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Activities

January 2023

Critical Animal Studies - Animals in Society, Culture and the Media course, 7.5 credits, held from January to April in the Media and Communication Department at Lund University. The team of teachers was composed this year by María R. Carreras, Marie Leth-Spenssen, Tobias Linné, Gina Song, and Naja Yndal-Olsen.

March 2023

March 31st: Tobias Linné is doctoral examiner for Cressida Wilsons PhD thesis *"Kind to All Kinds, Respect All Beings:" An Exploration of the Gendered Experiences of Women Animal Advocates in Aotearoa New Zealand* at The New Zealand Center for Human-Animal Studies, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, Aotearoa New Zealand.

June 2023

June 9th: Marie Leth-Espensen successfully defends her PhD-thesis entitled "Animals and the Politics of Suffering: Essays on Law, Care and Interspecies Relations" at the Department of Sociology of Law at Lund University.

June 16th: María R. Carreras presents "A fable on Strategic Communication and Critical Animal Studies. The Milkmaid and their tale" at the 8th EACAS Conference, held online and in Tallinn.

June 23rd: María R. Carreras presents "Interest groups, discourse, and food orientations. The case of the European Dairy Industry" at the PHAIR Society Animal Advocacy Conference. Insights from the Social Sciences. University of Kent (Canterbury, UK).

July 2023

July 27th. María R. Carreras presents "Análisis del discurso de los grupos de presión de la industria láctea europea" at DiscourseNet Congress #5. Discourses and their impacts on a world of multiple crisis. (Valencia University, Spain).

September 2023

September 29th: María R. Carreras presents "Perceptions of Strategic Communication in Higher Education Programmes" at the Strategic Communication Conference. University of Johannesburg. Abstract included in the Best Selection List. (Johannesburg, South Africa)

October 2023

October 5th: Tobias Linné presents *"Milk Countries". Banal Nationalism in Nordic Milk Promotion* at the conference Un(common) Worlds III. Navigating and Inhabiting Biodiverse Anthropocenes organised by *The Finnish Society for Human-Animal Studies*, University of Oulu.

October 6th: Marie Leth-Espensen presents "Curating Suffering. State-animal relations and the Monitoring of Care on Danish Farms," at the conference Un(common) Worlds III. Navigating and Inhabiting Biodiverse Anthropocenes organised by *The Finnish Society for Human-Animal Studies*, University of Oulu.

October 8th: María R. Carreras presents "Teaching intersectionality in communication: A CAS perspective" at the International Association Vegan Sociologists Conference, Vegan Intersectionality.

October 11th: Naja Yndal-Olsen presents "Rebelling for Earth Others: The Danish Animal Rights Movement and the Politics of Species" at her PhD half-way seminar, Department of Sociology, Lund University.

October 17th: Marie Leth-Espensen presents at the Zoopolitics Graduate Conference, University of Lüneburg.

October 25th: María R. Carreras participates with a poster at the Advisory Board Meeting and Poster Session, Strategic Communication Department, Lund University.

November 2023

November 4th: Marie Leth-Espensen presents on veterinary care at the Anthrozoology Symposium 2023.

November 20th: Tobias Linné holds a guest lecture *Of rats and Humans* at the human-animal studies PhD/Master course *Animals in Society*, Mälardalen University

Press articles

Tobias Linné "Rats are more human than you think – and they certainly like being around us" *The Conversation* December 4, 2023
https://theconversation.com/rats-are-more-human-than-you-think-and-they-certainly-like-being-around-us-216846

Media appearances

March: 23rd: Tobias Linné interview in the newspaper *Syre* about the history of animal rights activism: https://tidningensyre.se/2023/26-mars-2023/for-djuren-genom-tiderna/

April 21st: Tobias Linné interviewed on Swedish national radio about horse meat as food.

https://sverigesradio.se/avsnitt/matupproren-hastkott-matfusket-som-gav-oss-ordet-hastlasagne

May 30th: Tobias Linné interviewed on Swedish national radio about communication with animals. https://sverigesradio.se/avsnitt/tala-med-djur

June 17: Tobias Linné interviewed on Swedish national radio show *Bildningsbyrån* about Donald Watson, the man who coined the term ”vegan”

https://sverigesradio.se/avsnitt/bildningsbyran-tanka-mot-strommen-donald-watson-varldens-forsta-vegan

August 21st: Gina Song Lopez talked about her research project on Taiwan and China with the podcast ‘Our Henhouse’.

September 11th: The Danish animal rights organization, Anima, brings an interview with Naja Yndal-Olsen about rescue parrots and micro sanctuary making in its quarterly membership magazine.

María R. Carreras published 9 episodes of her podcast series in Spanish: “ECA Podcast”, interviewing 9 Critical Animal Studies scholars/activists.

María R. Carreras’ podcast, ECA Podcast, joins the iROAR network. https://iroarpod.com/

Scientific publications

November 17th: Marie Leth-Espensen publishes a book chapter “Care in a Time of Anthropogenic Problems: Experiences from Sanctuary-Making in Rural Denmark” in *Feminist Animal and Multispecies Studies: Critical Perspectives on Food and Eating*, edited by Aavik, K., Irni. K & M-M. Joki. Open Access: https://brill.com/display/book/9789004679375/BP000012.xml

Modules taught on nonhuman animals

October 2023: Tobias Linné holds lecture and seminar at the human-animal studies PhD/Master course *Animals in Society*, Mälardalen University.

New networks and memberships

March 15th: Gina Song Lopez joined the ‘Public Hearing on the Promotion of Sustainable Healthy Eating and Carbon Reduction Benefits’ in Taiwan as an observer with local animal advocacy groups.

June 15th: Gina Song Lopez joined as an Advisory Board member to Animal Alliance Asia (AAA), an NGO focused on trans-Asian animal advocacy and solidarity.

September 1st: Naja Yndal-Olsen becomes a member of the newly established research environment on environmental sociology, Department of Sociology, Lund University.

Organizing collective

- Jana Canavan
- María R. Carreras
- Marie Leth-Espensen
- Lena Lindström
- Tobias Linné
- Gina Song Lopez (Chih-Lan Song)
- Naja Yndal-Olsen

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