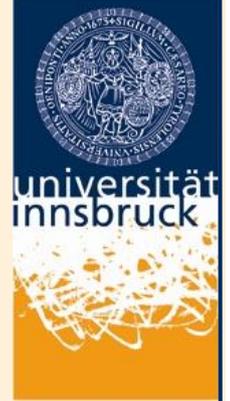


Human-Animal Studies Conference

in the tension field between ethical concern and scientific objectivity

Innsbruck, Austria, February 2014



The University of Innsbruck announces its first international conference on Human-Animal Studies, to be held in Innsbruck from February 6 - 8, 2014.

Human-Animal Studies are a young, flourishing interdisciplinary field of research at the centre of which lies the relationship between humans and animals. In view of the historically and culturally – but also socially – heterogeneous, ambivalent and contradictory relationship, one needs to raise the question of the importance of „the animal“ and human-animal relationships for human and social sciences.

Like other academic fields that have been created along the lines of progressive social movements (human rights, feminist and ecological movement), these scientific efforts have been developing parallel to the animal rights movement. It is, however, not only a question of integrating animals into academia, but also of conceptualizing them differently – as living beings with their own experiences and interests. At the same time, a critical investigation of the use and abuse of non-human animals needs to be fostered. While ethical concerns are often regarded as irreconcilable with scientific objectivity, this conference aims to overcome the dichotomy between theory and practice, science and citizenship, in order to re-establish philosophy (in the broadest sense of the word) as a driving force for change.

The following fields of research will have their own sections:

Animals in Educational Sciences

organiser: Reingard Spannring

Animals in Language and Linguistics

organiser: Reinhard Heuberger

Animals in Literature and the Media

organiser: Gabriela Kompatscher, Max Siller

Animals in Philosophy and Religion

organiser: Andreas Oberprantacher

Animals in Historical Sciences and Law

organiser: Alejandro Boucabeille

Animals in Social Sciences and Gender Studies

organiser: Karin Schachinger

Authors are invited to submit their abstracts and short CVs by **July 10, 2013** and will be notified by September 10, 2013 on whether their contribution has been accepted. The proceedings of the conference will be published.

Conference language: German, English
Conference fee: 49,- Euros

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