University of Geneva, Geneva (room to be advised)

Time and Date: 27 October, 2011

Confirmed speakers: see Bulletin No.3

Organiser: Claudine Burton-Jeangros and Annik Dubeid, claudine.jeangros@unige.ch

Conference language: French and English

27 to 28 October, 2011: London, UK (A Minding Animals Partner Event)

Host: School Fine Art, Sir John Cass Faculty of Art, Media & Design at London Metropolitan University

Conference title: *The Animal Gaze Returned*

Venue: London Metropolitan University in Whitechapel, London

Time and Date: 27-28 October, 2011

Organiser: Rosie McGoldrick, r.mcgoldrick@londonmet.ac.uk

Conference language: English

Conference details: see conference website for details - <http://www.animalgaze.org/>

29 to 30 October, 2011: Berlin, Germany

Host: Institute of Art History and Aesthetics, Universität der Künste Berlin

Event title: *Animals and Aesthetics*

Venue: Universität der Künste Berlin, Berlin

Time and Date: 29-30 October, 2011

Organiser and Contact: Jessica Ullrich, Institute of Art History and Aesthetics, ullrich@udk-berlin.de

Conference language: English

Conference fee: see conference website

Website: <http://www.udk-berlin.de> (link to the conference to be provided shortly)

26 to 30 November, 2011: New Delhi, India

Host: Wildlife Trust of India and IFAW

Event title: *Buddhism and the New World Order: Compassion, Animal Welfare and Conservation*

Venue: to be confirmed as part of the 2011 Global Buddhist Congregation

Speakers, Time and Date: to be confirmed in the next Bulletin

Organiser and contact: Ashok Kumar (Vice-Chairman WTI), ashok@wti.org.in

Event language: English

Event fee: Free

Some other Pre-conference Events and Partner Events being planned (in alphabetical order) include (details to be finalised):

- Bogor, Indonesia – seminar on animals and education, close to the Indonesian capital
- Cape Town, South Africa – seminar at the University of the Western Cape, details soon
- Christchurch, New Zealand – lecture on the South Island of New Zealand in October, 2011
- Edinburgh, UK – a seminar looking at plant ethics at the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh
- London, UK – London School of Economics on 30 June – launch of Institute for Animals and Social Justice (contact Dan Lyons for information on dan@uncaged.co.uk)
- Newcastle, UK – a seminar entitled *Animal Ethics and Public Health* on 24 June, 2011
- Portsmouth, UK – a one day animals and society conference before the end of July, 2011
- Utrecht, The Netherlands – a seminar on animal rights issues, with special guests. This event will be held in the days immediately preceding the Utrecht 2012 Conference.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: A MINDING ANIMALS PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT

Animals, Animality, and the Limits of the Human

4–7 May 2011

Faculdade de Letras, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil

Conference Organizers: Maria Esther Maciel (UFMG) and Julio Jeha (UFMG)

Conference Promoters:

Graduate Program in Literary Studies – Faculty of Letters, UFMG

The Center for the Study of Crimes, Sins, and Monstrosities

Partner Institutions: UFMG’s Institute of Advanced Transdisciplinary Studies – IEAT, New York University in Buenos Aires

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PROGRAMME

Wednesday, May 4

Public Library Theater - Praça da Liberdade

7:00 p.m. Opening Ceremony

7:15 – 8:00 p.m. Zooliterary speech by the biologist and writer Ângelo Machado (ICB/UFMG) –
“Quem tem medo dos animais” (Who Is Afraid of Animals)

Chair: Maria Esther Maciel

8:15 p.m. Cocktail party to launch the book *Pensar/escrever o animal (Thinking/Writing the Animal)*

Thursday, May 5

Faculdade de Ciências Econômicas da UFMG – Auditório 2

- 8:15 – 9:00 a.m. Registration and distribution of badges and program booklets
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. First Keynote Speaker: Dominique Lestel (ENS/Archives Husserl, Paris): “The Question of Animality at the Dawn of the 21st Century: Biodiversity, Artificial Animality and Endangered Humans”
Respondent: Sérgio Cirino (FAE/UFMG)
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee break
- 10:30 – 12:00 a.m. **Zoopoetics and Biopolitics**
- Álvaro Fernández-Bravo (New York University in Buenos Aires): “La porosidad de los límites: zonas de contacto en la imaginación biopolítica latinoamericana (The Porosity of the Limits: Zones of Contact in Latin-American Biopolitical Imagination)”
 - Gabriel Giorgi (New York University): “A guerra dos animais: zoopolíticas latinoamericanas (The War of Animals: Latin-American Zoopolitics)”
 - Márcio Seligmann-Silva (Unicamp): “Compaixão animal (Animal Compassion)”
- Panel Chair: Elcio Cornelsen (UFMG)
- 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Lunch break
- 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. **Zooliterary Landscapes**
- Eneida Maria de Souza (UFMG): “De animais e literatura: Rosa, Kafka e Coetzee” (Animals and Literature: Rosa, Kafka and Coetzee)
 - Jens Andermann (University of London): “Limites da espécie: crise rural e figuras de metamorfose na narrativa latino-americana moderna” (Limits of Species: Rural Crisis and Metamorphic Figures in Modern Latin-American Narrative)
 - Paula Glenadel (UFF): “Apresentar o irrepresentável: paisagem com bois e vaca amarela” (Presenting What Cannot Be Represented: Landscape with Oxen and Yellow Cow)
- Panel Chair: Marli Fantini
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Coffee break
- 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. **Fables, Metamorphoses, and Animal Epics**
- Marisa Lajolo (Mackenzie): “*No tempo em que os animais falavam*” (*When Animals Could Talk*)
 - Jacyntho Lins Brandão (UFMG): “Corpo bestial, mente racional” (Beastly Body, Rational Mind)
 - Sérgio Medeiros (UFSC): “O épico animal: o visconde de Taunay e James Joyce na revolução dos bichos” (The Animal Epic: The Viscount of Taunay and James Joyce in the Animals’ Revolution)
- Panel Chair: Luiz Sá (UFMG)
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Second Keynote Speaker: Tom Tyler (Oxford Brookes University, Inglaterra): “Monstrous Races and Strange Cases: The Ill-Fated Hybrid”
Respondent: Julio Jeha (UFMG)

Friday, May 6

Faculdade de Ciências Econômicas da UFMG – Auditório 2

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Human, Nonhuman, and Posthuman

- Raul Antelo (UFSC): “As térmitas e a mediação” (Termites and Mediation)
- Fermín Rodríguez (San Francisco State University): “Restrepo, Vallejo y el cuerpo político del capitalismo” (Restrepo, Vallejo: The Political Body of Capitalism)
- Evando Nascimento (UFJF): “De bichos, humanos, plantas & coisas: a ética da escrita” (Beasts, Humans, Plants & Things: The Ethics of Writing)

Panel Chair: Myriam Ávila (UFMG)

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 a.m.

Poetry and Animality

- Luci Collin (UFPR): “Animais da mitologia celta na poesia irlandesa contemporânea” (Celtic Mythological Animals in Contemporary Irish Poetry)
- Fernanda Coutinho (UFC): “Da terra e do céu, a poesia que vem dos bichos: Manoel de Barros e suas *Memórias Inventadas*” (From Land and Sky, the Poetry that Comes From the Animals: Manoel de Barros and his *Memórias Inventadas*)
- Sérgio Alcides (UFMG): “‘Eles se tornaram uma linguagem’: animais na poesia de Ted Hughes (‘They Have Become a Language’: Animals in the Poetry of Ted Hughes)

Panel Chair: Maria Clara Versiani Galery (UFOP)

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch break

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Coffee break

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

The Angel, the Poem and the Animal

- Flora Sussekind (Casa de Rui Barbosa Foundation): “Fabre, Bokanowski, Carlito: três versões do anjo” (Fabre, Bokanowski and Carlito: Three Versions of the Angel)
- Manoel Ricardo de Lima (UNI-Rio): “O poema, um animal que ri” (The Poem, a Laughing Animal)
- Florencia Garramuño (Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina): “Modos da impertinência” (Ways of Impertinence)

Panel Chair: Vera Casa Nova (UFMG)

5:30 – 6:30 pm.

Third Keynote Speaker: Randy Malamud (Georgia State University): “Transgressing the Limits of the Human: The Meanings of Animal Pornography”

Respondent: Sandra Almeida (UFMG)

6:30 to 7 p.m.

Closing remarks by the organizers

8 p.m.

Dinner (Dutch treat)

Saturday, May 7

9:30 a.m.

Visit to Inhotim Institute, an open-air contemporary art museum outside Belo Horizonte

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