

The European
Animal Rights Law
Conference

2023

“Animal Rights in Litigation”

Clare College, Cambridge, UK

August 12 - 13, 2023

Welcome

The Cambridge Centre for Animal Rights Law is delighted to welcome you to the fourth annual European Animal Rights Law Conference 2023.

The Conference is part of our Centre's mission to promote research that explores and develops the key themes in animal rights law, and to make that research accessible to a broader audience.

This year's Conference is on the theme 'Animal Rights in Litigation' and features leading judges from around the world. The keynote address will be delivered by Professor Maneesha Deckha (University of Victoria) on 'Animalization and Dehumanization Concerns: Another Psychological Barrier to Animal Law Reform'.

This Conference has been sponsored by the Brooks Institute for animal rights law & policy

The Conference will take place at Clare College (Memorial Court) in the Riley Auditorium. The Conference will be recorded, but not live-streamed. Recordings will be made available on our website after the Conference.

In this brochure, you can find practical information concerning the programme, speakers, and things to do in Cambridge.

We are happy to answer any questions regarding the Conference. Please contact us at eva@animalrightslaw.org or speak to us at the Conference.

We wish you a wonderful time.

Sean, Raffael & Eva (Cambridge Centre for Animal Rights Law)



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Important places



Event venue and accommodation (1)

Memorial Court, Clare College, Queen's Road, Cambridge CB3 9AJ

- The Conference takes place in the Riley Auditorium

Formal dinner (2)

Great Hall, Clare College, Trinity Lane, Cambridge CB2 1TL

PhD-Workshop (3)

SCR, St Edmund's College, Mount Pleasant, Cambridge CB3 0BN

Cambridge train station (4)

Public transport to and from Cambridge

Programme

Saturday August 12, 2023

Introduction

- 08.30 - 09.00 Coffee & Registration (Garden Room)
- 09:00 - 09:20 Welcome with Raffael Fasel & Sean Butler (Cambridge Centre for Animal Rights Law)
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Panel 1. Legal Representation of Animals

- 09.20 - 09.40 Søren Stig Andersen (University of Copenhagen)
Legal Representation of Animals: An Aarhus Convention for Animals?
- 09.40 - 10.00 Angela Fernandez (University of Toronto)
Speaking for Animals
- 10.00 - 10.20 Discussion & Questions

10.20 - 11.00 Coffee Break

Panel 2. Animal Rights in Action

- 11.00 - 11.20 Kathy Hessler (George Washington University)
Lessons from Tilikum v. Seaworld: Consideration of Rights
- 11.20 - 11.40 Sabine Brels (International animal lawyer)
Improving Animal Law Worldwide: From Theory to Practice
- 11.40 - 12.00 Edie Bowles (Advocates for Animals)
Challenging the Property Status of Animals, One Case at a Time
- 12.00 - 12.30 Discussion & Questions

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch Break

Programme

Saturday August 12, 2023 (Continued)

Panel 3. Judging Animal Rights: Presentations and Q&A

- 14.00 - 14.20 Joe Wills (University of Leicester)
Introduction to Animal Rights Litigation
- 14.20 - 15.00 Judge María Alejandra Mauricio (Third Court of Guarantees of the
Judiciary in Mendoza, Argentina)
- 15.00 - 15.40 Judge Athar Minallah (Supreme Court of Pakistan)

15.40 - 16.20 Coffee Break

- 16.20 - 17.00 Judge Karla Andrade Quevedo (Constitutional Court of Ecuador)

19.00 Pre-dinner drinks (Tickets required)

19.30 Formal dinner in the Great Hall, Clare College (Tickets required)

Sunday August 13, 2023

Panel 4. Judging Animal Rights: Panel Discussion

- 09.30 - 11.00 Moderated Discussion with Lord Justice Singh of the Court of Appeal
of England and Wales
- Judge María Alejandra Mauricio (Third Court of Guarantees of the
Judiciary in Mendoza, Argentina)
 - Judge Athar Minallah (Supreme Court of Pakistan)
 - Judge Karla Andrade Quevedo (Constitutional Court of Ecuador)

11.00 - 11.40 Coffee Break

Keynote Address

- 11.40 - 13.00 Maneesha Deckha (University of Victoria)
Animalization and Dehumanization Concerns: Another Psychological
Barrier to Animal Law Reform

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch Break

Programme

Sunday August 13, 2023 (Continued)

Panel 5. Constitutional Animal Rights

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| 14.30 - 14.50 | Elieen Verniers (Ghent University)
Animal Rights Constitutionalism: the Fin(n)ish Line |
| 14.50 - 15.10 | John Adenitire (Queen Mary University of London)
Constitutional Rights for All Sentient Beings |
| 15.10 - 15.30 | Birgitta Wahlberg (Åbo Akademi University)
The Bill on Fundamental Rights in Finland |
| 15.30 - 16.00 | Discussion & Questions |

End of Conference

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Monday August 14, 2023

Post-conference workshop (invitation only)

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| 10.00 - 16.15 | PhD-Student Workshop in Animal Rights Law
(separate programme for Workshop participants) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet at the Porters Lodge of <u>St. Edmunds College</u> |
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The PhD-Workshop is generously sponsored by the Brooks Institute for animal rights law & policy with additional funding from Margaret Tucker.

We also want to thank the Collier Foundation and
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Judges



Lord Justice Rabinder Singh
Court of Appeal of England and Wales

Sir Rabinder Singh, styled The Rt. Hon. Lord Justice Singh, is a Court of Appeal Judge of England and Wales and President of the Investigatory Powers Tribunal, formerly a High Court judge of the Queen's Bench Division, a King's Counsel and barrister, formerly a founding member of Matrix Chambers and a legal academic.

Lord Justice Singh will moderate the judges' panel on Sunday.



Judge María Alejandra Mauricio
Third Court of Guarantees
of the Judiciary in Mendoza, Argentina

María Alejandra Mauricio is an Argentinian judge at the Third Court of Guarantees in Mendoza, Argentina.

Judge Alejandra Mauricio was the judge deciding the famous 'Cecilia' case in which the chimpanzee Cecilia was recognized as a legal subject.



Judge Athar Minallah
Supreme Court of Pakistan

Athar Minallah is a Pakistani jurist serving as a judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan since 11 November 2022. Prior to that, he served as the 5th Chief Justice of Islamabad High Court.

Judge Minallah was the judge deciding the 'Kaavan' case, ordering the relocation of the elephant Kaavan and other animals from a zoo to a sanctuary.



Judge Karla Andrade Quevedo
Constitutional Court of Ecuador

Professor Andrade Quevedo has been a judge at the Constitutional Court of Ecuador since February 2019. She has a Master and Doctorate in Constitutional Law from the University of Seville in Spain.

Judge Andrade Quevedo was one of the judges deciding the famous 'Estrellita' case, in which a monkey was found to be a subject of rights under the constitutional rights of nature provision.

Keynote speaker



Maneesha Deckha
University of Victoria

Maneesha Deckha is Professor and Lansdowne Chair in Law at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada. Her research expertise includes critical animal law, vegan ecofeminist theory, and postcolonial theory.

She has held the Fulbright Visiting Chair in Law and Society at New York University and currently serves as Director of the Animals & Society Research Initiative at the University of Victoria.

Her manuscript entitled *Animals as Legal Beings: Contesting Anthropocentric Legal Orders* was published by the University of Toronto Press in 2021 and her open access documentary series designed for high school and undergraduate screening, *A Deeper Kindness: Youth Activism in Animal Law*, launched in October 2022.

Her current monograph project, supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, examines the lack of government regulation in favour of farmed animals as a rule of law violation and thus a matter of constitutional import.

Professor Deckha is a graduate of McGill University, the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, and Columbia Law School.

Presentation

In her keynote address, Professor Deckha will present her recent paper 'Animalization and Dehumanization Concerns: Another Psychological Barrier to Animal Law Reform', in which she discusses how the fraught race-animal nexus can prevent progressive animal law reform.

Speakers



Søren Stig Andersen
University of Copenhagen

Dr Søren Stig Anderson studied law in order to have a professional platform for trying to improve the conditions for animals. He worked, among other places, in the Danish Ministry of Justice, the judiciary, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Currently he works full-time at the University of Copenhagen teaching different legal subjects and trying to establish animal law as a research and educational field.

Presentation

Dr Stig Anderson will discuss the difficulties in acquiring access to courts for animals in the European context.

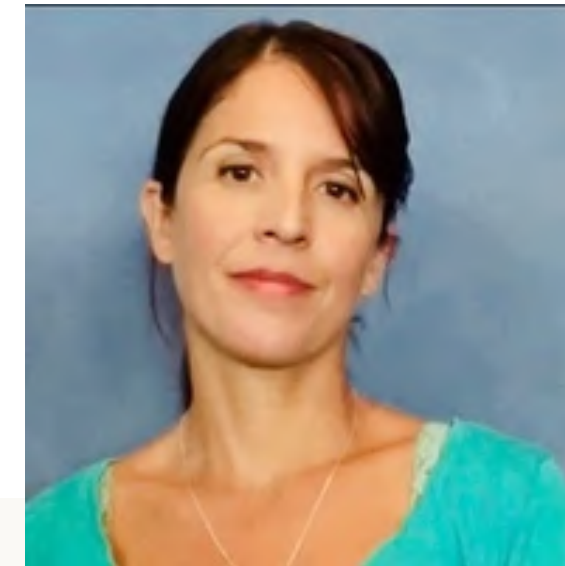


Angela Fernandez
University of Toronto

Dr Angela Fernandez is a Full Professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto where she teaches animal law. She is the author of *Pierson v. Post*, *The Hunt for the Fox* (CUP, 2018) and numerous other works. She oversees the *Brooks Animal Law Digest: Canada Edition* with Krystal-Anne Roussel. Angela sits on the Board of Advisors and is a Director of Animal Justice Canada.

Presentation

Dr Fernandez will discuss the question of who can speak for animals in court and issues relating to the representation of animals generally.



Sabine Brels
International animal lawyer

Dr Sabine Brels is a lawyer dedicated to advancing animal protection laws worldwide. She teaches international animal law and published books on animal-related issues in French and English. Over the last 10 years, she directed the Global Animal Law Project, and worked for the World Federation for Animals and the Eurogroup for Animals. She is currently working as an international animal law consultant for various organisations.

Presentation

Dr Brels will discuss how to improve animal protection law worldwide, drawing on her experience as an animal lawyer.

Speakers



Kathy Hessler
George Washington University Law School

Kathy Hessler is the inaugural Assistant Dean for the Animal Legal Education Initiative at George Washington University Law School. Dean Hessler has been teaching animal law for 22 years. She is the first law professor hired to teach animal law full-time. She helped develop the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School, directed the Animal Law Clinic, created and directed the Aquatic Animal Law Initiative.

Presentation

Dean Hessler will discuss the significance of the Tilikum case for animal law in the US and discuss the lessons we can learn from this case.



Edie Bowles
Advocates for Animals

Edie Bowles is a solicitor and the Managing Director of Advocates for Animals. She has advised almost all of the main animal protection organisations, smaller organisations and individuals across all animal protection law and campaigning. She often speaks on animal protection issues and has done so in the UK Parliament, the French Senate, and the East African Legislative Assembly.

Presentation

Edie Bowles will discuss the status of animals as property in litigation, drawing on her experience with her organization Advocates for Animals.



Joe Wills
University of Leicester

Dr Joe Wills is a Lecturer in Law at the University of Leicester and Leverhulme Trust Research Fellow. He has published widely on the legal status of animals, animal sentience and the common law, and non-anthropocentric jurisprudence. He is also working on a Leverhulme-funded monograph on the legal status of animals in Britain. Dr Wills has drafted and co-ordinated *amicus curiae* briefs in support of litigation for animals.

Presentation

Dr Wills will introduce the panel of judges with a discussion of animal rights litigation, outlining some of the theoretical and practical considerations underpinning such litigation.

Speakers



John Adenitire
Queen Mary University of London

Dr John Adenitire is a Senior Lecturer in the Queen Mary University of London, School of Law and a Fellow of the Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences. He completed his PhD at the University of Cambridge. He has taught and researched at Cambridge, Durham, Birmingham, the UCL Constitution Unit, the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law, and the UK Commission on a Bill of Rights.

Presentation

Dr Adenitire will discuss animals in constitutionalism, presenting a chapter from the book he is writing together with Dr Raffael Fasel.



Elien Verniers
Ghent University

Dr Elien Verniers is a postdoctoral researcher at the Law Faculty of the University of Ghent (Belgium), where she teaches the course Animal & Law. In October 2022 she obtained her doctoral degree with her thesis 'Towards new legal instruments for animal welfare'. During her academic career she received several awards such as the 2022 VDK-Bank award, the 2022 CCARL Essay award and the 2021 Young Legal Researcher award.

Presentation

Dr Verniers will discuss constitutional protection of animals in different European countries, including Finland.



Birgitta Wahlberg
Åbo Akademi University

Dr Birgitta Wahlberg is working as University Lecturer in Public Law at Åbo Akademi University, Department of Law, in Finland. She has written the first textbook in animal law on the animal protection legislation in Finland. She is the founder of the AniLex program (<https://blogs2.abo.fi/anilex/>), the Global Journal of Animal Law (GJAL), and co-founder and President of the Finnish Animal Rights Law Society.

Presentation

Dr Wahlberg will discuss the Bill on Fundamental Rights in Finland, drafted by the Finnish Animal Rights Law Society.

In the area



Restaurants (Dinner)

- [Namaste Village](#) (45 Castle St) is an Indian restaurant serving only vegan or vegetarian food
- [Stem + Glory](#) (50-60 Station Rd) is an all-vegan restaurant
- [Thrive](#) (5-7 Norfolk St) is an all-vegan café and community venue
- [The Topsy Vegan](#) (6-8 Quayside) is known for vegan fusion “comfort food and social drinks” (It is Raffael’s favourite!)

Lunch Restaurants & Cafés

- [Urban Butterfly](#) (33 Regent St)
- [Tawa Kitchen](#) (50-60 Station Rd)
- [Wagamama](#) (36 St Andrew’s St)
- [Zizzi](#) (16 Bene’t St and 47 Regent St)
- [All Bar One](#) (36 St Andrew’s St) Varied menu, good from nibbles through to dinner
- [Itsu](#) (16-17 Sidney St) Vegan “sushi” along with dumplings, noodles, soups, etc.
- [Las Iguanas](#) (Quayside) South American/Latin American food

Things to do:

- [The Fitzwilliam Museum](#) (Trumpington St)
- [Kettle’s Yard](#) (corner of Castle St and Northampton St)
- [The Whipple Museum](#) (Free School Lane)
- [The Polar Museum](#) (Lensfield Road)
- [The Cambridge Botanic Garden](#) (entrances on Hills Rd and Trumpington Rd)
- [Cambridge River Punting Tour](#) (Various agencies along the Cam)

