



Minding Animals
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Conference Newsletter

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Minding Animals Conference Newsletter.

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Minding Animals Goes Global

Inside this edition: Pre-conference Lectures in New York, London and Geneva

The Minding Animals Conference Registration and Call for Papers/ Abstracts opened on 4 July. All potential delegates are encouraged to visit the website to view what the conference has to offer.

We have also designed an interesting social programme for your enjoyment, including two conference dinners, wine tastings, art exhibitions and whale watching.



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Pre-conference Lecture - New York: 14 November

The next and third series of pre-conference lectures will be held in New York, USA, on 14 November, 2008, between 12 Noon and 6pm.

Speakers will include Professors Peter Singer, Cynthia Chris, David Rothenberg, Ralph Acompora, Lori Gruen and Una Chaudhuri.

Also in attendance will be the Minding Animals Conference Co-convenor, Dr Rod Bennison, who will talk about the conference, and Ms Penny Finnigan from the Newcastle Region Art Gallery, who will talk about what is

planned for the Minding Animals Arts Festival for Newcastle next July.

The lectures will be hosted by the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

Venue: Hunter College, 695 Park Ave - Faculty Dining Room, 8th Floor of Hunter West (southwest corner of the intersection of 68th and Lexington Avenue).

Cost: \$US20 (Hunter students free) to be collected at the door. However, to allow for catering and facility management, you MUST register for the lecture series. To register, please send a short email with your name, organisation, telephone, cell/mobile and all email address contacts to the Minding Animals Secretariat by 7 November to: mindinganimals@pco.com.au

"Take not away the life you cannot give; For all things have an equal right to live".

Publius Ovidius Naso

Pre-conference Lecture - London: 5 December

The fourth series of pre-conference lectures will be held in London, on 5 December, 2008, between 12 Noon and 6pm.

Speakers will include Professor Richard D. Ryder (who will speak on *Globalisation - Where Next for Animals?*), as well as Kim Stallwood, Professor Donald Broom, Dr Hilda Kean, Dr Andrea Gavinelli, Dr Erica Fudge,

Dr Lucile Desblache and Professor Robert Garner (who will speak on *A Theory of Justice for Animals: Prospects and Possibilities*).

The lectures will be hosted by the Menzies Centre of Australian Studies of King's College at Waterloo. Venue: Room 1.11 Franklin Wilkins Building, Waterloo Campus, Stamford Street, King's College, London.

Cost: £UK20.00 to be collected at the door. However, to allow for catering and facility management, you MUST register for the lecture series by 28 November by sending a short email with your name, organisation, telephone, cell/mobile and email address to the Minding Animals Secretariat: mindinganimals@pco.com.au

Pre-conference Lecture - Geneva: 18 December

The fifth series of pre-conference lectures will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 18 December, 2008, between 12 Noon and 5pm.

Speakers will be André Micoud, Anne Simon, Jacqueline Millet, Juliet Fall, Claudine Burton-Jeangros, Annik Dubied and David Gerber. The theme for this lecture series will be the Human Animal Frontier.

The event will be hosted by the Département de Sociologie, Université de Genève.

The lectures will be held in Rooms MRO40 and M1170, Université de Genève, Uni Mail, Boulevard du Pont d'Arve 40, 1211 Genève.

The lectures will be conducted in both French and English.

There will be no entrance fee, however, to allow for catering and facility management, you MUST register for the lecture series. To register, please send a short email with your name, organisation, telephone, cell/mobile and email address contact to the Minding Animals Secretariat by 12 December to: mindinganimals@pco.com.au

Panel Sessions Announced

Panel sessions will be conducted with three panelists over an hour period, with at least a dedicated 15 minutes allocated for questions and discussion on the specific topic for consideration. A number of panel committees have since been established and include:

- Animals and Climate Change
- Extinction and Imagination
- The Sociological Humanities Science Divides
- Veterinary Science
- Wildlife Veterinary Science
- Zoos and Zoo Culture
- Wildlife and the City
- Animals and Education
- Animals and Religion
- Animals and the Political Process
- Profound Species Encounters
- Animals throughout History
- Animals in 19th Century Europe
- Animals and Music and Zoomusicology
- Animals and Art
- Animals in Film
- Animals and Performance
- Animals in the Media and the Internet
- Global Media Space
- Animals and the Law
- National Animal Welfare Strategies
- Ethology and Philosophy
- Animals and Philosophy
- Critical Theory and Animal Liberation
- Women and Animals
- Rights or Welfare
- Elephants
- Primates
- Marine Mammals
- Animals in Literature

If you would like to convene or be part of a panel, please email the Conference Secretariat at: mindinganimals@pco.com.au or the Conference Co-convenor at: rod.bennison@newcastle.edu.au

Women and Animals Panels

Women and Animals panels are being convened by Dr Lynda Birke and Dr Lori Gruen. Participants at this stage include Carol Adams, Lynda Birke, Lori Gruen, Marti Kheel and Kari Weil.

If you are interested in participating in the panels on Women and Animals, please send expressions of interest and or a proposed paper title and 250-word abstract to the panel convenors by 15 January, 2009, at:

lb.thepublisher@care4free.net or

lgruen@wesleyan.edu

Literature Panels

If you are interested in participating in the panels on Literature, please send expressions of interest and or a proposed paper title and 250-word abstract to the panel convenor, Dr Jennifer McDonnell by 15 January, 2009, at:

jmcdonel@une.edu.au

Topics being considered include: French literature, Spanish literature, American literature, Australian literature, Children's literature, Renaissance and Early Modern European literature, Antarctica, 19th Century/Victorian literature, Classical and Medieval literature, Coetzee, Kafka, and Primates.

Zoo Panels

Panels on Zoos and Zoo Culture are being convened by Professor Jamie Scott. Possible panels will include:

- Zoos and species preservation
- Zoos and heritage
- Zoos and conservation
- Zoo design and architecture
- Zoos and ecology
- Zoos and education
- Zoos and empire
- Zoos and animal rights
- Zoos and children's literature
- Zoos and film
- Zoos and science
- Zoos and the public realm
- Zoos and fiction
- Zoos and traditional knowledge

Suggestions for further topics are welcome. If you are interested in participating in these panels, please send expressions of interest and or a proposed paper title and 250-word abstract to the panel convenor by 15 January, 2009, at: Jamie.Scott@newcastle.edu.au

Please note, if you become a member of a panel, you will still need to lodge your abstract separately on the conference website by 30 January, 2009.

"To say one species has a right to exploit the others is to be guilty of the prejudice of speciesism".

Richard D. Ryder

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The conference will bring together animal theorists and scientists from a broad range of academic disciplines, with government officials from several nations, representatives from non government organisations, and representatives from industry, to examine the interrelationships between human and nonhuman animals from cultural, historical, geographical, environmental, representational, moral, legal and political perspectives.

Register and Lodge Your Abstract Now at:
www.mindinganimals.com

