



Conference on Animal Law, Ethics and Policy

Liverpool John Moores University, School of Law in collaboration with the UK Centre for Animal Law (A-law)

Tuesday and Wednesday 10/11 September 2019

Time: Tuesday 9.45 – 5.00 with registration from 9.00am.

Wednesday 9.30 – 5.00

Venue: LJMU, Redmonds Building, Brownlow Hill, Liverpool, L3 5UG (Please note access is by the rear of the building (Clarence Street) due to renovation work)

There will be a conference meal (limited places at 7pm, Tuesday 10th – venue to be confirmed).

Conference aims:

- To examine the interface of law, ethics and the developing academic discipline Animal Law in the UK and elsewhere
- To explore how ethics affect the practical implementation of policy and law in practice
- To share good practice in the teaching and scholarship of Animal Law and
- To explore the animal welfare implications of changes in policy and practice

Conference Themes 2019:

- Global Perspectives of Animal Law
- Farmed Animals
- Companion Animals
- Ethical and Philosophical Perspectives of Animal Law
- Wildlife
- Policy and Practice of Animal Law
- Education and Animal Law

Tuesday 10th September

Time	Event		
9.00 -9.40	Registration – Redmonds Building Reception		
9.50-10.30	Keynote 1: Room 233 Chair: Simon Brooman Peter Stevenson, Compassion in World Farming <i>Do the World Trade Organisation rules adequately protect farm animal welfare?</i>		
10.40-11.10	Parallel Session 1		
	Chair: Alex Pimor Room 233 <i>Legal Personhood for Animals: Aspiration or Logical Necessity?</i> Dr Joshua Jowitt Theme: Ethics/Philosophy	Chair: Paula Sparks Room 523 <i>Adopt don't shop: legally constituting the companion Animal Adoption Agreement</i> Marie Fox and Sarah Singh Theme: Policy and Practice of Animal Law	Chair: Debbie Rook Lecture Theatre <i>Welfare of Wild Animals in Trade – the scope and limitations of international regulation</i> Mark Jones Theme: Global Perspectives of Animal Law
11.10-11.40	Parallel Session 2		
	Chair: Lorie Charlesworth Room 233 <i>Teaching Animal Law in Brazil</i> Paula Brugger Theme: Education and Animal Law	Chair: Tiffany Mitchell Room 523 <i>Towards A Paradigm of 'Animal Dignity': Preliminary Observations</i> Eva Bernet Kempers Theme: Global Perspectives of Animal Law/Ethical and Philosophical Perspectives of Animal Law	Chair: Jessica Horton Lecture Theatre <i>Using Clinical legal education as a means to teach animal law and promote reform: experiences from the Policy Clinic</i> Rachel Dunn and students Theme: Education and Animal Law
11.40-12.10	Parallel Session 3		
	Chair: Edie Bowles Room 233 <i>Global Animal Law: Ethnocentric 'Globabble' or a Light in the Dark?</i> Iyan Offor Theme: Global Perspectives of Animal Law	Chair: Rachel Dunn Lecture Theatre <i>Veterinary law and ethics and the impact on equine welfare.</i> Raelene Harrison Theme: Policy and Practice in Animal Law	

12.10-1.20	Lunch - A vegan lunch will be provided		Student Posters will be on view over lunch
1.20-1.50	Parallel Session 4		Student Slots
	Chair: George Lamb Lecture Theatre <i>Prosecuting under the Animal Welfare Act 2006: Time is of the Essence.</i> Steve Forster Theme: Policy and Practice in Animal Law	Chair: Sarah Stirk Room 233 <i>Meet Your meat – a time for review of animal product labelling in the UK?</i> Robyn Trigg Theme: Farmed Animals	
1.50-2.20	Parallel Session 5		Student slots
	Chair: Debbie Legge Room 523 <i>Global Animal Law</i> Aurelia Prazlickova. Theme: Global Perspectives of Animal Law	Chair: Raelene Harrison Room 233 <i>Companion animal abuse as a form of coercive and controlling behaviour in intimate human relationships</i> Gavin Ridley Theme: Companion Animals	Student focussed sessions Lecture Theatre Sam Groom – 2019 winner of the A-Law essay competition – how and why to enter Theme: Education and Animal Law
2.20-2.50	Parallel Session 6		Careers afternoon
	Chair: Debbie Rook Room 233 <i>The Legal and Moral distinctions between companion and Service dogs</i> Jessica Horton Theme: Companion Animals	Chair: Jamie Murray Room 523 <i>Animals, the environment and New Morality: How Aristotle's view of the ultimate good is not sustainable in the Anthropocene</i> Mikalah Singer Theme: Ethics/Philosophy	Student focussed sessions Lecture Theatre Animal advocacy: a lifetime of experience. David Thomas, Advocates for Animals Theme: Careers
2.50-3.10	Tea Break – Redmonds Building Reception		
3.10-3.40	Parallel Session 7		
	Chair: Steve Forster Room 233 <i>Brexit and Animal welfare impact assessment: would British animals vote to leave the EU?</i>	Chair: Robyn Trigg Room 523 <i>Fail to plan, plan to fail: why authorities should have regard to animal welfare protections</i>	Student focussed sessions Lecture Theatre Short presentations, panel discussion and Q&A's

	Steve McCulloch Theme: Global Perspectives of Animal Law	<i>when considering planning and change of use applications</i> Michelle Strauss. Theme: Policy and Practice in Animal Law	Work as a Government lawyer: experiences of a retired barrister - <i>Judith-Anne MacKenzie</i> Using your legal skills to help animals - <i>Natalie Barbosa, solicitor in private practice and trustee at Animal Free Research</i>
3.40-4.10	Parallel Session 8		Careers at the RSPCA, working for an animal charity - <i>Natalie Harney and Jason Fletcher, RSPCA</i>
	Chair: Jim Hollinshead Room 523 <i>From Collector to Captor: The Theoretical Crime of Animal Hoarding</i> Corrina Lewis Theme – Companion Animals	Chair: Peter Stevenson Room 233 UK Mandatory CCTV in the Abattoir; Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law John Cranley Theme: Policy and Practice in Animal Law	
4.15-5.15	Double Keynote session: Chair: Simon Brooman Lecture Theatre Jason Fletcher, RSPCA – a history of the RSPCA's prosecution work and the diverse people that are involved in it. Damien Morrison: evidence and admissibility in civil and criminal proceedings.		

Wednesday 11th September

Time	Event	
9.15 -9.40	Registration, Tea and Coffee – Redmonds Building Reception	
9.45-10.30	Keynote 3: Chair: Judith-Anne MacKenzie Lecture Theatre <i>25 years of Animal Law: Where do we go from here and a view on the law of ecocide</i> Simon Brooman and Debbie Legge	
10.40-11.10	Parallel Session 9	
	Chair: Sarah Stirk Lecture Theatre <i>Family practices and companion animals: assessing the need for legislation to govern 'no pet' covenants in residential tenancies in England and Wales.</i> Debbie Rook	Chair: Laura Donnellan Room 233 <i>Can studying Animal Law improve an appreciation of the Humane Treatment of Animals?</i> Charlie Hume and Lila Tamea Theme: Education and Animal Law

	Theme – Companion Animals		
11.10-11.40	Parallel Session 10		
	<p>Chair: India Forster Room 233</p> <p><i>The sooner the better: the arguments for the use of extended welfare assessment grids in animal welfare cases</i></p> <p>Rachel Dunn</p> <p>Theme: Companion animals</p>	<p>Chair: Tiffany Mitchell Lecture Theatre</p> <p><i>Religious freedom, animal welfare and non-discrimination: the troubling case of non-stun slaughter</i></p> <p>Joe Wills</p> <p>Theme: Farmed Animals</p>	<p>Chair: Debbie Legge Room 523</p> <p>Human rights and responsibility in the Anthropocene age: significance for animal and nature rights</p> <p>Alex Pimor</p> <p>Theme: Ethics/Philosophy</p>
11.40-12.10	Parallel Session 11		
	<p>Chair: Edie Bowles Room 233</p> <p><i>The protection of animals from cruelty under Irish law.</i></p> <p>Laura Donnellan</p> <p>Theme: Global Perspectives of Animal Law</p>	<p>Chair: Michelle Strauss Lecture Theatre</p> <p><i>The British animal health and welfare policy process: Animal Welfare impact assessment and ethical analysis as reforms to account for the interests of sentient beings</i></p> <p>Steve McCulloch</p> <p>Theme: Policy and Practice of Animal Law</p>	
12.10-1.05	Lunch - A vegan lunch will be provided – Redmonds Building Reception		
1.05-1.35	Keynote		
	<p>Keynote 4: Lecture Theatre</p> <p>Chair: Natalie Harney</p> <p>David Thomas – Advocates for Animals: A Case Study in Using the Law to Protect Animals</p>		
1.40-2.10	Parallel Session 13		
	<p>Chair: Jamie Murray Room 523</p> <p><i>The Legal Protection of Extinct Species in Wildlife Laws: Benefits and Challenges</i></p>	<p>Chair: Alex Pimor Room 233</p> <p><i>Holding the System to Account</i></p> <p>Edie Bowles</p>	<p>Chair: Joe Wills Lecture Theatre</p> <p><i>Can a general principle of animal welfare in international law facilitate the absolute prohibition of whaling?</i></p> <p>Clare James</p>

	Lois Lelanchon Theme: Wildlife	Theme: Policy and Practice of Animal Law	Theme: Wildlife/Global Perspectives
2.10-2.40	Parallel Session 14		
	Chair: Paula Sparks Lecture Theatre Student focussed sessions Lecture Theatre How students can help animals and develop their skills. Tiffany Mitchell, A-law Legal Support Officer. Theme: Education and Animal Law	Chair: Robyn Trigg Room 233 <i>Veganism and Animal Rights</i> Giovana Bortolini-Poker Theme: Ethics/Philosophy	
2.40-3.00	Tea Break – Redmonds Building Reception		
3.00-3.30	Parallel Session 15		
	Chair: Rachel Dunn Room 523 <i>Regulatory Regimes in Animal Welfare Legislation: A Case Study from New Zealand</i> Danielle Duffield Theme: Global Perspectives of Animal Law	Chair: Iyan Offor Room 233 <i>Full regard to the welfare of animals, just not animals raised for food</i> Vicky Bond Theme: Farmed Animals	
3.30-4.00	Parallel Session 16		
	Chair: Lorie Charlesworth Lecture Theatre <i>Teaching Ecology to Law Students</i> Jamie Murray Theme: Education and Animal Law	Chair: Marie Fox Room 233 The veterinary 'consent to treatment' form – designed for multiple roles, master of none? Carol Gray Theme: Companion Animals	

4.15-4.30	Plenary – Lecture Theatre End of Conference drinks – The Philharmonic Hall Dining Rooms
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About the keynote speakers:

Peter Stevenson is Chief Policy Advisor of Compassion in World Farming and a qualified solicitor. He studied economics and law at Trinity College, Cambridge. Peter played a leading role in winning the EU bans on veal crates, battery cages and sow stalls as well as a new status for animals in EU law as sentient beings. He has written comprehensive legal analyses of EU legislation on farm animals and of the impact of the WTO rules on animal welfare. Peter is lead author of the study by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation reviewing animal welfare legislation in the beef, pork and poultry industries.

David Thomas is a UK lawyer and co-founder of Advocates for Animals, the UK’s first animal protection law firm. He is also consultant to Cruelty Free International and has acted for most of the other leading animal protection organisations in the UK and others further afield, specialising in using the law to advance campaigning objectives. He was formerly a civil litigation partner in a West End firm and then legal officer to a family poverty charity. He is a consultant to a leading human rights law firm. He is a former chair (and current trustee) of the RSPCA and has been a trustee of CFI and Compassion in World Farming.

Jason Fletcher joined the RSPCA in 1998 as an inspector for six years before moving to the prosecutions department. He reviews investigation case files submitted by the inspectorate and makes prosecution decisions in line with the Code for Crown Prosecutors. He is involved in the training of new inspectors with particular reference to the English legal system, elements of a crime, rules of evidence and disclosure. He lectures to student veterinary surgeons, law students, local government and magistrates associations on animal welfare and the law. Jason is a qualified CILEx lawyer and Fellow of CILEx

Damien Morrison is a founder of M & A Solicitors specialising in criminal and regulatory matters since he qualified as a solicitor in 1994. Damien has experience of representing suspects facing a wide range of criminal allegations and undertakes regulatory work and regularly practices as a High Court Advocate.

Cost. See website

<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/conferences/animal-law-ethics-and-policy>

Full Conference Venue address:

Liverpool John Moores University
School of Law
Redmonds Building
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Accommodation

A list of local accommodation within easy walking distance of the venue can be found at the website address above.