



Mainstreaming Animal Protection

World Conference, Helsingør, 30 Sept - 1 Oct 2019

Program

Monday 30 September

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| 09.00 - 09.30 | Arrival, coffee and networking |
| 09.30 - 09.45 | Welcoming and introduction - Sacha Lucassen, Lawyer, Chairman Center for Animal Defence |
| 09.45 - 10.00 | Purpose of the conference - Rachel Santini, Culture Sociologist, Director at the Danish Institute for Public Health |
| | Session I |
| 10.00 - 10.30 | Animal protection and education: challenges and opportunities
Maria Helena Saari, PhD candidate, Faculty of Education, University of Oulu, Finland |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Animal welfare: proactive police investigation
Niels Arberg, Head of Unit, National Police on Animal Protection, Denmark |
| 11.00 - 11.15 | Coffee break |
| 11.15 - 11.45 | The Animal & Law Chair's way out of the conundrum: animal dignity
Prof. Frederik Swennen, Dean of Faculty of Law, Endowed Chair Animal & Law, University of Antwerp, Belgium, and
Eva Bernet Kempers, PhD candidate, Faculty of Law, Animal & Law Chair, University of Antwerp, Belgium |
| 11.45 - 12.30 | Putting animals into politics
Kim Stallwood, independent author, scholar and advisor on animal rights, United Kingdom |
| 12.30 - 13.30 | Lunch, Marienlyst Strandhotel |
| | Session II |
| 13.30 - 14.00 | Using mainstream media for animals
Karen Dawn, Author, Founder of Dawnwatch, United States |
| 14.00 - 14.30 | Industrial livestock production: a loss to animals, humans and planet earth
Lone Vitus, Author, Organic farmer, Denmark |
| 14.30 - 14.45 | Coffee break |

Monday 30 September

- 14.45 - 15.15** **The Nonhuman Rights Project's struggle to obtain legal rights for nonhuman animals**
Steven M. Wise, President Nonhuman Rights Project, United States
- 15.15 - 16.00** **How our destinies with animals are shared: a neurologist describes empathy for animals and how it is vital to our well-being**
Aysha Akhtar, M.D., M.P.H., Double Board-Certified in Neurology & Preventive Medicine, Public Health Specialist, United States
- 16.00 - 16.30** **Third wave animal law education: ushering in the next generation of advocates**
J.D. Pamela D. Frasch, Associate Dean of the Animal Law Program, Lewis & Clark Law School, Founder of the Center for Animal Law Studies, United States
- 16.30 - 16.40** Closing remarks day 1
- 18.00 - 20.00** Dinner, Marienlyst Strandhotel
- 20.00 - 21.00** Evening entertainment (conference room)

Tuesday 1 October

- 09.00 - 09.30** Arrival and coffee
- 09.30 - 09.45** Introduction to the working groups
- 09.45 - 12.00** **Working groups:**
- Animal welfare & animal rights as 2 different philosophies: co-existence or collaboration?
Facilitator: Birgitta Wahlberg / Rapporteur: Aléssia Bacigalupo
 - Teaching, education & activism: how do we create a compassionate world?
Facilitator: Pamela Hart / Rapporteur: Tove Rastad
 - Legislation & enforcement of animal protection: best practices (e.g. animal police) & lessons learned?
Facilitators: Sabine Lennkh & Pamela Frasch / Rapporteur: Tarah Daly
 - Animals & science: where/why are the gaps in our knowledge?
Facilitator: Mette S. Herskin / Rapporteur: Marie Espensen
 - Animals as cause and victim of climate change: how to break the cycle?
Facilitator: Jon Burgwald / Rapporteur: Thomas Eriksen
- 12.00 - 13.00** Lunch, Marienlyst Strandhotel
- 13.00 - 14.30** **Presentation and discussion on working groups**
- 14.30 - 14.45** Coffee break
- 14.45 - 15.45** **Presentation and discussion on working groups**
- 15.45 - 16.15** Closing remarks of the conference



Conference speakers



Maria Helena Saari

Presentation title: Animal protection and education: challenges and opportunities

Maria is a PhD Candidate at the University Of Oulu's Faculty of Education and member of the Multispecies Childhoods (AniMate) research group.

Her research critically examines the social construction of human-animal relations in educational contexts, the shortcomings of dominant anthropocentric education and the transformative possibilities offered by alternative frameworks, such as ecojustice education and humane education. Through policy and curriculum analysis, she examines how educational institutions are embedded in the animal industrial complex, which requires cooperation across disciplinary boundaries (including animal law) to transform education and schooling.



Niels Arberg

Presentation title: Animal welfare: proactive police investigation

Niels Arberg is Head of Unit at the Danish National Police on Animal Protection. He is also representing Danish police in the reference group for the Center for Animal Welfare and in the National Committee for Farm Animals.

He develops strategies regarding animal protection and illegal trade with protected species.

Niels trains and supports police inspectors performing the checks both of animals during transport and farm animals or pets if there is suspicion of violation of the animal protection act. He also trains and supports the prosecutors leading the cases in court.



Frederik Swennen

Presentation title: The Animal & Law Chair's way out of the conundrum: animal dignity

Frederik Swennen is a tenured full professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Antwerp, where he holds the Chair in the law of persons, family law, and kinship studies and the Endowed Chair Animal & Law. He is the Dean of the Faculty of Law since 2018 and is a member of the University's governing bodies.

His research is theoretically informed and empirically grounded, and focuses on the boundaries of personhood, family and kinship.



Eva Bernet Kempers

Presentation title: The Animal & Law Chair's way out of the conundrum: animal dignity

Eva Bernet Kempers completed her BA, MA and LLM (cum laude) at Utrecht University, the Netherlands, in the fields of anthropology, green criminology, and environmental law.

In January 2019, she started her PhD at the Faculty of Law of the University of Antwerp, Animal & Law Chair. Her research focuses on the development of a legal principle of animal dignity.

Conference speakers



Kim Stallwood

Presentation title: Putting animals into politics

Kim Stallwood is an animal rights advocate and theorist, who is an author, independent scholar, consultant, and speaker.

He has more than 40 years of personal commitment as a vegan and professional experience in leadership positions with some of the world's foremost animal advocacy organisations. He co-founded the Animals and Society Institute and volunteered on the board of Minding Animals International.

Presently, he is a member of the board of the Culture and Animals Foundation. He became a vegetarian in 1974 after working in a chicken slaughterhouse. He has been a vegan since 1976.



Karen Dawn

Presentation title: Using mainstream media for animals

Karen Dawn runs DawnWatch, which is focused on encouraging mainstream media to cover animal issues so that people can make informed choices in line with their values.

She is the author of *Thanking the Monkey: Rethinking the way we Treat Animals* and has authored chapters on media in *Terrorists or Freedom Fighters: Reflections on the Liberation of Animals* and *In Defense of Animals: The Second Wave* (edited by Peter Singer).

Her opinion pieces have appeared in prominent global newspapers, and her annual turkey rescue has been covered by major US and international networks.



Lone Vitus

Presentation title: Industrial livestock production: a loss to animals, humans and planet earth

Lone has a background in teaching microbiology, statistics and food toxicology and has been a conventional farmer in the pig production. From this she gained valuable insights which led her on a journey to becoming an organic farmer, winemaker and author.

She is now a famous and award-winning debater in Denmark, using her knowledge to create better conditions for both farm animals and farmland.



Steven M. Wise

Presentation title: The Nonhuman Rights Project's struggle to obtain legal rights for nonhuman animals

Steven is the founder and president of the Nonhuman Rights Project. The NhRP is a civil rights organization working to attain legal rights for nonhuman animals.

Steven has practiced animal protection law for over 30 years throughout the U.S. and is also teaching animal rights law at many renowned law schools i.e. Harvard Law School and Lewis & Clark Law School. He has written four books, as well as numerous law review articles on aspects of animal rights jurisprudence.

Conference speakers



Aysha Akhtar

Presentation title: How our destinies with animals are shared: a neurologist describes empathy for animals and how it is vital to our well-being

Aysha Akhtar, M.D., M.P.H., is a double Board-certified neurologist and preventive medicine specialist and a public health specialist. She is on a mission to show that what's good for animals is also good for humans!

Dr. Akhtar is the author of the new book, "Our Symphony With Animals. On Health, Empathy and Our Shared Destinies." Combining medicine, social sciences, and stories, her book explores how deeply the well-being of humans and animals are entwined.

You can learn more at her website, www.ayshaakhtar.com.



J.D. Pamela D. Frasch

Presentation title: Third wave animal law education: ushering in the next generation of advocates

Pamela is Associate Dean of the Animal Law Program, Lewis & Clark Law School and Founder of the Center for Animal Law Studies (CALs). CALs is an academic animal law program with a focus on research, scholarship, and experiential education.

Previously, Pamela served as general counsel for the Animal Legal Defense Fund (ALDF), a national non-profit animal protection law organization that seeks to protect the lives and advance the interests of animals through the legal system. In 1996, she created the ALDF Criminal Justice Program which has since assisted law enforcement and animal advocates in investigating and prosecuting thousands of animal abuse and neglect cases across the United States.

Conference venue

Marienlyst Strandhotel

Ndr. Strandvej 2

3000 Helsingør

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All sessions will take place at the Kronborg Salen conference room.

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