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The Animal Turn and the Law

Interdisciplinary Perspectives and New Directions in Animal Law

1st Annual European Animal Law Conference

4/5 April 2014, Law School of the University of Basel, Switzerland



Friday, 4 April 2014

08:45 Welcoming remarks
Prof. Dr. Herbert Zech, University of Basel

The Human-Animal Boundary

09:00 **Animal Emotions and Why They Matter:
Rewilding Our Hearts and Compassionate Conservation**
Prof. em. Marc Bekoff, University of Colorado, USA

09:30 **Are Moral Sentiments Uniquely Human?**
Dr. Keith Jensen, University of Manchester, UK

10:00 **Human Beings as Animals. Bad for Humans?**
Prof. Dr. Markus Wild, University of Basel, Switzerland

10:30 **All Animals Are Different – But Some Are More Different Than Others**
Prof. Dr. Hans-Johann Glock, University of Zurich, Switzerland

11:00 **Human and Other Animals – Equal Status, Different Treatment?**
Prof. Dr. Bernd Ladwig, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

11:30 *Coffee break*

12:00 **Panel discussion**
Chair: **Dr. Judith Benz-Schwarzburg**, Messerli Research Institute Vienna, Austria

13:00 *Lunch*

Global Animal Law

15:00 **Globalization and Animal Law and Advocacy**
Prof. Thomas G. Kelch, Whittier Law School, Costa Mesa, USA

15:30 **Interdisciplinary Dialogue in the Formation of
International Legal Norms: How the «Animal Turn» in
Science and Ethics is Shaping International Law**
Ass. Prof. Katie Sykes, Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, Canada

16:00 **Do Animals Need Rights?**
Prof. William A. Edmundson, Georgia State University, USA

16:30 *Coffee break*

17:00 **Panel discussion**
Chair: **Prof. Dr. Anne Peters**, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and
International Law, Heidelberg, Germany; University of Basel, Switzerland

18:00 *Drinks and conference dinner (optional)*

Saturday, 5 April 2014

Are Animals the New Women?

09:00 Promises and Limits of American Law in Protecting Animals' Interests

Prof. Taimie L. Bryant, UCLA School of Law, USA

09:30 Beyond Personhood: Toward an Embodied Legal Subjectivity for Animals

Prof. Maneesha Deckha, University of Victoria, Canada

10:00 Is Multiculturalism Bad for Animals?

Prof. Dr. Paula Casal, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain

10:30 Panel discussion

Chair: **Margo DeMello, PhD**, Animals and Society Institute, Ann Arbor, USA

11:30 *Coffee break/brunch*

Groundbreaking Cases in Animal Law

12:00 The Dignity of Living Beings as Limitation of the Instrumentalisation of Animals: The Federal Supreme Court's Jurisdiction on Animal Testing

Prof. Dr. Margot Michel, University of Berne, Switzerland

12:30 Human Rights and Animals

Prof. Dr. Paulo Pinto de Albuquerque, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

13:00 The Struggle to Attain Legal Personhood for Nonhuman Animals Has Begun

Steven M. Wise, Esq., President of the Nonhuman Rights Project, Coral Springs, USA

13:30 Panel discussion

Chair: **Prof. Kathy Hessler**, Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, USA

14:30 Closing remarks

14:45 Post-conference session

– World's First LL.M. in Animal Law: A Unique Academic Opportunity for

15:30 European Animal Lawyers – detailed description of the advanced legal degree program offered by the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon.

Natasha Dolezal, J.D., Center for Animal Law Studies, Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, USA

Speakers and Chairs

Prof. em. Marc Bekoff

Professor emeritus of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Colorado

Dr. Judith Benz-Schwarzburg

Senior Scholar, Unit of Ethics and Human-Animal Studies, Messerli Research Institute Vienna

Prof. Taimie L. Bryant

Professor of Law at UCLA School of Law

Prof. Dr. Paula Casal

ICREA Research Professor at the Law Department of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra

Prof. Maneesha Deckha

Associate Professor of Law at the University of Victoria

Prof. Margo DeMello, PhD

Human-Animal Studies Program Director at the Animals and Society Institute; Adjunct Professor, Anthrozoology Program, Canisius College

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Prof. Steven M. Wise, Esq.

President of the Nonhuman Rights Project; Adjunct Professor teaching «Animal Rights Jurisprudence» at the Vermont, Lewis and Clark, and St. Thomas Law Schools; Lecturer in the Masters in Animal Law Program at the Autonomous University of Barcelona Law School

Registration

Please register online: www.animalturn.ch

Conference fees:

- Full conference admission (Friday/Saturday): 80 CHF/students 40 CHF
- Friday only: 60 CHF/students 30 CHF
- Saturday only: 40 CHF/students 20 CHF
- Conference dinner ticket (Friday): 40 CHF

Location

Pro Iure Auditorium
Law School of the University of Basel
Peter Merian-Weg 8
CH-4002 Basel



No parking available.

Please use public transport from Basel SBB (main station).

From Basel SBB, take tram **no. 10** (direction «Dornach») or tram **no. 11** (direction «Aesch») to the next stop «Peter Merian».

From Basel SBB, it is a 8-minute walk to the Law School.



Coordination

This conference is organised by the Doctoral Programme «Law and Animals: Ethics at Crossroads» of the Law School of the University of Basel.

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Director at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law; Director of the Doctoral Programme «Law and Animals: Ethics at Crossroads» of the Law School of the University of Basel

– **Saskia Stucki, MLaw**

Coordinator of the Doctoral Programme «Law and Animals: Ethics at Crossroads»

– **Livia Boscardin, MA**

Secretary of the Doctoral Programme «Law and Animals: Ethics at Crossroads»

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