



CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS LAW

Launch Event

Date: 26 April 2019

Location: Room LG19, Faculty of Law, 10 West Rd, Cambridge CB3 9DZ

Mission of the Centre

The welfare of animals has been on moral, social, and legal agenda since the 19th century, and many countries have made significant progress in passing animal welfare legislation. The concept of animal rights as such has also existed for many years but has received less attention for a variety of reasons, including its fundamental challenge to the view of animals as property. As a result, there is relatively little solid legal work on the understanding and promotion of animal rights—what they might look like, and how to deal with the social and economic consequences.

We propose the launch of the Cambridge Centre for Animal Rights Law—the UK’s first academic institute dedicated to rigorous research, teaching, and policy-work on the fundamental legal rights of nonhuman animals. As academics at Cambridge, we are uniquely well positioned to start exploring and defining principles, developing norms, understanding consequences, and drafting national legislation and international treaties. Our Centre will be able to attract highly competent academics, lawyers, and legal philosophers as lecturers, researchers, and visiting scholars. The Centre’s output will be cutting-edge research in top journals, conferences that attract influential scholars and thought-leaders, and concrete policy proposals that get the attention of policy-makers and legislators in the UK, Europe, and worldwide.

For more information, visit our website: www.animalrightslaw.org



Programme of the Launch Event

Theme: Animal Rights Law: Present and Future

This event is free and open to the public. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/2UKLxJE>.

2.15 – 2.40 pm

Introduction and Presentation of the Centre
Dr Sean Butler, Mr Raffael Fasel (University of Cambridge)

2.40 – 3.00 pm

Dr Gieri Bolliger
(Tier im Recht; University of Zurich)

3.00 – 3.20 pm

Dr Saskia Stucki
(MPIL Heidelberg; Harvard Law School)

3.20 – 3.40 pm

Dr Alasdair Cochrane
(University of Sheffield)

3.40 – 4.30 pm

Coffee break

4.30 – 4.50 pm

Professor Jeffrey Sebo
(New York University)

4.50 – 5.10 pm

Mr Steven Wise
(Nonhuman Rights Project)

5.10 – 6.20 pm

Panel discussion

Speakers' dinner at St Edmund's College (dinner ticket holders only)

