Call for papers for the Annual Conference (virtual)

• Animal ethics and public policy
• Multispecies health (psychological well-being; rehabilitation; one species design; meat; plant-based protein; animal-computer interaction)
• Human-animal relations in times of crisis (Covid-19; climate change; the Anthropocene)
• Urbanism and human-animal relations
• Artifact developments in human-animal relations and multi-species design
• Legal frameworks for social change
• Veganism, activism and social movements
• Multispecies methodologies
• Multispecies health (psychological well-being; rehabilitation; one health)
• Animal ethics and public policy
• Political economy
• Urbanism and human-animal relations
• The future of human-animal relations: What's next?

The Coller-Menmon Animal Rights and Welfare Program at the Buchmann Faculty of Law, Tel-Aviv University

The Coller-Menmon Animal Rights and Welfare Program, in collaboration with Tel-Aviv University, is looking to understand (and altering) the changing reality. These transformations raise questions about exploring human-animal relations, and strive for generating understanding (and altering) the changing reality? And what role do animals’ agencies play in these alterations?

Animals, now more than ever, cause significant changes to our world, and alter cross-species interactions. These transformations raise questions about exploring human-animal relations, and strive for generating understanding (and altering) the changing reality?

Topics may include:

• Human-animal relations in times of crisis (Covid-19; climate change; the Anthropocene)
• Human-animal relations in areas of conflict
• Veganism, activism and social movements
• Multispecies methodologies
• Multispecies health (psychological well-being; rehabilitation; one health)
• Animal ethics and public policy
• Political economy
• Legal frameworks for social change
• Technological developments in human-animal relations (cultured meat; plant-based protein; animal-computer interaction)
• Artifacts developments in human-animal relations and multi-species design
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The world around us is in constant flux – everchanging politically, socially, technologically, economically, and environmentally. Such unsettled realities lead to many practical, theoretical and ethical considerations, which are especially prominent in the field of human-animal studies. Altering experiences can bring about, in this way, significant challenges for human-animal relations, but new opportunities as well. Perhaps most relevant is the embedded role of animals in the COVID-19 outbreak. When markets, where various species of wild animals are sold for consumption, are considered to be a lethal source for the pandemic. The pandemic has prompted the question: What challenges and opportunities are afforded through our understanding of contemporary trans-species entertainments? Can human actions towards non-human animals, now more than ever, cause significant changes to our world, and how?

What is the unique position and contribution of human-animal studies to understanding (and altering) the changing reality?

The community for Human-Animal Studies Israel, along with the Coller-Menmon Animal Rights and Welfare Program, is looking to further explore this theme and is opening up its annual conference for international participation. The conference is intended to bring together scholars from various academic disciplines, who are passionate about exploring human-animal relations, and strive for generating developments and innovations in the field. The conference will be held virtually on June 1-3, 2021.

Invited speaker: Barbara J. King (Emerita Professor of Anthropology, William & Mary)

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Abstracts for panels and individual presentations of no more than 250 words should be submitted by March 1, 2021, to hasiconference2021@gmail.com

Please include your name, affiliation, 3-5 keywords, a concise description of your work, and a short bio.