

CONFERENCE

Registration

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Please register before the deadline: **28 September 2009.**

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How to get there

By air: The nearest airport is Cologne/Bonn (CGN), good alternatives are Düsseldorf-Rhein-Ruhr-Airport (DUS) and Frankfurt International Airport (FRA).

By train: In Bonn or Remagen, change to the "Ahrthalbahn" in the direction of Dernau, get off at Bad Neuenahr.

By car: From the north via the A1 or A61 in direction of Meckenheimer Kreuz, get off at Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler at km 181,5; from the south via Koblenzer Kreuz on the A61 in direction of Bonn, get off at Sinzig/Bad Neuenahr at km 189,5. Attention: There is no parking space at the hotel. Please consider using the "City-Parkhaus" 100 m away.

CONCEPTS OF ANIMAL WELFARE INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES

8–9 October 2009

SETA-Hotel
Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler, Germany

Concepts of animal welfare

Interdisciplinary perspectives

Animal welfare is a topic that plays an increasingly important role in public perceptions, politics, and science. Animal welfare science has become a cross-disciplinary area of study in which veterinary science, biology and animal husbandry join forces, and which is often consulted to guide processes of development in legislation concerning animal protection and in the practice of animal use.

However, the variety of uses of the concept of animal welfare sometimes leads to contradictory conclusions regarding the scientific evidence, and ambivalence in the relation of empirical research with animal ethics and policy.

The Europäische Akademie's autumn conference 2009 brings together experts representing animal welfare science, animal ethics, law, and philosophy of science, in order to discuss how philosophical analysis and explication of the scientific terminology, concepts and theory may support the further development of animal welfare science in light of the animal welfare concept's broad use in animal ethics, society and legislation.

Thursday, 8 October 2009

9.15 Welcome

Carl Friedrich Gethmann, Europäische Akademie GmbH,
Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler (Germany)

SESSION I: A BROAD PERSPECTIVE ON ANIMAL WELFARE

Chair: Felix Thiele, Europäische Akademie GmbH,
Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler (Germany)

9.30 The history of the concept of animal welfare, of related concepts, and of animal welfare science

Donald M. Broom, University of Cambridge (UK)

10.30 Break

11.00 Interdisciplinarity in animal welfare

Christine Leeb, Universität für Bodenkultur Wien (Austria)

12.00 Animal welfare in animal law

Ian Robertson, International Animal Law, Leeds University (UK),
Massey University (NZ)

13.00 Lunch

SESSION II: ANIMAL WELFARE AND NORMATIVITY

Chair: Thorsten Galert, Europäische Akademie GmbH,
Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler (Germany)

15.00 A comparative philosophical analysis of animal and human health and welfare

Lennart Nordenfelt, Linköping Universitet (Sweden)

16.00 Break

16.30 Concepts of animal welfare in relation to positions in animal ethics

Kirsten Schmidt, Ruhr-Universität Bochum (Germany)

17.30 Normativity and animal rationality

Tjard de Cock Buning,
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

Friday, 9 October 2009

SESSION III: METHODOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE SCIENCE

Chair: Georg Kamp, Europäische Akademie GmbH,
Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler (Germany)

9.00 Elements of a philosophy of animal welfare science

Colin Allen, Indiana University (USA)

10.00 Break

10.30 Conceptual challenges as seen from within animal welfare science

Hanno Würbel, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen (Germany)

PANEL DISCUSSION

Chair: Kristin Hagen, Europäische Akademie GmbH,
Bad Neuenahr-Ahrweiler (Germany)

11.30 What can philosophy contribute to animal welfare science?

All speakers

12.30 Lunch



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