Talking Animals, Law and Philosophy

A veritable animal turn has occurred in many fields of thinking, sweeping away outdated philosophical and scientific beliefs, and making room for more thoughtful, sensible study of the relation between humans and other animals. Law and legal science, however, have remained relatively untouched by this revolution. The talk series “Talking Animals, Law and Philosophy” wants to remedy this situation by providing a welcoming, engaging and rigorous forum for debate and ideas about the relations between animals, law and philosophy.

Programme 2015/2016

27 November 2015, 3:15 – 4:45pm
Room G11, Faculty of Law, 10 West Road, Cambridge
Michael Bowman (Associate Professor in Law, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Nottingham)
“The status of non-human animals: science, philosophy, law”
Introduction by Jeffrey M. Skopek (Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge)

9 February 2016, 6:15 – 7:45pm
Room G28, Faculty of Law, 10 West Road, Cambridge
Darren Calley (Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University of Essex)
“A non-utilitarian interpretation of the unnecessary suffering test in animal protection law”

26 February 2016, 3:15 – 4:45pm
Room G11, Faculty of Law, 10 West Road, Cambridge
Ben Sachs (Lecturer in Philosophy, School of Philosophical, Anthropological and Film Studies, University of St. Andrews)
"A moderate position on the political and legal status of sentient animals"

10 May 2016, 6:15 – 7:45pm
Room G28, Faculty of Law, 10 West Road, Cambridge
Robert Garner (Professor, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Leicester)
“Animals and democratic theory: beyond an anthropocentric approach”

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