

*This year's conference honors the work of John Sorenson, a pioneering vegan sociologist who published many of the first articles, chapters, and books in vegan sociology and has taught some of the longest-running classes in animals and society. Sorenson is also a founder of Critical Animal Studies. Sorenson's work explores themes of capitalism, colonialism, and intersectional resistance. Indeed, one of sociology's key contributions to Critical Animal Studies is the structural emphasis on the state and economic exploitation.*



## Saturday, October 5, 2024

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			5:45pm	8:15am	3:15am
<b>Opening Remarks</b>					
		<b>15 minutes</b>			
<b>Session 1: Sanctuary</b>		<b>40 mins</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>3:30am</b>
<i>Farmed Animal Sanctuaries, Re- animalisation, and Crises of Capitalism</i>	Darren Chang	<a href="mailto:chenhong.chang@sydney.edu.au">chenhong.chang@sydney.edu.au</a> University of Sydney			
<i>Animal Sanctuaries - dreams and limitations under capitalism and beyond</i>	Maria Martelli	<a href="mailto:maria.martelli@yahoo.com">maria.martelli@yahoo.com</a> Independent Scholar-Artivist			
<b>Session 2: Critical Pet Studies</b>		<b>1 hour</b>	<b>6:40pm</b>	<b>9:10am</b>	<b>4:10am</b>
<i>Commodifying 'breed love': pedigree dog breed value in the capitalist pet industry.</i>	Marlies Bockstal	University of Canterbury <a href="mailto:marlies.bockstal@pg.canterbury.ac.nz">marlies.bockstal@pg.canterbury.ac.nz</a>			
<i>Complexities of Care in the Pet Industrial Complex</i>	Zoei Sutton	Flinders University <a href="mailto:zoei.sutton@flinders.edu.au">zoei.sutton@flinders.edu.au</a>			
<i>The Power of Passivity – taking 'quiet' greyhound acts of resistance seriously</i>	Kerry Herbert	University of Exeter Klh230@exeter.ac.uk			
<b>Session 3: Specters of Carnism</b>		<b>1.25 hours</b>	<b>8:40pm</b>	<b>11:10am</b>	<b>6:10am</b>
<i>The European Union school milk scheme: an alliance of institutional speciesism and capitalism</i>	Kadri Aavik	Tallinn University kadria@tlu.ee			
<i>Intergenerational-Postmemorial Guilt: Carnist Paralysis in the Age of Extinction</i>	Sudharsan Shrish Vijaya	King's College <a href="mailto:shrish.sudharsan@kcl.ac.uk">shrish.sudharsan@kcl.ac.uk</a>			
<i>The Big Boy Burger' versus Animal and Ecological Justice: Exploring the Nexus of Sport Spaces, Food Consumption, and Ecofeminism</i>	Erin Sullivan Caroline Fusco	University of Toronto erin.sullivan@mail.utoronto.ca c.fusco@utoronto.ca			
<i>The Social Constructs of Capitalism, Speciesism, and Ecoterrorism: Vehicles for Criminalizing Undercover Investigations of Factory Farms</i>	Jane McElligott	Purdue University Global jmcelligott@purdueglobal.edu			
<b>Session 4: Sustainability</b>		<b>1 hour</b>	<b>10:45pm</b>	<b>1:15pm</b>	<b>8:15am</b>
<i>Working Time and Meat Consumption: Evidence for Degrowth</i>	Michael Briscoe	Colorado State University michael.briscoe@csupueblo.edu			
<i>Plant-based Foods and Sustainability: A Non- anthropocentric Perspective</i>	Serena Girard	Simon Fraser University Serena_girard@sfu.ca			
<i>Veganism as obvious consequence of degrowth, and why it is not included in degrowth agenda?</i>	Lucja Lange	University of Lodz <a href="mailto:lucja.lange@uni.lodz.pl">lucja.lange@uni.lodz.pl</a>			



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### Session 5: Vegan Communication

1.25 hours

12:00am\* 2:30pm 9:30am

Next day\*

*Beyond Meat and Memes: Mapping the vegan activist discourse on Tik Tok and Instagram*

Chris Till

Leeds Beckett University  
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*Framing Veganism: Narratives and Mobilization Strategies on Instagram by Six Chilean Vegan Organizations*

Eduardo Galo Erazo

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile  
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*Chinese Netizens' Framing of Veganism*

Hongshu Wang

Western University  
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*Ben's Vegan Vancouver: A Blog-Based Exploration of Veganism in Kitsilano and Mount Pleasant*

Benjamin F. Hagerty

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### Session 6: Discourses of harm

1 hour

6:00pm 8:30am 3:30am

*Slayers, rippers, and blitzes: capitalism, speciesism, and the narrative of media*

Emily Major

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*The 'King Puck' debate: Struggles over the meaning of animal sentience, subjectivity and suffering in Irish popular media?*

Annette Jorgensen

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*Manufactured compassion: SECAL, Vivotecnia and the Vivisection-Industrial complex in Spain*

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### Session 7 Veganism, Nationalism, Identity

1 hour

7:45pm 10:15am 5:15am

*Animal Anxieties: The Interplay of Vegan Protest and Animal Nationalism in Postcolonial Ireland*  
*Un-Australian: The Impact of Non-Human Animal Agriculture on the Australian National Identity and the Otherisation of Vegans*

Corey Wrenn

University of Kent  
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*"Let Them Eat Kale!" Appeals to Class-Based Resentment in Conservative Opposition to Climate Change Solutions*

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			9:30pm	12:00pm	7:00am
<b>Session 8: Perspectives on resistance</b>					
<i>Insect economics: exploring insects as sociological labour metaphors and imagining the proletariat revolution</i>	Alex Hill	Flinders University hillo743@flinders.edu.au			
<i>A Social 'Theory of Everything': Veganism as Anarchism as Anti-Capitalism</i>	Nathan Poirier	Independent Scholar-Activist <a href="mailto:poirinat1@gmail.com">poirinat1@gmail.com</a>			
<i>Slaughterhouse Capitalism: Animal Resistance, "Effeminate Rice Eaters," and Solidarity As the Basis for Animal Liberation"</i>	Vasile Stănescu	Mercer University stanescu_ut@mercercer.edu			
<b>Session 9: Deadly Encounters</b>					
			11:30pm	2:00pm	9:00am
<i>Hunting Monsters: The Wildlife Management Industry, Invasive Species and the Rhetoric of Masculinity</i>	Stephen Muzzatti	Toronto Metropolitan University <a href="mailto:muzzatti@torontomu.ca">muzzatti@torontomu.ca</a>			
<i>Capitalism, Speciesism, Colonialism and the Absent Referent: A System that Fueled the Capture and Captivity of Sk'aliCh'elh-tenaut</i>	Gillian M. Walters	California Institute of Integral Studies <a href="mailto:gwalters@mymail.ciis.edu">gwalters@mymail.ciis.edu</a>			
<b>Session 10: Sorenson Panel</b>					
			12:10am	2:40pm	9:40am
<b>Introduction: Corey Wrenn</b>					
<b>John Sanbonmatsu</b> Rethinking Totality: John Sorenson's Materialist Social Critique of Animal Oppression.					
<b>Richard White:</b> Spaces of Violences, Place of Hope: Reading Geographies of Social Justice in John Sorenson's Work					
<b>Vasile T. Stanesco:</b> John Sorenson & Veganism Beyond Consumerism					
<b>David Nibert:</b> John Sorenson: CAS Pioneer and Movement Builder					
<b>Concluding Comments: IAVS Conference Organizing Committee</b>					
			2:10am	4:40pm	11:40am
<b>International Association of Vegan Sociologists: Annual Business Meeting</b>					
			2:25am	4:55pm	11:55am



## ***General Instructions for Speakers***

- *Please register for the conference via the [Humanitix link](#). Access details will be sent distributed via the Humanitix 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 will be opening the session and posting a welcome slide for the session.*
- *Each session will have a moderator who will facilitate the individual sessions and introduce you as a presenter*
  - *After you present, the moderator will read questions from the audience in the chat for you to respond*
- *The presenter will be responsible for operating their slide presentation (if applicable)*
  - *Have your presentation open on your computer*
  - *Select 'Share Screen' in green in your toolbar of the screen (you will see once logged in)*
  - *Click on the presentation and 'Slide Show' in the document*
  - *Remember to 'Stop Screen Share' when you finish presenting*
  - *You may choose to have a final slide on your presentation 'Questions' for attendees to view while you respond to questions*
- *The attendees will only be able to view the 'active speaker' and whatever is shared*
  - *If you do not wish to be viewed 'live' while speaking, please upload a picture in your zoom profile*
  - *Mute yourself when not speaking*



## **John Sorenson Panel Speaker Information**

### **John Sanbonmatsu**

*John Sanbonmatsu is Associate Professor of philosophy at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where he teaches courses on Ethics, Political Philosophy, Existentialism, and other topics. He is editor of the book, Critical Theory and Animal Liberation, and author of The Postmodern Prince: Critical Theory, Left Strategy, and the Making of a New Political Subject. A critic of cellular or "cultivated" meat technology, he is creator and curator of the website, [www.CleanMeat-Hoax.com](http://www.CleanMeat-Hoax.com). John's opinion writing has appeared in the Christian Science Monitor, Detroit Free Press, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and Huffington Post, among other places. His new book, The Omnivore's Deception: What We Get Wrong about Meat, Animals, and Ourselves, a critique of the myth of "humane" and "sustainable" meat, will be published by NYU Press in spring 2025.*

### **Richard White**

*Richard White is a Reader in Human Geography at Sheffield Hallam University. Greatly influenced by anarchist praxis Richard's main research agenda explores a range of ethical and economic landscapes rooted in the intersectional contexts of social justice and total liberation movements.*

### **Vasile T. Stanescu**

*Dr. Vasile Stanescu is an Associate Professor of Communication Studies at Mercer University. He is currently a member of the Climate Social Science Network (CSSN) based out of Brown University. Dr. Stanescu has over 25 peer-reviewed publications on the study of animals and the environment. His work has been featured in journals such as the Rhetoric of Health & Medicine, American Behavioral Scientist, The Journal of American Culture, and Animal Studies Journal. His research has been recognized by numerous institutions, including The Woods Institute for the Environment, Minding Animals International, The Andrew Mellon Foundation, the Culture and Animals Foundation, the Institute for Critical Animal Studies, and the Institutul Cultural Român. A committed advocate for animal liberation, Stanescu has been vegan for over 20 years. More information can be found at our website, [winforanimals.org](http://winforanimals.org).*

### **David Nibert**

*David Nibert is Professor of Sociology at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio where he teaches courses on Animals & Society and Global Injustice. He previously worked as a tenant organizer and as a community activist. He is the author of Animal Rights/Human Rights: Entanglements of Oppression and Liberation (Rowman/Littlefield), Animal Oppression and Human Violence: Domesecration, Capitalism and Global Conflict (Columbia University Press), and edited Animal Oppression and Capitalism, Volumes One and Two (Praeger Press). He co-organized the section on Animals and Society of the American Sociological Association.*



## About IAVS



*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 Zoi Sutton, Co-Convener 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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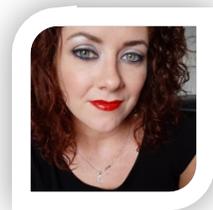
### Co-founders

#### Dr Zoi Sutton

*Dr Zoi 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



*Dr. Wrenn is Lecturer of Sociology with the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR) and Co-Director of the Centre for the Study of Social and Political Movements at the University of Kent. She served as council member with the American Sociological Association's Animals & Society section (2013-2016), was elected Chair in 2018, and co-founded the International Association of Vegan Sociologists in 2020. She serves as Book Review Editor to Society & Animals, is a member of The Vegan Society's Research Advisory Committee, and hosts Sociology & Animals Podcast. In July 2013, she founded*

*the Vegan Feminist Network, an academic-activist project engaging intersectional social justice praxis. She is the author of *A Rational Approach to Animal Rights: Extensions in Abolitionist Theory* (Palgrave MacMillan 2016), *Piecemeal Protest: Animal Rights in the Age of Nonprofits* (University of Michigan Press 2019), and *Animals in Irish Society* (SUNY Press 2021).*



## 2024 IAVS Committee

The work of IAVS is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers. These are elected positions held from January-December each year. If you would like to find out more or are interested in applying for one of these roles we are accepting expressions of interest until October 31<sup>st</sup>. See [here](#) for more information.

### Newsletter Editor ~ Victoria Brockett



Victoria Brockett is a doctoral student in the Sociology Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her research interests lie at the nexus of race and gender, the sociology of health and illness, and social movements, with a particular focus on inequalities, feminist epistemologies, food systems, and health activism. Her master's research leveraged quantitative and novel experimental methods to examine how social location shapes ideas surrounding the meaning and goals of veganism. Victoria currently serves as the student representative council member of the American Sociological Association's section on Animals & Society

### Blog Editor ~ Leanne Cooper

Leanne is a PhD student in sociology at the University of Aberdeen. She has a BA (Hons) in Media Studies and an MSc in Sociology. Her research focus is on the decision-making strategies of vegans and how they negotiate themselves in a non-vegan world. This is done by looking at how vegans experience the everyday in terms of institutional and social contexts; how the state use or implement legislation, law, and human rights; and veganism as a protected belief. Leanne is also interested in gender, environmental issues, and veganism through a queer feminist lens.



### Social Media Coordinator ~ Lauren-Marie Kennedy



Lauren-Marie is a postgraduate researcher at the University of Dundee with a background in Art & Design. Her research has a sociological focus and she is especially interested in vegan-feminism, social justice, overlapping oppressions between human and non-human beings, vegaphobic media, and geographical veganism

### Event Coordinator ~ Lucja Lange

Assistant Professor at University of Lodz, Poland. Doctor of sociology with MA in cultural anthropology and theatre studies. She explores the experience of diversity, disease, death, mourning and homelessness—both human and animal. Interested in the issue of therapy through photography—as a therapist and a researcher. Private website: <https://www.langelucja.pl/>





## 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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**Twitter:** @tasaanimals  
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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**.

**email our conveners:** [rstevenson@tru.ca](mailto:rstevenson@tru.ca) or [lindsays@mcmaster.ca](mailto:lindsays@mcmaster.ca)  
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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.

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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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