

## The Eleventh Annual Oxford Animal Ethics Summer School

# Ethical Strategies for Animal Protection

3-6 August, 2026

Merton College, University of Oxford

### Programme

#### Monday 3 August

<p><b>3.00pm Onwards: Check in for Residential Delegates in the Junior Common Room</b></p>
<p><b>4.00-5.00pm: Registration in the Summer School Office</b></p>
<p><b>5.00-6.00pm: Reception in the T S Eliot Foyer</b> <b>Welcome by the Revd Professor Andrew Linzey and Dr Clair Linzey</b></p>
<p><b>6.00-8.00pm: Welcome Meal in the Dining Hall</b></p>
<p><b>8.00-9.00pm:</b> <b>Getting into the Animal Issue Panel and Short Film</b> <b>with Dr Clair Linzey and Members of the</b> <b>Oxford University Animal Ethics Society</b> <b>Followed by Q and As</b></p>
<p><b>9.00pm: Afterhours at the Summer School</b> <b>Social in the Junior Common Room</b></p>

## Tuesday 4 August

**7.45-8.45am: Breakfast in the Dining Hall (for Residential Delegates)**

**8.30-8.45am: Registration in the Summer School Office**

<b>T S Eliot Theatre</b>	
Chair: Professor Delcianna Winders	
8.45-9.30 Professor Lindsay Hamilton Chair of Animal Organization Studies School for Business and Society, University of York  Strategy 101: An Introduction to Strategy for Animal Academics and Advocates	
<b>T S Eliot Theatre</b>	<b>Mure Room</b>
Chair: Professor Delcianna Winders	Chair: Dr Maureen O'Sullivan
9.35-10.05 Dr Lindsay Marshall Principal, Science. Animal Research Issues Humane World for Animals  Animal Testing Without the Animals? The Role of Animal-Derived MPS in Regulatory Science	9.35-10.05 Emma Slawinski CEO, League Against Cruel Sports Edie Bowles Executive Director, Animal Law Foundation  Putting Animals Back Into The Animal Welfare Act
10.10-10.40 Professor Guo Peng Chair, Centre for Animal Protection Studies Shandong University, China  The Current Situation, Dilemmas and Countermeasures Regarding Animal Protection in China	10.10-10.40 Professor Carney Anne Nasser Professor, Political Science and Criminal Justice Dillard University  Consciousness-Based Advocacy: Reimagining Ethical Strategy through Neuroscience, Compassion Science, and Systems Thinking
<b>10.40-11.10am: Tea and Coffee in the Foyer</b>	
Chair: Kimberly Moore	Chair: Alice Di Concetto
11.10-11.40 Dr Margarita Carretero González Senior Lecturer in English Literature University of Granada, Spain  Sensing Otherwise: Poetic Strategies from Interspecies Ethical Encounters	11.10-11.40 Tytti Lindeberg Masters Candidate University of Helsinki, Finland  Intellectual Roots, Strategic Claims: The Finnish Citizens' Initiative for Animals' Fundamental Rights

<b>T S Eliot Theatre</b>	<b>Mure Room</b>
<p>11.45-12.15 Professor Veena Howard Professor and Chair, Department of Philosophy California State University, Fresno</p> <p>Hindu Animal Narratives and the Principle of Ahimsa: Can they Serve as Inspiration for Policies for Animal Care?</p>	<p>11.45-12.15 Dr Miriam Sampson Fellow Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics</p> <p>The Role of Women in Pursuing Ethical Strategies for Animal Protection in Nineteenth Century England</p>
<p>12.20-12.50 Amy Wilson Executive Director, Animal Law Reform South Africa Consultant, GW Aquatic Animal Law Project</p> <p>Cruelty, Inc.: Corporate Accountability as an Animal Protection Strategy</p>	<p>12.20-12.50 Grace Law Woodhouse LLB Candidate University of Edinburgh</p> <p>Reframing Sentience: An Evidence-Based Approach to Ethical Legal Reform in Scotland</p>
<b>12.50-1.50pm: Buffet Lunch in Rose Lane Garden</b>	
Chair: Dr Melissa Ann Kaul	Chair: Dr Daniela Rizzo
<p>1.50-2.20 Professor Delcianna Winders Associate Professor of Law Vermont Law and Graduate School</p> <p>The Rise of Animal Protection Agencies: Promise, Pitfalls, and Performance</p>	<p>1.50-2.20 Professor Chien-hui Li Professor, Department of History National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan</p> <p>Slaughter Reform in Late Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century England</p>
<p>2.25-2.55 Lynn Kavanagh Farming Campaign Manager World Animal Protection</p> <p>Examining the Effectiveness of Plant-Based Versus Vegan Advocacy in Elevating the Moral Status of Animals</p>	<p>2.25-2.55 Professor Nuria Martínez Sánchez Assistant Professor Universidad de Almería, Spain</p> <p>From Ethical Recognition to Legal Effectiveness: Challenges in Animal Protection</p>
<p>3.00-3.30 Melissa Tipping Masters Candidate in Archaeology University of Oxford</p> <p>Challenging Animal-Blind Archaeology</p>	<p>3.00-3.30 Taylor Waters Head of Program AVA International</p> <p>Time Bias and the Future Possible</p>
<b>3.30-4.00pm: Tea and Coffee in the Foyer</b>	

<b>T S Eliot Theatre</b>	<b>Mure Room</b>
Chair: Revd Dr Sarah Bowen	Chair: Dr A. W. H. Bates
4.00-4.30 Ana Muñoz Bello Independent Researcher Palencia, Spain  Lessons from Women Pioneers of the Animal Protection Movement	4.00-4.30 Dr Ohene Opoku Agyemang Visiting Scholar Jinan University, Guangzhou, China  Is Ghana a “No-Man’s Land” for Animals? A Critical Analysis of the Effects of Illegal Mining on Animal Rights
4.35-5.05 Kira Kiesler Doctoral Candidate University of California, Davis  Sanctuaries as a tool for Strategically Advancing Animal Protection	4.35-5.05 James Erselius Senior Staff Attorney Animal Legal Defense Fund  Animal Harm as Public Injury
5.10-5.40 Ilaria Cimadori Doctoral Candidate Yale School of the Environment  Farmed Animal Welfare in the Gene Editing Era: A Challenge for Regulations Across the Globe	5.10-5.40 Dr Anat Koplowitz-Breier Senior Lecturer, Comparative Literature Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel  “Truths are Written on the Skins of Our Fellow Creatures”: Poetic Witness as an Ethical Strategy Against Animal Exploitation
5.40-6.15 Dr Stacy M. Lopresti-Goodman Director of Animal Law Education and Scholarship Animal Legal Defense Fund  Dogs in Laboratories: Science, Policy, and Advocacy	5.40-6.15 Alexandra Morette Director Code Animal, France  Embedding Abolitionist Principles: A French Legislative Case Study
<b>6.20pm: Drinks Reception in the Rose Garden</b>	
<b>7.30pm: Dinner in the Dining Hall</b>	
<b>9.00pm: Afterhours at the Summer School</b>  <b>Social in the Junior Common Room</b>	

## Wednesday 5 August

### 8-9am: Breakfast in the Dining Hall (for Residential Delegates)

<b>T S Eliot Theatre</b>	<b>Mure Room</b>
Chair: Dr Philip Sampson	Chair: Robyn Hederman
<p>9.00-9.30 Tobias Leenaert Co-Founder Proveg International</p> <p>Making Compassion Easier: A Strategy for Achieving Vegan Critical Mass</p>	<p>9.00-9.30 Professor Idan Breier Professor, Jewish History and Contemporary Jewry Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel</p> <p>The Calf That Fled: A Talmudic Story and Its Implications for Animal Welfare</p>
<p>9.35-10.05 Dr A. W. H. Bates Director Convit House Pathology</p> <p>Moral Evolution in the Nineteenth Century and Beyond: Is All Ethics Animal Ethics?</p>	<p>9.35-10.05 Florian Breitsameter Research Assistant University of Augsburg, Germany</p> <p>Animal Constitutionalism and Constitutional Theory: What Other Nations Can Learn from Germany's Integration of Animal Welfare into the Basic Law</p>
<p>10.10-10.40 Ana Luísa Azevedo Lopes Masters Candidate University Of Minho, Portugal</p> <p>The Ethical Paradox in the EU Cosmetics Market: The Ban on Animal Testing and Regulatory Inconsistencies in the Internal Market</p>	<p>10.10-10.40 Ruthana Slob Doctoral Candidate, Applied Theatre University of Victoria, Canada</p> <p>Ethical and Embodied Inquiry into the Moral Status of Animals within the Realm of Applied Theatre</p>
<p><b>10.40-11.10am: Tea and Coffee in the Foyer</b></p>	
Chair: Professor Veena Howard	Chair: Dr Jacob Brandler
<p>11.10-11.40 Susan Boggio Honorary Fellow, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics Founder, Happy Faces Pet Ranch, Texas</p> <p>Strategies to Address Homeless Dogs: A Houston Case Study</p>	<p>11.10-11.40 David Thomas Legal Consultant Cruelty Free International</p> <p>Information: An Indispensable Tool for Change and How to Get It</p>

<b>T S Eliot Theatre</b>	<b>Mure Room</b>
<p>11.45-12.15            Dr Zipporah Weisberg            Adjunct Professor, Classics and Religious Studies            University of Ottawa, Canada            Dr Carlo Salzani            Research Fellow, Philosophy            University of Innsbruck, Austria</p> <p>Blessed Beasts: Sanctuaries, Strategy, and the Sacred</p>	<p>11.45-12.15            Gabriela Kubíková            Legislative Advocacy Manager            The European Institute for Animal Law and Policy</p> <p>Leveraging Environmental Law for Animal Protection: The EU as a Case Study</p>
<p>12.20-12.50            Christina Warner            Barrister            Founder, Ruby's Law</p> <p>Ruby's Law: Advancing Ethical Strategies for Animal Protection in Domestic Abuse Cases</p>	<p>12.20-12.50            Dr Dan Misheiker            Head of the Teaching Department            Levinsky-Wingate Academic College, Israel</p> <p>From Page to Planet: Animals, Nature, and Ecopedagogical Transformation in Jewish Literature</p>
<p><b>12.50-1.50pm: Buffet Lunch in Rose Lane Garden</b></p>	
<p>Chair: David Rosengard</p>	<p>Chair: Dr Miriam Sampson</p>
<p>1.50-2.20            Michelle Thew            Chief Executive Officer            Cruelty Free International</p> <p>Moving the Corporate Dial: Challenges, Opportunities and Strategies</p>	<p>1.50-2.20            Dr Tal Kogman            Lecturer, School of Cultural Studies            Tel Aviv University, Israel</p> <p>Power and Limits of Ethical Educational Discourse: Animal Representations in Jewish Children's Texts in Early Twentieth-Century Eastern Europe</p>
<p>2.25-2.55            Professor Hira Jaleel            Visiting Assistant Professor            Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland</p> <p>Combating Bluewashing: Legal Strategies to Challenge Misleading Sustainability and Animal Welfare Claims in Aquaculture</p>	<p>2.25-2.55</p>
<p>3.00-3.30            Dr Melissa Ann Kaul            Visiting Researcher in Philosophy            University of Edinburgh</p> <p>Animal Protection in Japan: Lost Between Cultural Uniqueness Narratives and Neocolonialist Paternalism</p>	<p>3.00-3.30            Dr Kuhu Roy            Director            Bridging Rainbows Foundation</p> <p>PAWS-3: A One Health Ethical Strategy for Free Roaming Dogs in India</p>

<b>3.30-4.00pm: Tea and Coffee in the Foyer</b>	
<b>T S Eliot Theatre</b>	<b>Mure Room</b>
Chair: Amy Wilson	Chair: Professor Nellie El Enany
<p>4.00-4.30  Professor Aude-Solveig Epstein  Provost, Sorbonne Abu Dhabi  Alice Di Concetto  Chief Legal Advisor  The European Institute for Animal Law and Policy</p> <p>From the Margins to the Mainstream: Integrating  Animal Ethics into Economic Law</p>	<p>4.00-4.30  Ondine Sherman  Doctoral Candidate  University of Sydney</p> <p>Becoming an Animal Person: Animals as Agents in  our Transformation</p>
<p>4.35-5.05  Professor Kathy Hessler  Assistant Dean, Animal Law  The George Washington Law School</p> <p>Developing Focused Strategic Approaches: Starting  with Octopus Farming</p>	<p>4.35-5.05  Loza Taye  Research Associate  Johns Hopkins University</p> <p>Risk Shifting into Scientific Compromise</p>
<b>5.45pm: Summer School Official Photograph in the Fellows Garden</b>	
<b>6.00pm: Champagne Reception in the Fellows Garden</b>	
<p><b>7.00pm: Gala Dinner</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Dr Clair Linzey</b>  <b>Michelle Thew</b></p>	
<p><b>9.30pm: Afterhours at the Summer School</b></p> <p><b>Social in the Junior Common Room</b></p>	

## Thursday 6 August

### 7.30-9am: Breakfast in the Dining Hall (for Residential Guests)

<b>T S Eliot Theatre</b>	<b>Mure Room</b>
Chair: Dr Malcolm Hay	Chair: Professor Kathy Hessler
9.00-9.30 Emma Slawinski CEO League Against Cruel Sports  Loopholes and Liabilities: The Flaws of the Hunting Act	9.00-9.30 Revd Dr Sarah Bowen Executive Director, Compassion Consortium Patricia Denys Co-founder, Animal Culture Magazine  Visual Mourning as an Ethical Strategy for Animal Protection
9.35-10.05 Dr Philip Sampson Fellow Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics  Languages of Animal Ethics	9.35-10.05 Professor Nellie El Enany Associate Professor, School of Business The American University in Cairo, Egypt  Moral Imagination and Networked Care for Protecting Free-Roaming Dogs in Egypt
10.10-10.40 Henrike Herdramm Doctoral Candidate in Animal Theology TU Dortmund, Germany  Animal Theology as a Transformative Strategy	10.10-10.40 Hannah Mercer JD Candidate The George Washington University Law School  Protecting the Sacred Animal: Developing Partnerships Between Religious Communities and Animal Advocates to Advance Animal Welfare
<b>10.40-11.10am: Tea and Coffee in the Foyer</b>	
Chair: Professor Hira Jaleel	Chair: Dr Margarita Carretero González
11.10-11.40 Kimberly Moore Fellow Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics  California Proposition 12: A Case Study for Using Voter Referendums to Effectuate Change for Animals	11.10-11.40 Natalia Doran Director Urban Squirrels  The Conception of Death in Policy Making

<b>T S Eliot Theatre</b>	<b>Mure Room</b>
<p>11.45-12.15 Katherine Hermans Co-Founder Global Changemakers</p> <p>Animals at the Table: Representing the Voiceless in International Decision-Making</p>	<p>11.45-12.15 Alyssa Crowell Senior Staff Attorney Animal Legal Defense Fund</p> <p>Teaching Moral Status as a Catalyst for Animal Protection</p>
<p>12.20-12.50 Emily B. Knickerbocker Senate Legislative Fellow Office of New York State Senator Samra G. Brouk</p> <p>Safe Haven for All: A Policy Proposal for Pet-Inclusive Domestic Violence Shelters in NYC</p>	<p>12.20-12.50 Jessie McConnell-Hellier Policy Officer Replacing Animal Research</p> <p>From Paper to Practice: Implications of the UK Government's "Replacing Animals in Science" Strategy on Current and Future Legislation</p>
<p><b>12.50-1.50pm: Buffet Lunch in Rose Lane Garden</b></p>	
<p>Chair: Taylor Waters</p>	<p>Chair: Professor Hira Jaleel</p>
<p>1.50-2.20 Professor Samantha Hurn Programme Director, MA and PhD Anthrozoology University of Exeter</p> <p>From Commodified Objects to Moral Subjects: Exploring the Unexpected Potential of Shame, Grief and Mourning to Catalyse Positive Change for Animals</p>	<p>1.50-2.20 Charlotte Edgar Solicitor Edinburgh</p> <p>Animal Welfare in Disease Outbreaks: An Ethical Analysis of Global Killing Practices</p>
<p>2.25-2.55 Robyn Hederman Associate Court Attorney Brooklyn Supreme Court, New York State</p> <p>"Inclusive Justice" and the Complementarity of Humane Reform in Nineteenth-Century America</p>	<p>2.25-2.55 Teresa Habib Meriggi MPhil Candidate in Modern Chinese Studies Merton College, Oxford</p> <p>Changing Meanings of 吃素 (Chisu, to Eat Vegetarian): Lessons from the Past for a Vegetarian Chinese Future</p>
<p>3.00-3.30 Courtney Fern Director of Government Relations Nonhuman Rights Project</p> <p>Rights as Strategy: Advancing Legal Protection for Nonhuman Animals</p>	<p>3.00-3.30 Sidney Blankenship Associate Fellow Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics</p> <p>The Divine Voice in Nature</p>

<p>3.35-4.05 Dr Linda Johnson Curator, Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Hadas Marcus Instructor, Division of Languages, Tel Aviv University</p> <p>Is Flow Too Slow? ... No</p>	<p>3.35-4.05 Hana Nabulsi Alumna The George Washington Law School</p> <p>Ethical Implications of Animal Welfare in the Context of Global Conflict</p>
<p><b>4.05-4.35pm: Tea and Coffee in the Foyer</b></p>	
<p><b>T S Eliot Theatre</b></p>	<p><b>Mure Room</b></p>
<p>Chair: Dr Mirjam von Bechtolsheim</p>	<p>Chair: Dr Linda Johnson</p>
<p>4.35-5.05 Dr Malgosia Mosielski Masters Candidate University of Ottawa</p> <p>Rethinking Veterinary Training: Two Strategies for Ethical Progress</p>	<p>4.35-5.05 Professor Letícia Albuquerque Professor, Law Faculty Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil</p> <p>The Conceptual (Philosophical) Abyss Between Humans and Animals as a Challenge to Strategies for Animal Protection: The Example of Brazil</p>
<p>5.10-5.40 Katherine Lo Masters Candidate in Theological Studies Fuller Theological Seminary</p> <p>Practical Theological Reform as a Structural Lever for Global Animal Protection</p>	<p>5.10-5.40 Dr Meganne Natali Visiting Fellow University of Portsmouth</p> <p>From Moral Recognition to Regulatory Delay: Why Ethical Commitments Fail to Deliver Animal Protection</p>
<p>5.45-6.15 David Rosengard Managing Attorney Animal Legal Defense Fund</p> <p>Linking Enhanced Animal Protection with "Companion" Status: Case Study and Discussion</p>	<p>5.45-6.15 Julia Dyrdycka-Borowa Alumna University of Warsaw, Poland</p> <p>Redefining Violence as a Strategy for Animal Protection</p>
<p>6.20-6.50 Dr Daniela Rizzo Lecturer in Systematic Theology Alphacrucis University College, Australia</p> <p>Toward a Theological Ethic of Creaturely Listening: Animal Theology in an Age of AI</p>	<p>6.20-6.50 Dr Maureen O'Sullivan Lecturer in Law University of Galway</p> <p>Animal Law Education as a Strategy for Increased Ethical Sensitivity to Animals</p>

6.50 Closing Remarks by Professor Andrew Linzey	6.50 Closing Remarks by Dr Clair Linzey
<b>6.55pm: Summer School Ends</b>	