

WORKSHOP ON ANIMALS, LAW, AND RELIGION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
MAY 20-21, 2016
LEWIS INTERNATIONAL LAW CENTER 214A

Organized by Febe Armanios, Boğaç Ergene, and Kristen Stilt

Sponsored by the Animals, Law, and Religion Project of the Islamic Legal Studies Program and the Animal Law & Policy Program

Papers are available on the workshop website for reading prior to the workshop. Each panel will begin with a 10-minute commentary by the commentator followed by a general discussion. There will be no formal paper presentations.

Thursday, May 19

6:30pm Dinner at Kristen Stilt's home, 52 Wendell Street

Friday, May 20

8:15-9:00am Breakfast, Lewis 214A and 214B

9:00-10:30

Beth Berkowitz: *Bad Cats and Bad Rabbis: Deconstructing Discourses of Animal Danger in the Babylonian Talmud*

Bruce Friedrich: *The Church of Animal Liberation: Animal Rights as "Religion" Under the Free Exercise Clause*

Aaron Gross: *Animals, Law, and Religion: Perspectives from the Study of Religion, Implications for Religious Communities*

Commentator: Kristen Stilt

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-12:00

Kecia Ali: *Animal Souls: Thinking about Appetites*

Divya Cherian: *A Non-Violent Politics? Vegetarianism, Religion, and the State in Early Modern Western India*

Commentator: Febe Armanios

12:00-1:30 Lunch, Lewis 214A and 214B

1:30-2:45

Jordan Rosenblum: *The Rabbinic Rejection of Mercy as Justification for Animal Slaughter*
Kristen Stilt: *Do Muslim Animals Need Saving?*

Commentator: Boğaç Ergene

2:45-3:15 Coffee Break

3:15-4:45

Richard McGregor: *Animal Accusers and the Rhetoric of Suffering: Troubling the Human/Animal Divide*
Anne Vallely: *Vulnerability & Transcendence: The Human-Animal Divide within Jainism*
Paul Waldau: *Buddhism and Other Animals*

Commentator: Dale Jamieson

6:00pm Drinks and Dinner (at 6:30) at Harvard Law School, Harkness Commons South

Saturday, May 21

8:15-9:00am Breakfast, Lewis 214A and 214B

9:00-10:30

David Clough: *Consuming Creatures: The Christian Ethics of Farmed Animal Welfare*
Dale Jamieson: *Is Animal Studies Good for Animals?*
Sarra Tlili: *Situating Islamic Animal Ethics in Modern Environmental Discourse*

Commentator: Justin Marceau

10:30-10:45 Break

10:45-noon Concluding Session

Noon-1:00 Lunch (with to-go options for those who might need to catch a flight)