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## The Law of the Horse? The Law of Margins and Dissonances: Empowering Animal Law Discourse

Globally, people systematically hurt, exploit, maim, torture and slaughter animals in order to produce food, knowledge, leisure, entertainment, clothing, accessories, furniture, fragrances and cleaning materials.

The exploitation of animals, which is undergirded generally by economy, society and culture, is encouraged, regulated or simply ignored by the law. The vast majority of cruelty, violence and carnage of animals is done under the law's silent patronage.

In light of the law's contribution to said exploitation, one might have expected to see Academia taking a major part in the struggle to stop animal exploitation. Law faculties around the world are major players in standing up against violence, condemning abuse, shedding light on invisible social biases, exposing discrimination, and conceptualizing wrongs and crimes.

Nevertheless, law faculties around the world remain indifferent to animal suffrage, keeping animal law within academic margins, far removed from center stage. This article offers possible explanations for this dissonance and argues that Academia should devote substantial resources to animal law, as animal law can literally save lives, as well as encourage empathy, multi-culturalism and self-responsibility.