



Mainstream theories of social inequality frequently compartmentalize experiences, but inequality rarely works that way in real life. Instead, individuals are comprised of many different identities at once, and these identities will interact with one another in unique ways. Furthermore, multiple systems and institutions are simultaneously at work in a given society. This schema is known as intersectionality, and it is a concept that emerges out of Black feminist thought.

In animal studies, vegan scholars employ this framework to argue that one's life chances will be shaped, not just by one's race, class, or gender, but also by their species. Vegan scholars also recognize the influence of an additional system...human supremacy. Historical constructions of race, class, gender, and other identities shape how animals are thought about and how they are treated. Sociologists interested in human justice, meanwhile, would benefit from recognizing how human oppression is always shaped by processes of species inequality.

Given that species, class, race, gender, and other identity categories are all historically constructed using similar mechanisms (such as animalization, objectification, sexualization, depersonalization, denaming, and so on), it is important to apply an intersectional perspective to achieve a more accurate understanding of oppression for nonhuman animals and humans alike. In the fourth annual meeting of the International Association of Vegan Sociologists, we take on this important task, one that is fundamental to vegan sociological theory.



Saturday, October 7, 2023		ACDT (Adelaide)	BST (London)	EST (Toronto)	
Opening Remarks: IAVS Conference Organizing Committee		15 minutes	5:45pm	8:15am 3:15am	
Session 1		1.25 hours	6:00pm	8:30am 3:30am	
Woman, animal care and intersectional feminism	Nik Taylor Heather Fraser	University of Canterbury nik.taylor@canterbury.ac.nz Queensland University of Technology heather.fraser@qut.edu.au			
'Saving the breeds': An intersectional exploration of 'responsible' purebred dog breeding practices in Aotearoa New Zealand	Marlies Bockstal	University of Canterbury marlies.bockstal@pq.canterbury.ac.nz			
Unwanted touch, or #MeToo for non-human animals	Lucja Lange	University of Łódź, Institute of Sociology LangeL@o2.pl			
Multispecies homemaking: a web of complex systemic domination	Zoei Sutton Alex Hill	Flinders University Zoei.sutton@flinders.edu.au Flinders University alexanderjhill14@gmail.com			
Session 2		1 hour	8:00pm	10:30am 5:30am	
Undermining anthropocentrism through vegan discourse: A critical discourse analysis	Louis Gough	University of the West of England louis.gough@uwe.ac.uk			
Species, values and contradictions: Investigating nonhuman animal portrayals in basque children's media on 3Kluba	Olatz Aranceta-Reboredo	Universitat Pompeu Fabra olatz.aranceta@upf.edu			
The gaze matters: The rhetoric of place as protest in Ridley Scott's film BladeRunner	Gwendolyn Inocencio	Texas A&M University Gwendolyn2015@tamu.edu			
Session 3		1 hour	9:45pm	12:15pm 7:15am	
Exploring Gender Nonconformity in Western Animal Rights Advocacy	Corey Wrenn	University of Kent c.l.wrenn@kent.ac.uk			
Intersectionality in studying veganism and vegans: some theoretical and methodological challenges	Kadri Aavik	Tallinn University kadria@tlu.ee			
To be or not to be – that is the (only) question (that matters)	Lynda Korimboccus	University of East Anglia lmkorimboccus@gmail.com			
IAVS Student Journal Session		45 minutes	10:45pm	1:15pm 8:15am	
Journal editorial address					
Three sociological paradoxes of eating animals	Nathan Poirier	Michigan State University poirinati@gmail.com			
Veganism and the social identities of race, gender, and sexuality: a scoping review	Julia Russell	University of Waterloo julia.russell@uwaterloo.ca			
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Session 4	1 hour	12:00am *	2:30pm	9:30am
<i>Fat veganism in Spain and Latin America: Insights from fat activists toward body liberation beyond species</i>	Laura Fernández	Universitat de Barcelona laurafernandez@ub.edu		
<i>Social relations and identity intersections of individuals adopting vegan ethical behaviour</i>	Vahide Yasemin Özkorul	Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University vahideyaseminozkorul@gmail.com		
<i>Implicit racism and religious exploitation in vegan activism? Feelings of alienation and exclusion among Jewish and Muslim vegans</i>	Ellie Atayee-Bennett	University of Southampton E.Atayee-Bennett@soton.ac.uk		

Sunday, October 8, 2022		ACDT (Adelaide)	BST (London)	EST (Toronto)
Session 5	1 hour	6:00pm	8:30am	3:30am
<i>Vegan sociology and public education: a structural-discursive approach</i>	Matthew Cole	The Open University matthew.cole@open.ac.uk		
<i>So, you want to teach Vegan Sociology?</i>	Kate Stewart	University of East Anglia kate.stewart@uea.ac.uk		
<i>Teaching intersectionality in communication: A CAS perspective</i>	Maria Ruiz Carreras	Lund University r.car.maria@gmail.com		
Session 6	1.25 hours	7:45pm	10:15am	5:15am
<i>Personal reflections on intersectionality in practice</i>	Nick Pendergrast	University of Melbourne Nicholas.pendergrast@unimelb.edu.au		
<i>Collective queer-vegan knowledges – public vegan sociology and thinking-by-talking-together</i>	Gabriela Oprea	Independent Scholar dgabriela.oprea@gmail.com		
	Maria Martelli	Independent Scholar Maria.martelli@yahoo.com		
<i>After liberation: Challenges in fictional explorations of utopia and intersectionality</i>	Josephine Browne	Southern Cross University josephine.browne@scu.edu.au		
	Patrycja Chuszcz	University of Łódź patrycja.chuszcz@edu.uni.lodz.pl		



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Session 7

1 hour

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7:15am

Masculinities in the UK vegan activist movement: A site for transformation?

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The gendered politics of veganism

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Intersectionality: the pathway to equity for ethical vegans and nonhuman animals

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Session 8

1 hour

11:30pm

2:00pm

9:00am

Strategic harmonization: veganism and network membership as competing priorities

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Plant-based universities campaign

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Putting your oxygen mask on first: Introducing a trauma informed intersectional feminist framework to understand the experiences of womxn vegan animal activists

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Concluding Comments: IAVS Conference Organizing Committee

15 minutes

12:30am

3:00pm

10:00am

International Association of Vegan Sociologists: Annual Business Meeting

1 hour

12:45am

3:15pm

10:15am



General Instructions for Speakers

- *Please register for the conference via the Eventbrite link. Access details will be sent distributed via the Eventbrite participant list.*
- *The conference will be hosted on Zoom. The zoom link and password will be emailed to presenters and attendees in the week before the conference.*
- *Login 10 minutes before the actual start of the webinar for a technology check*
- *The webinar will go 'live' 5 minutes in advance to allow attendees to login and test their sound*
- *The session host (Zoei, or Corey) will be opening the session and posting a welcome slide for the session.*
- *Zoei, or Corey will be moderating the individual sessions and introducing you as a presenter*
 - *After you present, the moderator will read questions from the audience in the chat for you to respond*
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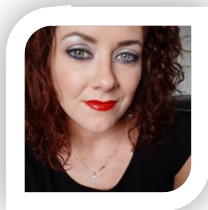
Event Organizers

Dr Zoei Sutton

Dr Zoei Sutton is a vegan sociologist living and working on unceded Kurna land in Southern Australia. She focuses on centring nonhuman animals in research that concerns them in order to highlight the invisibilised power relations and interactions that maintain anthroparchy in everyday life. Recent projects include lived experiences of human-companion animal relations, multispecies rental housing and constructed killability of 'pest' animals. She is a lecturer at Flinders University, the co-founder of the International Association of Vegan Sociologists, managing editor of the Society & Animals Qualitative Social Science section and co-convenes the Australian Sociological Association's Sociology & Animals Thematic Group.



Dr Corey Wrenn



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International Association of Vegan Sociologists



The International Association of Vegan Sociologists is a scholar-activist collective putting sociological theory and practice in the service of animal liberation and veganism. It was founded in May 2020 by Corey Wrenn, Chair of the Animals & Society Section of the American Sociological Association and Zoei Sutton, Co-Convenor of the Australian Sociological Association's Sociology and Animals Thematic Group.

This association was formed to provide a platform for sociologists of a Critical Animal Studies background who recognize veganism and anti-speciesism as an ethical imperative in the discipline.

*Our aim is to increase the visibility and legitimacy of vegan sociology, provide opportunities for career development, and facilitate transnational networking.
We are completely volunteer-based.*

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National Sociology Groups with Animal Themes

While these groups do not always subscribe to a vegan baseline as we do at IAVS below are groups available to join at a national level if you are interested in presenting (and visibilising) vegan sociology in your closest national sociology association.

TASA Sociology & Animals Thematic Group



The Australian Sociological Association's Sociology and Animals Thematic Group aims to contribute to the idea of nonhuman animals as critical members, and stakeholders in societies, who co-produce 'the social' along with humans and other nonhumans. With the rise of human-animal scholarship, sociologists are increasingly recognising the importance of including non-human animals in our academic endeavours, and the urgency of studying animals as actors, as well as subjects of marginalisation in societies. The aim of the Sociology and Animals Thematic Group is to create a supportive network of scholars working in human-animal studies, critical animal studies and/or other animal-related areas to facilitate the exchange of ideas, critical discussion and coordination of relevant academic events. We welcome all scholars conducting sociological research about, for, and/or with nonhuman animals.

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CSA Animals in society research cluster



We are the **Animals in Society** research cluster (RC) of the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)! As sociologists, we see value in scholarship that goes beyond an anthropocentric understanding of Canadian society, one that includes the non- or other-than-human and pays particular attention to "the question of the animal". The work of this RC is inclusive, anti-oppressive, and critical in nature. Working from an interdisciplinary perspective, we seek to expand current interpretations of societal structures and institutions, social norms, practices, policies, and relations that involve humans and other beings. The Animals in Society RC recognizes and respects that **we are all animals in a shared society**.

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PSA Section of Interspecies Relations



The section will develop collaboration with public institutions and non-governmental organisations in the field of human-non-human animal relations. The Section's goals include: studying, describing and interpreting human-animal relations both in the local and the global dimensions; presenting the achievements and initiatives of Polish sociologist and international researchers/scholars; and cooperating with international academic institutions with the purpose of promoting Polish achievements with regard to the interspecies-relations research. The social aim of the Section is to support the academic efforts of sociologists interested in this interdisciplinary area.

email Section president: mamzer@amu.edu.pl
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ASA section on animals and society



The purpose of the American Sociological Association's Section on Animals and Society is to encourage and support the development of theory, research and teaching about the complex relationships that exist between humans and other animals. In the process, it is anticipated that the light we shed on these issues will increase the well-being of both humans, and other animals.

email our convener: corey.wrenN@gmail.com

Twitter: [@Animals_Society](https://twitter.com/Animals_Society)

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BSA Animal/Human Studies Group



The study of animal-human relations within the social sciences is an increasingly important, vibrant and burgeoning field. The formation of the BSA Animal/Human Studies Group in June 2006 is therefore an important step towards addressing what Bryant (1979) has called the 'zoological connection', whereby sociologists need to recognise that people co-exist and interact not only with humans but with non-human animals too. For example, animals are increasingly utilised and involved in biotechnology and genomics; animal experimentation; the production and slaughter of food animals; companion animal-human type relationships and the therapeutic use of animals. Moreover, additional animal-related issues that have attracted attention by researchers are: the potential links between animal abuse and domestic violence; the nature of animal-animal interaction; potential links between women, nature and animals; bestiality; human-wildlife interactions; and human responses to companion animal death/euthanasia. Sociologists have much to offer this emerging area of study and are well placed to engage with the multifaceted, ambiguous and challenging nature of the animal-human interface in everyday life.

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