

**International Symposium on
Human-Animal Relationships in Religious Traditions
Bonn / Germany, September 25-27 2014**

Thursday September 25

Time	
13:00-13:30	Registration & Coffee
13:30 – 15:00	<p><i>Words of Welcome:</i> Prof. Dr. Christoph Antweiler, Head of the Institute of Oriental and Asian Studies, University of Bonn</p> <p><i>Lauren Drover</i> Animals and animal-human hybrids in the nature/culture separation of Akha worldview.</p> <p><i>Stephanie Zehnle</i> Where Camels turn into Giraffes... The Islamization of Human-Animal-Relationships in West African History.</p>
14:30 – 15:00	Coffee Break
15:30 – 17:00	<p><i>Anja Döscher</i> Human-animal relationships in the context of Parsi death rituals.</p> <p><i>Manfred Hutter</i> Animals in Yezidism: Symbolism, mythology and rituals.</p> <p><i>Thomas Overdick</i> "He should show kindness to animals" Bahá'í perspectives on animal ethics.</p>
17:00 – 18:00	Snack & Transfer
18:15 – ca. 19:45 Main Building, HS V	Keynote: Joyce D'Silva <i>Industrial Animal Farming and the Religious Void.</i>

Friday September 26

Time	
9:00 – 10:30	<p><i>Michael Hirschler</i> The status of animals in the Mycenaean cult. Animal names in Linear B-texts and their possible interpretation.</p> <p><i>Giulia Pedrucci</i> Animal breastfeeding in Greek and Roman myths.</p> <p><i>Yvonne Sophie Thöne</i> „Like a Bear Robbed of her Cubs...“ Animal Images of God and their Fields of Action.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p><i>Alma Massaro</i> Christians and Animals: a theological issue within the Anglican debate in the Eighteenth-Nineteenth centuries.</p> <p><i>Clemens Wustmans</i> Is „conservation of creation“ the protection of biodiversity? Chances of an anthropocentric ethic of Christianity.</p> <p><i>Céline Grünhagen</i> Anthroposophical perspectives on Human-Animal Relationships.</p>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p><i>Alina Mitek-Dziemba</i> Animal Studies and Post-Secular Spirituality. Some Remarks on the Theory and (Cultural) Practice of Animal Theology.</p> <p><i>Susannah Crockford</i> Of Dogs and Cats, Cows and Chickens: commodification and sacralisation of animals in Northern Arizona.</p> <p><i>Susan Rustick</i> Animal Redemption.</p>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00	<p><i>Emmanuel Adeyemi</i> Alagba: The Sacred value and Heritage of the Oldest African Giant Tortoise.</p> <p><i>Asmaa El-Maaroufi</i> Animals as a source of organs - Ethics of xenotransplantation. A muslim viewpoint.</p>
17:00 – 18:00	Snack & Transfer
18:15 – ca. 19:45 Main Building, HS V	Keynote: Lisa Kemmerer – HS V Animal Advocacy in Asian Religions: What they Teach about what we Eat.
20:00 – ???	Get together / Dinner at “Casa del Gatto” (optional)

Saturday September 27

Time	
9:30 – 11:00	<p><i>Ven. Phramaha Somphong Santacitto</i> Similarities and Differences of Humans and Animals in the Theravada Buddhist Tradition.</p> <p><i>Gabriele Reifenrath</i> The Symbolic and the Real. Hindu Nationalism and the Cow Protection Agenda.</p> <p><i>Deborah Nadal</i> Stray Gods. Street animals and Hindu people in New Delhi, India.</p>
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Discussion & Further Proceedings</p> <p><i>Lisa Kemmerer</i>: Presentation of a Project/Exhibition of the National Museum of Animals and Society (NMAS), Los Angeles</p> <p>Farewell</p>