

SHARED WORLDS: Concepts, Conflicts, and Connections in Human-Animal Studies

Vegan Studies at Arihanta Institute Online Conference Virtual Event
August 1st, 2026

Chat log

Time	Message + Link
00:25:28	The Navkar Mantra: https://www.arihantainstitute.org/blog/20-the-history-meaning-of-the-namokar-mantra
00:27:28	Vegan Studies, a History: https://sarx.org.uk/articles/books-and-literature/the-vegan-studies-project/
00:28:14	The Vegan Studies Initiative at Arihanta Institute, including public courses: https://www.arihantainstitute.org/vegan-studies
00:29:29	Today's agenda: https://shared-worlds.arihantainstitute.org/agenda
00:31:14	<i>The Climate Crisis and Other Animals</i> by Richard Twine: https://www.amazon.com/dp/1743328990?lv=shuf&channelId=500&plpRedirect=mhFallback
00:38:47	Dr. Richard Twine is Reader/Associate Professor in Sociology, and Co-Director of the Centre for Human-Animal Studies (CfHAS) at Edge Hill University, UK. His most recent book is <i>The Climate Crisis and Other Animals</i> (Sydney University Press, 2024): www.richardtwine.com
01:21:41	More of Inna Häkkinen's work "Nuclear Fictional Narratives in Envisioning Future Scenarios: Imaginaries for Energy Literacy": http://hdl.handle.net/10138/635042
01:51:49	If you are interested in animal-centered design for human-animal habitats, Arihanta has a course on this topic. All Conference attendees will receive a code for discount Membership. Our courses are offered at reduced tuition rates thanks to donor generosity and grant-funding. https://www.arihantainstitute.org/course/111-animal-centered-design
02:07:12	Discussion around our responsibilities to dogs and our rights to them, are often quite passionate. If you are interested in human-animal ethics, we have a course available with Jishnu Guha-Majumdar, an assistant professor of political theory in the political science department at Butler University. Substantive discussions around animal ethics goes back at least two

millennia.

<https://www.arihantainstitute.org/course/1020-foundations-of-animal-ethics>

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Just published, by Vasile Stănescu:

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/405742319_Reconsidering_Cage-Free_Eggs_An_Open_Letter_from_Concerned_Scholars

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To learn more about the humane-washing and greenwashing of incremental welfare campaigns within animal agribusiness, consider taking Professor Stănescu's course, "Debunking the Myth of Sustainable and Humane Animal Agriculture":

<https://www.arihantainstitute.org/course/1015-debunking-the-myth-of-sustainable-and-humane-animal-agriculture>

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If you have an interest in Animal Law, this field is both important, and it is also growing (for our college-bound attendees, or anyone you know passionate about the field). We have a course with Maneesha Dechka on the topic, where she addresses the "myth of regulation" — the public pretense vs. the legal (and actual) practice:

<https://www.arihantainstitute.org/course/1024-animal-law-in-global-perspective>

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Dr. Crystal Heath, a veterinarian, whistleblower, and investigator exposing the hidden ties between corporate interests, public health, and the institutions meant to protect us:

<https://www.instagram.com/dr.crystalheath/>

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More on Crystal's works, including her piece on VOX:

<https://www.vox.com/authors/crystal-heath>

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Here is the PETA white paper on the failures of the cage-free campaign:

<https://www.peta.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Cage-Free-White-Paper.pdf>

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The Sound of Feathers: Attentive Living in a World Beyond Ourselves by Kathryn Gillespie, PhD: <https://www.dukeupress.edu/the-sound-of-feathers>

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Also by Dr. Gillespie: "Farm Forward Partners with the Aquaculture Accountability Project to Launch Campaign on the Myth of 'Sustainable' Aquaculture":

<https://www.farmforward.com/news/farm-forward-partners-with-the-aquaculture-accountability-project-to-launch-campaign-on-the-myth-of-sustainable-aquaculture/>

- 04:42:00 "Arihanta Institute hosts Conferences and webinars, as well as public courses and a graduate program (including a fully-online Masters and PhD program). If you are interested in Jain ethics around animals (including backyard chickens), you may be interested in our upcoming graduate course, Engaged Jainism & Animal Advocacy (as taught by our Conference lead, Professor Dickstein):
<https://www.arihantainstitute.org/course/VGST80019001-engaged-jainism-animal-advocacy>
- 04:45:57 "Our next public course is an exciting opportunity: we are reading the book *Animals and Capital* with the author, Dr. Dinesh Wadiwel. We will have four live Q&A sessions with the author. You can join us here:
<https://www.arihantainstitute.org/course/1025-reading-quot-animals-and-capital-quot-with-dinesh-wadiwel>
- 05:01:12 *Space Criminology: Analysing Human Relationships with Outer Space* by Jack Lampkin and Rob White:
<https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-39912-1>
- 05:08:57 More on Rimona Afana's work:
<https://cultureandanimals.org/grantee/rimona-afana/>
- 05:18:40 This post has a few links sharing Afana and Lampkin et al's work:
https://www.linkedin.com/posts/rimonaafana_chimpanzee-enos-strapped-to-equipment-ahead-share-7419767119204175873-a46q/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_desktop&rcm=ACoAAVe_EMBWXOKkaXJx33f6Eoqs8-mDeWHsss
- 05:32:02 Paulina Siemienieć's website:
<https://paulinasiemieniec.com/>
- 05:39:00 "Sexual and Reproductive Rights for Domesticated Animals: Beyond Population Control, Toward Affirming Bodily Integrity and Self-Determination":
<https://doi.org/10.5406/21601267.15.1.08>
- 05:44:58 Nathan Poirier and Richard Giles' "Against Cultured Meat":
https://pmpress.org/index.php?l=product_detail&p=2243
- 05:51:02 "If you are interested in a Marxist / capitalist analysis of animals as a labor force, join us for our upcoming course! We will be reading Dinesh Wadiwel's *Animals and Capital* (which Nathan references in his work) with the author:
<https://www.arihantainstitute.org/course/1025-reading-quot-animals-and-capital-quot-with-dinesh-wadiwel>

- 06:04:12 One of our other presentors, Vasile Stanescu, recently was invited on a podcast to discuss the issue of cellular meat and the myth that these products reduce use of the original product or resource (referencing Jevon's paradox): <https://www.populationbalance.org/podcast/vasile-stanescu>
- 06:11:50 We hosted Bruce Friedrich (a proponent of cellular meat) a few months ago. If you'd like to hear his talk, and the Q&A discussion, you can review the presentation here: <https://voices.arihantainstitute.org/series/voices-animal-free-meat>
- 06:20:17 An interview featuring Dana McPhall's work: <https://humaneeducation.org/connecting-racial-justice-animal-advocacy-and-food-an-interview-with-dana-mcphall/>
- 06:21:53 For those interested in the topics of mainstream culture, white supremacy, and animal liberation, we have a course led by Christopher Sebastian McJetters. This course is not only deep and impactful, but features several fun pop culture studies and discussions: <https://www.arihantainstitute.org/course/1019-veganism-in-pop-culture>
- 06:27:48 Coming up! Claire Jean Kim's talk, "Fighting for Animals in a Time of Danger". This is a free talk, as part of our Vegan Studies Initiative 2026 Speaker series: <https://voices.arihantainstitute.org/series/voices-fighting-for-animals>
- 06:31:37 Coming up on this topic: "Making Veganism Resonate Across Movements: Centering BIPOC Communities in the Fight for Collective Liberation". Register today, and you'll get a reminder email. This webinar is at no cost: <https://voices.arihantainstitute.org/series/voices-making-veganism>
- 06:38:34 More about Monica Mattfeld's work: <https://www.unbc.ca/people/mattfeld-dr-monica>
- 06:40:11 Monica's book: *Becoming Centaur: Eighteenth-Century Masculinity and English Horsemanship*: <https://www.psupress.org/books/titles/978-0-271-07577-8.html>
- 07:03:14 Some of Dr. Singh's work on Tibetan Buddhism and commodification: <https://poddtoppen.se/podcast/1268915829/the-classical-ideas-podcast/ep-33-0-commodification-and-tibetan-buddhism-wdr-raj-kumar-singh>
- 07:08:35 We have a recent blog post by one of the Professors here at Arihanta Institute, on "Spiritual Veganism and Ahimsā Living": <https://www.arihantainstitute.org/blog/200-spiritual-veganism-and-ahimsa-living>

- 07:12:19 If you are interested in how the *ahimsā* ethic of non-violence in South Asian traditions interacts with meat- and dairy-consumption, this course is a wonderful start: “Jainism, Veganism, and Engaged Religion”:
<https://www.arihantainstitute.org/course/1014-jainism-veganism-and-engaged-religion>
- 07:20:18 If you are interested in how religion and culture intersect with animal husbandry, consumption, and economics, we have this course coming up, as taught by Professor Dickstein. This is through our graduate level programming:
<https://www.arihantainstitute.org/course/VGST80029002-jain-veganism-in-the-history-of-global-veganism>
- 07:29:06 Follow one of our partners APEX Advocacy, especially if you're interested in regular discussions on these topics around BIPOC leadership in animal liberation:
<https://www.apexadvocacy.org/>
- 07:30:59 Another work on the intersections of disability and animal liberation work:
<https://sunaurataylor.net/books/beasts-of-burden-animal-and-disability-liberation/>
- 07:40:28 For those interested in a broader and global discussion of veganism (or plant-based) animal use, this upcoming graduate course takes the time with multiple sources, including several of the sources Raj brought up in his presentation:
<https://www.arihantainstitute.org/course/VGST80029002-jain-veganism-in-the-history-of-global-veganism>

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