

Minding Animals Bulletin 44



**Please register at the
Earlybird rate:
Closes 30 September**

Please Register and Reserve your Accommodation at the Royal Pedregal at:

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

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

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

See Bulletins 39 to 43 for full details: <http://www.mindinganimals.com/bulletins/>

Critical Animals Studies Seminar

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 CAS Seminar is also being arranged for the conference in Ciudad de México.

This session brings together scholars and researchers in the area of Critical Animal Studies (CAS) to take stock of major strands in the field. The focus of the session is twofold, with presentations addressing intersectionality and its limits, and current themes in CAS. In recent years, intersectionality has emerged as a key concept in CAS (for example, Claire Jean Kim's *Dangerous Crossings*, 2015), as well as a political and ethical stance adopted by activists (for example, Big Sky Sanctuary in Australia). Intersectionality has proved an important critical tool for thinking through the complexities of interlocking (and sometimes competing) forms of power, whose impact is felt across the species divide. Presentations will consider the contribution of intersectionality, and the concept's possible limits, in addressing mass violence against animals. Alongside, and beyond, intersectionality, the second focus will map current themes and new developments in the field of CAS, with an emphasis on scholars' geographically specific issues. By thinking through divergent geographies, the session will aim to destabilise the US/Anglo focus of CAS. We hope that the session will provide a useful overview of current work carried out in the field of Critical Animal Studies, and its future directions.

Your CAS panellists are:

- Anat Pick (Co-convenor)
- Jessica Ison (Co-convenor)
- Chloë Taylor
- Dinesh Wadiwel
- Lara Drew
- Vasile Stanescu

Minding Animals Conference: The Panels

Study Circles, which have been a popular aspect of all previous Minding Animals conferences, have been replaced by dedicated Panel Sessions. Nonetheless, there will again be an opportunity for delegates at all of the panels to indicate if they wish to continue ongoing debate in established or new online Study Circles by leaving their name and email contact details. The structure of the panels will involve a number of speakers who will each present a 10 minute talk, followed by questions and discussion from the floor. We MUST reiterate that questions or comments within the open discussions are to be kept brief and not become presentations. The following Panels were announced in Bulletins 41 to 43:

- The Tom Regan Memorial Panel: His Life and Philosophy
- The Animal Studies Student: 3 years on
- Fighting Animals
- Aquatic Animals and Research
- Animals and Tourism: Journeys into Animal Destinations
- The Realities of Animal Lives and Questions of Modernity
- Animals and Captivity
- Ecophilosophy
- Animal Art Exhibitions
- Picking Up Static: Art, Animals and Interference

- Animals and Food
- Veganism
- Justice and the Political Status of Animals
- Animals, Exoticism and Indigeneity in the Literary Imagination
- Animal Law Education
- Animals and Human Health: Los animals y la salud humana
- Minding Animals in Development
- Animals in Higher Education
- The Greyhound
- The Elephant
- Global Animals
- Animals and Film
- Animals in Veterinary Medicine
- Towards Global Animals Welfare Standards
- Animals and Disasters
- Animals and the Law I - How Animal Law Relates to Animal Rights and Protection: An International Movement
- Animals and the Law II - National Perspectives
- Animals and Philosophy
- Animals and Religion
- Animal Minds: Feeling Animals
- Down on the Farm
- Compassionate Conservation
- Wildlife in the City: Crossing Boundaries
- Animals and Politics
- Animals and Literature
- Bioethics and Effective Cultural Change

We can now announce the following four panels:

Animals and the LGBTIQ Communities

Has the queer ever been human? (Luciano and Chen, 2015). This panel will bring together scholars across disciplines, and from various countries, to discuss how queer theory contributes to animal studies. There will be three key themes to this panel. Firstly, the panel will look at how queer and animal movements engage, or could engage, as political and activist allies. This will also unpack how these movements can inform and learn from one another, both in past gains and through discussing troubling issues resident in both. A second theme will be what we could call homonormativity; how the push for normalising queer people reinforces some struggles as more important than others. Lastly, the panel will explore how the discourse of animality has been utilised in the service of creating some humans as inferior, and how this relates to queerness. The panelists in this session are:

- Jessica Ison
- Gerardo Tristan
- Carrie Hamilton
- Ed Ingebretsen

Animals and Climate Change

Animals matter for climate change and climate change matters for animals. In particular, many animals (especially farmed animals) will have a significant impact on the climate, and the climate will also have a significant impact on many animals (especially wild animals). This raises questions about the relationship between animal and environmental activism with respect to climate change. Should we centre resistance to animal agriculture in our efforts to mitigate climate change? If so, how? Should we centre assistance for wild animals in our efforts to adapt to climate change? If so, how? This panel will explore these questions as well as connections with debates about wellbeing, population ethics and duties to future generations, and the nature and limits of ethics and politics. The panelists in this session are:

- Greta Gaard
- Mia MacDonald
- Jeff Sebo

Animals and Food Law II

A second follow-on Animals and Food panel is also being programmed. Panelists that will carry the theme and subject matter of the first panel include, but not limited to:

- Andy Lamey
- Rosalinda Fragoso
- Elizabeth Dechant

Marine Animals

Few other groups of animals have captured the human imagination more than the diversity of life in the oceans, yet it is these ecosystems we know least about. Marine animals includes the largest that has ever existed, animals whose biology and distribution are largely unknown, species with unique intelligence and cognitive abilities, others having the ability to communicate over vast distances, all at the same time as being subjected to one of the greatest human assaults on the planet. Oceans around the world are becoming increasingly degraded. Human activities, including intense fishing, are altering ocean ecosystems beyond their natural state. Fish, crustaceans and cephalopods, and most other animal groups that reside in the ocean are in rapid decline. These changes are impairing the ocean's capacity to provide food, protect livelihoods, maintain clean water, and recover from environmental stresses like overfishing, severe storms, and of course, climate change, coastal development, and pollution from shipping and plastics. The panelists in this session are:

- Jonathan Balcombe
- Leesa Fawcett

If you want to join Jonathan and Leesa on the panel, please send an email to: mindinganimals@gmail.com

Unfortunately, due to a lack of nominee panelists, will be unable to hold the following panels which were announced in Bulletins 41 to 43:

- Animals, Zoos and Sanctuaries
- Animals and Indigenous Communities
- Animals and Music
- Animals, History and Ethology
- Continental Philosophy
- Invertebrates and Human Interactions/The Bee
- The Animal Shelter

Minding Animals - The Documentaries

Two additional documentaries have been added to our show list, with more to come:

What's For Dinner

What's For Dinner? (2013) is a short documentary that provides a unique look into the rapidly growing consumption of meat in China and the increasing industrialisation of agriculture. Through interactions with people across Chinese society, the film examines the impacts this big shift in food production and consumption is having on sustainability, public health, food security, climate change, and animal welfare. It is the first film of its kind to be shot in China by an all Chinese crew. Filmed in Beijing, Jiangxi and Guangdong provinces, and other locations. Directed by Jian Yi, produced by Douglas Xiao and Susannah Ludwig, executive produced by Brighter Green, and distributed in North America by Icarus Films (29 minutes, in Mandarin and various Chinese dialects with English subtitles).

Six Years On

Six Years On (2016) revisits some of the places and people, including the film crew, featured in the 2009 documentary film What's For Dinner? and poses questions about the future of China's food production and consumption. What has and hasn't changed in their lives and their awareness and understanding of animal agriculture? How do global trends, including in trade and production methods, affect China's pork and dairy industries and attitudes towards animal-based foods? Filmed in Beijing, Jiangxi province and other locations. Directed and produced by Jian Yi, executive produced by Brighter Green. (31 minutes, in Mandarin and various Chinese dialects with English subtitles).



MAC5 Call for Nominations

This is the second call for expressions of interest to host the 5th Minding Animals Conference in 2021. 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 Europe, Africa and Oceania. If you are interested, please send EOI to: mindinganimals@gmail.com with MAC5 in the subject line.

Upcoming MAC4 Deadlines

- 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 Exhibition and Partnership Package: 1 November, 2017
- Close of second tier early bird registrations: 30 November, 2017

At the Conference

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.

Although a paper can bear more than one author, each paper must be presented by only one of the authors listed when the abstract was submitted. If the author(s) cannot attend the conference, the conference organisation or any other person will not be able to present the paper on their behalf. Only a co-author attending the conference will be able to present a paper instead of the main author, since they will be the only participant able to discuss the presented results. However, more than one author can participate in the Q&A session. Note that all authors that attend the conference must register to be a delegate, separately. If accepted for a poster presentation, authors must display their posters during the entire conference period (starting from 17 January). The poster author(s) will be requested to attend their posters and be available to discuss their research with other delegates at lunch on 18 January.

Like all previous Minding Animals Conferences, and to accommodate all concurrent papers in the six allocated days for presentations, all Plenary and concurrent Invited Talks will be one hour (50 minutes and a 10 minute period for discussion (Q&A)). All accepted concurrent talks will be STRICTLY limited to 20 minutes (15 minutes for presentation and possible 5 minutes Q&A). The Q&A will be AFTER each presentation and NOT at the end of the three presentations. Further, delegates are welcome to move within sessions, therefore presenters MUST limit their talk to the time allocated to them; hence the need to stick to a tight schedule. Further, presentation slots may need to be moved by the organisers and may appear in a different place different from the Final Programme published on the website (presenters will be notified if a change is made). Authors are asked to consult the schedule located in the Conference Programme upon arrival at the Conference for their presentation time.

Register for the Conference, NOW!
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FULL REGISTRATION - \$USD - will be charged in MXN Pesos

	Early Bird to 30 September, 2017	1 October to 30 November	1 December onwards
Developed Nation	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$700.00
Developed Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$450.00	\$550.00	\$650.00
Intermediate Nation	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
Intermediate Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$550.00
Developing Nation	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Developing Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$450.00

STUDENT REGISTRATION - \$USD - will be charged in MXN Pesos

	Early Bird to 30 September, 2017	1 October to 30 November	1 December onwards
Developed Nation	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
Developed Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$550.00
Intermediate Nation	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Intermediate Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$450.00
Developing Nation	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
Developing Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$350.00

PARTIAL (DAY) REGISTRATIONS - will be charged in MXN Pesos

Open after 1 November, 2017

Cost will be \$100 per day and irrespective of Full/Student, Member/Non-member or Developed/Intermediate/Developing Status

More than 3 days, you will need to register for the entire conference

- 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)

No refunds after 1 December, 2017; 80% only 1 to 30 November; Full Refunds Before.
 All refunds will attract an administration fee of \$25USD.

What Do You Get for Your Registration?

Please note that all registration fees include all Mexican Federal and State taxes, access to all sessions, Conference Satchel and Programme Booklet, all refreshment breaks and all lunches (except 19 January).

Registrations (excluding the Partial Day Rate) include access to the Welcome Reception, Conference Dinner, and the Closing Reception and Cultural Event (this event excludes alcoholic beverages). An invoice/receipt will be sent to all registrants within 3 days of receipt of payment.

Certificates of Attendance at Minding Animals 4 will be issued after the conference via email. Please note that a certificate will be issued to a contributing author only if they have attended the conference.

Reserve your Accommodation in México NOW!

We strongly recommend that you stay at the Royal Pedregal Hotel at Periférico Sur 4363, Tlalpan, Jardines de la Montaña, 14210, México City, México from 17 to 24 January, 2018, inclusive. This will provide you with the best opportunity to mingle and discuss matters of shared interest, from breakfast in the morning to drinks in the bar after the conference sessions. Or even lounging by the pool or enjoying the spa! What a fantastic opportunity to be with your fellow animal travellers at the Conference hotel!

The Royal Pedregal is a splendid facility in a tranquil residential area of southern México City in close proximity to the Mexican National University (UNAM). The massive Perisur shopping complex, Olympic venues, World Trade Centre and must-see tourist mecca of Coyoacan are easily accessed from the hotel via an array of transport links, especially the always inexpensive taxi service. There are a limited number of additional hotels in the vicinity of the Royal Pedregal Hotel that range in price, but strongly recommend you book at the Royal Pedregal Hotel. Special conference rates exclusively available to Minding Animals delegates at the Royal Pedregal are unequalled when they are compared to other hotels, or even hostels in the city centre.

Rooms have been reserved at the Royal Pedregal for Minding Animals delegates, standard king sized or twin double rooms. We have negotiated the most reasonable room rates, which includes vegan breakfasts. Indeed, all conference lunches and refreshments will be vegan. Hotel guests also have free WiFi access.

The ensuite rooms at the Royal Pedregal are spacious and tastefully furnished ensuring that guests enjoy a comfortable and restful stay. The air conditioned rooms include satellite LCD TV, a telephone, mini-bar, tea/coffee making facilities and wired internet access. Each room has keycard entry, blackout drapes curtains, daily housekeeping, turndown service, a private bathroom with shower/tub combination, free toiletries, a hair dryer, a laptop compatible safe, and ironing board.

The Royal Pedregal Hotel facilities include free WiFi, airport transportation, ATM machine, concierge, dry cleaning service, laundry, children's club, and the always necessary lounge bar. There is a fitness centre and full health spa at the hotel offering a variety of beauty and massage treatments, a sauna, steam room and spa tub. You will need this at the end of each conference day!

If you would like to have a look at the hotel facilities, please visit the hotel website at: <http://www.hotelesroyal.com.mx/>

We strongly recommend that you register for the conference and reserve your room at the Royal Pedregal Hotel as soon as possible.

We do not want you to miss out on staying with your fellow delegates

YOU MUST BOOK YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION AT THE ROYAL PEDREGAL SEPARATELY FROM YOUR REGISTRATION

YOU CAN RESERVE YOUR ACCOMMODATION AT THE ROYAL PEDREGAL BY EMAILING (COPY TO ALL) TO:

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ALTERNATIVELY:

By calling 00+52 (55) 54 49 40 00

Or, if in the USA or Canada, by calling (1) 800 810 2892

AT ALL TIMES, QUOTE PROMOTIONAL CODES:

REF. Group/Grupo: **Minding Animals**
CONFERENCE CODE: **VEGANI**

DAILY ROOM RATES

People in Room	MXN PESOS	Approx. in USD as at 20 Sept	Approx. in AUD as at 20 Sept	Approx. in UK£ as at 20 Sept	Approx. in € as at 20 Sept
One	\$ 2,151.12	\$121.00	\$151.00	£90.00	€101.00
Two	\$ 2,570.54	\$145.00	\$181.00	£107.00	€121.00
Three	\$ 3,291.03	\$185.00	\$232.00	£137.00	€155.00

Remember: you may wish to stay with friends or fellow delegates and greatly reduce your personal accommodation costs as you can see above!

For example, 3 people staying in a room with 3 beds would each pay \$62 USD or \$77 AUD per night.

Notes:

1. Rates will be charged in Mexican Pesos.
2. Promotional Rates are valid for stay from January 12th to 26th, 2018.
3. Vegan buffet breakfast included.
4. All reservations need to be guaranteed by a credit card or a transfer for the total amount, and fully paid before arriving.
5. The rooms are not blocked. Occupation is on availability, so, we strongly recommend you make your reservations early.
6. All rates include all taxes and tips (bell boys, housekeeping and waiters).

Partner Events

3 October, 2017: Morelia, México

Terra Zoo Polis: Reflexiones y acciones para la cohabitación en la tierra devastada

This free event, conducted in Spanish, is the second Minding Animals Pre-conference event hosted by Facultad de Filosofía at the Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, our co-host for MAC4 in Ciudad de México. Register through facebook Minding Animals/ Animales en Mente.

For information, please contact: contact@mindinganimals4.umich.mx

5 to 6 October, 2017: London, England

Extinction and Livestock Conference

Compassion in World Farming and WWF are hosting their first ever conference to explore the impact of livestock production on the future of life on Earth. Livestock production and its use of finite resources is devastating biodiversity and pushing wildlife to the brink of extinction. With millions of people malnourished and the planet in peril, it's vital to move towards humane and sustainable food systems. The conference will examine the destructive effects of livestock production on the environment, animals and people as well as hearing case studies of solutions being implemented around the world. This international conference will bring together diverse interests, including, animal protection, conservation, agriculture, the environment, climate change, ethics, economics, healthy and sustainable diets, food policy, food security and food business – and act as a catalyst for future collaboration and solution development.

Confirmed speakers from science, academia, government, industry and society include, World Food Prize winner, Hans Herren, Hilal Elver, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, award winning activist Raj Patel, Frank Hu, Katherine Richardson, Karl Falkenberg, Carl Safina, Dave Goulson, and Britain's best-loved environmentalist, Jonathan Porritt, to name but a few.

Venue: Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London

Register now at <http://www.extinctionconference.com> Early bird rate available until 1 August.

21 to 23 November, 2017: Milton Keynes, England

ACI2017: Fourth International Conference on Animal-Computer Interaction

ACI is the main international conference on Animal Computer Interaction (ACI), a rapidly growing field that focuses on the interaction between animals and computing enabled technology. Animals have been exposed to, and have interacted with, technology for the best part of a century; for example, in conservation studies, behavioural experiments, comparative cognition studies, precision farming and various support roles. But how does technology affect animals in their individual and social lives? How does it enable or disable their natural or learned behaviours? How does it influence their experience? And how does its impact upon their welfare?

This year, the conference theme is *improving relations*. While we invite any ACI-related contributions from any relevant disciplines, we particularly welcome contributions that focus on the improvement of human-animal relations or relations between other animals. For further information, please visit: www.aci2017.org or see: **#aci2017conf**