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The fourth Minding Animals Conference in Ciudad de México is just days away. If you want further information or attend this momentous event, please follow the links at: mindinganimals.com

We will be taking a break over the next four months – we will be back soon with a new look Bulletin and website. See you in 2018!

Happy Holidays from everyone at Minding Animals International



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Announcement

The 4th Master's Degree in Animal Law and Society at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona starts in January. Please follow the following link supplied to apply.



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Partner Events

7 to 9 August, 2018: Turku, Finland

(Un)common worlds: Contesting the limits of human–animal communities

The Finnish Society for Human-Animal Studies (YKES) is proud to organise the first international Human-Animal Studies conference held in Finland. Keynote speakers are **Erica Fudge** (University of Strathclyde), **Jamie Lorimer** (University of Oxford) and **Helena Telkänranta** (University of Bristol and University of Helsinki).

Humans and other animals share spaces and create communities together. They touch each other in various symbolic and material ways, constantly crossing and redrawing communal, ethical and very practical boundaries. As of late, this multifarious renegotiation of human-animal relations has sparked intense debates both in the public arena and in academia.

How do we live together in complex places, spaces and societies, with intersecting and overlapping borders and traces of cultures, histories and politics? Furthermore, the discussions bring forth the question of how to work against the premises of exclusive human agency and interest in order to explore and imagine multispecies futures. However, the various conceptualisations of inclusive, common worlds entail a risk of disregarding or devaluing that which is not shared: the aspects of multispecies lives that cannot be or become common but that nevertheless matter for shared existences. There is also the issue of becoming “common” – of territorialisations and inclusions of some beings to the exclusion of others. What will remain the “uncommon” (i.e. unconventional) in common worlds? Moreover, are common worlds envisaged as free of political struggles and borders? What are the politics of becoming common and remaining uncommon?

We invite you to discuss and develop ideas about human animal worlds both common and uncommon. We invite presentations to this interdisciplinary conference from various fields, including but not limited to social sciences, law, arts and humanities, and natural and environmental sciences. We also invite artists to present their work. Please contact the organizers to discuss your ideas.

Deadline for abstracts: February 28, 2018.

Submission guidelines:

Please send your abstract (max. 250 words) by email to uncommonworlds2018@gmail.com no later than February 28, 2018. Please include in your submission the title of your presentation, your name, affiliation, and contact information. We will notify you of acceptance on March 2017.

Conference costs and registration:

Registration for the conference will open in March 2018. Early bird registration fees (until 31 May 2018) are 110 Euros for members of the society, 130 Euros for non-members, and 90 Euros for students. Late bird registration fees (until 31 July 2018) are 130 Euros for members of the society, 150 Euros for non-members, and 110 Euros for students. The conference fee includes refreshments during the conference. Conference dinner is subject to an additional fee.

Place and venue

Turku is a lively academic city on the southwest coast of Finland. Originally settled during the 13th century, Turku is Finland’s oldest city. With the envioning Turku Archipelago, Turku has many natural attractions. The conference will take place at the University of Turku, which is located near the centre of the city, within walking distance of major attractions. The Finnish Society for Human-Animal Studies can be contacted at: <https://elaintutkimus.wordpress.com/>.

Conference website: <https://uncommonworlds.wordpress.com>