



The British Animal Studies Network

CALL FOR PAPERS

'Animal Borderlands'

25 and 26 September 2020 at Keble College, University of Oxford

Confirmed plenary speakers are
Steve Hinchliffe (University of Exeter)
Raf de Bont (Maastricht University)
Marcus Coates (visual artist)

If you are interested in giving a paper addressing the topic 'Animal Borderlands' from whatever disciplinary perspective please submit your title, with an abstract of no more than 200 words and a brief biography (also of no more than 200 words). These should be included within your email – i.e. not as attachments. Please send them to beth.greenhough@ouce.ox.ac.uk, reuben.message@ouce.ox.ac.uk, and alexandra.palmer@ouce.ox.ac.uk. The deadline for abstracts is Monday 22 June 2020. Presentations will be 20 minutes long and we hope to include work by individuals at different career stages. Sadly we have no money to support travel, accommodation or attendance costs.

Topics covered at this meeting might include (but are not limited to):

- *Categorical* borderlands such as between human/animal, life/death, wild/domestic, animal/vegetal, and taxonomic groups.
- *Geographical* borderlands such as those between nations and urban/wild spaces, and animal migrations.
- *Political* borderlands, such as between legal and regulatory regimes, and the policing of animal borderlands.
- *Biological* borderlands such as transitions between phases of development.
- *Affective* borderlands, such as between being loved and hated.
- *Metaphorical* borderlands, such as the use of animals as metaphors for human social boundaries.
- *Conceptual* borderlands, such as those between animal studies and cognate disciplines.

We welcome papers that deal with the theme of 'Animal Borderlands' in both contemporary and historical settings, and would especially like to see papers that address these issues from contexts outside the UK. Papers are welcomed from across animal studies, including disciplines such as (but not limited to) geography, anthropology, sociology, literary studies, art history, history, science and technology studies, ethology, psychology, behavioural sciences and ecology, bioscience/biomedical research.

Further details of the British Animal Studies Network can be found on <http://www.britishanimalstudiesnetwork.org.uk>

