

International Association of Vegan Sociologists

2nd Annual Meeting: The Vegan Promise
October 10th

Business Meeting Agenda

- Update on activities
 - Symposium with *Environmental Politics*
 - Zoei Sutton and Corey Wrenn pitched a special issue which was rejected for not being focused enough or diverse enough; then solicited to pitch a symposium. Zoei and Corey split the original special issue pitch into 2 symposiums, one on activism, the other on veganism in the global south by mostly authors of color. Both were rejected. Did not pursue a special issue elsewhere given the time invested and holding up author's work. Corey mentioned that one of the journal's founders and one of its current editorial board members both work with her at the University of Kent and had offered informal advice on a successful pitch, but to no avail.
 - Student journal
 - Lynda Korimboccus and Jennifer Shauer explained the collaborative effort between themselves and the student volunteers. 10+ submissions were received, and it is expected to be a yearly production. There will be a launch event on Nov 1. Members were reminded to encourage their students to submit and to volunteer; Corey Wrenn noted that university administration were very positive about engaging UG research in this way.
 - Talks and panels over the past year
 - Vegan sociology is being acknowledged and legitimated in mainstream academic and sociological spaces.
 - Corey Wrenn, Rochelle Stevenson, and Matthew Cole gave a March 8 webinar on peer reviewing in sociology which had the official endorsement of the ASA, BSA, CSA and TASA.
 - Corey Wrenn gave a talk to the University of Venice on "What is Vegan Sociology"
 - Kate Stewart and Matthew Cole will be giving a talk on vegan methodology at the University of Kent Oct.21
 - Additions to website
 - Thanks to Adrianna Kapek-Goodridge for collecting data and designing affiliate page; affiliates have been contacted for their research info to help scholars and researchers network. This will go on the website by the end of 2021.

- Thanks to Ellie Atayee-Bennett for compiling a “What is Vegan Sociology?” video; this is available on Youtube and contains quotes from major leaders in the field. Members are encouraged to use it for promotional purposes.
 - Season 2 of podcast; now platformed and available on Spotify and itunes
 - Official membership
 - Did not get covered in the business meeting
- Encourage people to follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Newsletter (will be ‘following’ attendees on Twitter using IAVS account)
 - Reminder made
- Discuss continuing podcast series
 - Volunteers needed (scheduling interviews, editing episodes, interviewees)
 - Corey Wrenn noted that the interviewing is time intensive, although rewarding for research purposes. She asked to pass on the baton. Maria Martelli and Sarah May Lindsay expressed interest in doing so.
- What theme for next year’s conference?
 - Time; obsession with future (Maria Martelli)
 - Mainstream veganism (Sarah May Lindsay)
 - Could these two themes fit together (Kate Stewart)
 - Controversial themes in animal ethics (ie. horseback riding, vegan petfood) (Lynda Korimboccus)
 - Zoei Sutton: Think we can make the time theme work, timescapes through a vegan sociology lens could cover the past/present/future but also social construction of time... or maybe vegan sociologies of space and time so we can bring in socio-spatial construction
- Potential collaborations for next year?
 - Argued that these are prohibitively expensive; perhaps in the future if we get funding we might solicit official representation.
 - International Sociological Association
 - As [affiliate organization](#) (USD 175)
 - Create a [thematic group](#)
 - 10 or more regular individual ISA members in good standing
 - Individual membership is \$289 for regular member; \$139 student; \$315 life
 - European Sociological Association
 - Research Networks are proposed by a minimum of 10 members from at least three different countries and are approved by the Executive Committee
 - If a Research Network is not established, ESA members may apply to organise a Research Stream (RS)

- The ESA membership fee for two years is, for regular members 180€; 50€ student
 - Outreach to other sociological associations to form animal groups
 - Members are encouraged to reach out to folks in official sociological organizations that lack animal/vegan theme groups.
 - Vegan Studies BSA study group
 - There is interest in pushing this forward; interested parties asked to contact Kate Stewart. Will need a commitment of a certain number of BSA members for this to get off the ground.
 - Animal rights and vegan groups
 - Considering doing a special panel for them in conversation with sociology
 - Ascertain what activists need from sociologists; potential working group to address this?
 - Matthew Cole and Corey Wrenn in collaboration for a grant proposal have done research with UK groups on what types of sociological questions could be
 - Could possibly do a panel where 3-4 reps from different animal orgs are paired with a sociologist to discuss one of the key themes (intersectionality, just transitions, etc)
- Call for volunteers
- PSA Łucja Lange seeking co-editor for *Qualitative Sociology Review* thematic issue
 - Jennifer Shauer and Saray May Lindsay have indicated interest in co-editing
 - When a more formal cfp is created; will circulate on IAVS newsletter and social media

Notes

Attendees:

- Corey Wrenn
- Zoei Sutton
- Brett Mills
- Erika Cudworth
- Jennifer Shauer
- Maria Martelli
- Josephine Browne
- Amanda Collazo
- Eike-Kristina Barth
- Kadri Aavik
- Kate Stewart
- Lucja Lange

- Lynda Korimboccus
- Matthew Cole
- Nadya Vera
- Roberto Filacchione
- Sarah May Lindsay
- Sy Liu