

# CONFERENCE ON ANIMAL LAW, ETHICS & POLICY 2019

10 - 11 September 2019

Liverpool John Moores University

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# WELCOME

Liverpool John Moores University Law School and The UK Centre for Animal Law (A-Law) are proud to be hosting the Second Conference on Animal Law, Ethics & Policy and we are delighted that you have decided to join us for this important and timely event. The Conference not only features an impressive array of speakers, but also provides invaluable opportunities to connect with fellow animal law enthusiasts.

The Conference takes place 10 - 11 September 2019 and its aims are:

- 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;
- 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.

This year's Conference has the following major themes:



Tuesday 11th September



# Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

09:00 – 09:40: Registration in Redmonds Reception, Ground Floor

9:50 – 10:30	<p>Keynote Speaker: Room 233</p> <p>Chair: Simon Brooman</p> <p><b>Peter Stevenson, Compassion in World Farming</b> <i>Do the World Trade Organisation rules adequately protect farm animal welfare?</i></p> <p>Theme: Farmed Animals</p>		
10:40 – 11:10	Parallel Session One		
	<p>Chair: Alex Pimor Room 233</p> <p><i>Legal Personhood for Animals: Aspiration or Logical Necessity?</i></p> <p><b>Dr Joshua Jowitt</b></p> <p>Theme: Ethical &amp; Philosophical Perspectives on Animal Law</p>	<p>Chair: Paula Sparks Room 523</p> <p><i>Adopt Don't Shop: Legally Constituting the Companion Animal Adoption Agreement</i></p> <p><b>Marie Fox &amp; Sarah Singh</b></p> <p>Theme: Policy &amp; Practice of Animal Law</p>	<p>Chair: Debbie Rook Lecture Theatre 2</p> <p><i>Welfare of Wild Animals in Trade: The Scope and Limitations of International Regulation</i></p> <p><b>Mark Jones</b></p> <p>Theme: Global Perspectives on Animal Law</p>
11:10 – 11:40	Parallel Session Two		
	<p>Chair: Tiffany Mitchell Room 523</p> <p><i>Towards A Paradigm of 'Animal Dignity': Preliminary Observations</i></p> <p><b>Eva Bernet-Kempers</b></p> <p>Theme: Ethical &amp; Philosophical Perspectives on Animal Law</p>	<p>Chair: Jessica Horton Lecture Theatre 2</p> <p><i>Using Clinical Legal Education as a Means to Teach Animal Law and Promote Reform: Experiences from The Policy Clinic</i></p> <p><b>Rachel Dunn &amp; University of Northumbria Students</b></p> <p>Theme: Education, Careers &amp; Animal Law</p>	
11:40 – 12:10	Parallel Session Three		
	<p>Chair: Edie Bowles Room 233</p> <p><i>Global Animal Law: Ethnocentric 'Globabble' or a Light in the Dark?</i></p> <p><b>Iyan Offor</b></p> <p>Theme: Global Perspectives on Animal Law</p>	<p>Chair: Rachel Dunn Room 523</p> <p><i>Veterinary Law and Ethics and the Impact on Equine Welfare</i></p> <p><b>Raelene Harrison</b></p> <p>Theme: Policy &amp; Practice of Animal Law</p>	

12:10 – 13:20	<b>Vegan Lunch – room TBC on day</b>  Entries from the Undergraduate Student Poster Competition, sponsored by Humane Society International UK, will be on display		
13:20 – 13:50	Parallel Session Four		
	Chair: George Lamb Lecture Theatre 2  <i>Prosecuting under the Animal Welfare Act 2006: Time is of the Essence</i>  <b>Steve Forster</b>  Theme: Policy & Practice of Animal Law	Chair: Sarah Stirk Room 233  <i>Meet your Meat: A Time for a Review of Animal Product Labelling in the UK?</i>  <b>Robyn Trigg</b>  Theme: Farmed Animals	
13:50 – 14:20	Parallel Session Five		
	Chair: Debbie Legge Room 523  <i>Global Animal Law</i>  <b>Aurelia Prazlickova</b>  Theme: Global Perspectives on Animal Law	Chair: Raelene Harrison Room 233  <i>Companion Animal Abuse as a Form of Coercive and Controlling Behaviour in Intimate Human Relationships</i>  <b>Gavin Ridley</b>  Theme: Companion Animals	Student Session Chair: Natalie Harney Lecture Theatre 2  <i>The A-law Student Essay Competition: How and Why to Enter</i>  <b>Sam Groom (2019 Essay Competition Winner)</b>  Theme: Education, Careers & Animal Law
14:20 – 14:50	Parallel Session Six		
	Chair: Debbie Rook Room 233  <i>The Legal and Moral Distinctions Between Companion and Service Dogs</i>  <b>Jessica Horton</b>  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>  <b>Mikalah Singer</b>  Theme: Ethical & Philosophical Perspectives on Animal Law	Student Session Chair: Alice Collinson Lecture Theatre 2  <i>Animal Advocacy: A Lifetime of Experience</i>  <b>David Thomas</b>  Theme: Education, Careers & Animal Law
14:50 – 15:10	Refreshment Break Redmonds Reception & Social Zone, Ground Floor		

15:10 – 15:40	Parallel Session Seven		Student Session Chair: Tiffany Mitchell Lecture Theatre 2  Short Presentations, Panel Discussion and Q&A's  <i>Working as a Government Lawyer: Experiences of a Retired Barrister</i>
15:40 – 16:10	Parallel Session Eight		<b>Judith-Anne MacKenzie</b>  <i>Using your Legal Skills to Help Animals</i>  <b>Damien Morrison, M&amp;A Solicitors</b>  <i>Careers at the RSPCA: Working for an Animal Charity</i>  <b>Natalie Harney &amp; Jason Fletcher, RSPCA</b>  Theme: Education, Careers & Animal Law
16:15 – 17:15	Keynote Speakers: Lecture Theatre 2  Chair: Simon Brooman  <b>Jason Fletcher, RSPCA</b> <i>Prosecuting Animal Welfare Offences at the RSPCA: Nearly 200 Years of Enforcement</i>  <b>Damien Morrison, M&amp;A Solicitors</b> <i>Evidence and Admissibility in Civil and Criminal Proceedings</i>  Theme: Policy & Practice of Animal Law		

Wednesday 12th September



# Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

09:15 – 09:40: Registration & Refreshments in Redmonds Reception, Ground Floor

09:45 – 10:30	<p>Keynote Speaker: Lecture Theatre 2</p> <p>Chair: Judith-Anne MacKenzie</p> <p><b>Simon Brooman &amp; Debbie Legge</b>  <i>25 Years of Animal Law: Where do we go from here and a view on the Law of Ecocide</i></p> <p>Theme: Policy &amp; Practice of Animal Law</p>					
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13:40 – 14:10	Parallel Session Twelve		
	<p>Chair: Jamie Murray Room 523</p> <p><i>The Legal Protection of Extinct Species in Wildlife Laws: Benefits and Challenges</i></p> <p><b>Lois Lelanchon</b></p> <p>Theme: Wild Animals</p>	<p>Chair: Alex Pimor Room 233</p> <p><i>Holding the System to Account</i></p> <p><b>Edie Bowles</b></p> <p>Theme: Policy &amp; Practice of Animal Law</p>	<p>Chair: Joe Wills Lecture Theatre 2</p> <p><i>Can a General Principle of Animal Welfare in International Law Facilitate the Absolute Prohibition on Whaling?</i></p> <p><b>Clare James</b></p> <p>Theme: Global Perspectives on Animal Law</p>
14:10 – 14:40	Parallel Session Thirteen		
	<p>Chair: Paula Sparks Lecture Theatre 2</p> <p><i>How Students can help Animals and Develop their Skills</i></p> <p><b>Tiffany Mitchell</b></p> <p>Theme: Education &amp; Animal Law</p>	<p>Chair: Robyn Trigg Room 233</p> <p><i>Veganism and Animal Rights</i></p> <p><b>Giovana Bortolini-Poker</b></p> <p>Theme: Ethical &amp; Philosophical Perspectives on Animal Law</p>	
14:40 – 15:00	Refreshment Break Redmonds Reception & Social Zone, Ground Floor		
15:00 – 15:30	Parallel Session Fourteen		
	<p>Chair: Rachel Dunn Room 523</p> <p><i>Regulatory Regimes in Animal Welfare Legislation: A Case Study from New Zealand</i></p> <p><b>Danielle Duffield</b></p> <p>Theme: Global Perspectives on Animal Law</p>	<p>Chair: Iyan Offor Room 233</p> <p><i>Full Regard to the Welfare of Animals, just not Animals Raised for Food</i></p> <p><b>Vicky Bond</b></p> <p>Theme: Farmed Animals</p>	

15:30 – 16:00	Parallel Session Fifteen	
	<p>Chair: Lorie Charlesworth Lecture Theatre 2</p> <p><i>Teaching Ecology to Law Students</i></p> <p><b>Jamie Murray</b></p> <p>Theme: Education, Careers &amp; Animal Law</p>	<p>Chair: Marie Fox Room 233</p> <p>The Veterinary 'Consent to Treatment' Form: Designed for Multiple Roles, Master of None?</p> <p><b>Carol Gray</b></p> <p>Theme: Companion Animals</p>
16:15 – 17:00	End of Conference Drinks	

# Keynote Speakers

**Peter Stevenson** is Chief Policy Advisor at Compassion in World Farming and a qualified solicitor. He studied Economics & 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 in achieving a new status for animals in EU law as sentient beings. He has written comprehensive legal analyses of EU legislation on farm animals and on 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.

**Jason Fletcher** joined the RSPCA in 1998 as an Inspector for 6 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. He has specialised in criminal and regulatory matters since he qualified in 1994. Damien has experience representing suspects facing a wide range of criminal allegations and undertakes regulatory work. He regularly practices as a High Court Advocate.

**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 (CFI) and has acted for most of the other leading animal protection organisations in the UK and further afield. David specialises 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.

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