

Evaluating human-animal relations across disciplines

A joint workshop on approaches to human & animal well-being from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine and the Research Faculty of Media and Communication

May 17th 4:30-6:30

Location: In person at Hokudai Veterinary Medicine Lecture Hall and on WebEx

Target audience: Graduate students from VetMed and Int'l Media & Communication

Register: <https://forms.gle/XjicMsB2k4T6C4ih9>

Seats will be assigned based on sign-up order, so please register early.

PURPOSE

To explore **alternate approaches** to assessing the **bonds between humans and animals**.

PANEL SPEAKERS

Graduate School of International Media, Communication, and Tourism Studies, Hokkaido University



Johan Edelheim, Professor of Culture and Tourism.

Selected research interests: Critical tourism studies connected to animals; traveling with and without pets

https://www.imc.hokudai.ac.jp/english/academics/faculty_profiles/002033.html

Émilie Crossley, JSPS Postdoctoral Fellow.

Selected research interests: Low-consumptive wildlife tourism; multispecies behavior at fox petting zoos

<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Emilie-Crossley>



Graduate School of Veterinary Medicine, Hokkaido University



Michito Shimozuru, Associate Professor.

Selected research interests: Behavioral ecology of bears; human-wildlife conflict, especially between commercial activity and bears in Shiretoko

<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Michito-Shimozuru>

Yuki Otani, Postdoctoral Researcher at Hokudai and U Edinburgh.

Selected research interests: Attitudes towards animal welfare in UK and Japan; autoimmune diseases related to reproductive health

<https://researchmap.jp/yukiotani?lang=en>



EVENT SCHEDULE

<i>time</i>	<i>action</i>
45 min	Open discussion between panelists, moderators, and audience
15 min	Audience members discuss the topic in small groups
10 min	break
25 min	Panelists respond to audience discussion
20 min	Panelists join groups with audience for discussion

PRINCIPLES

Society depends upon animals for survival. We define our humanity by comparing and contrasting ourselves with nonhuman animals. We develop psychological and biomedical understanding of the human condition via observation of animals. Our political economies and nation-states are built upon the exploitation of animals for food, clothing, and medicine. Thus, **humans have a responsibility to manage animal resources** in a just and sustainable fashion.

Many researchers care for animals and dream of a world where animals are treated more in line with their principles. However, the methodologies and language used in different animal-facing disciplines do not always overlap, making interdisciplinary dialogue difficult. **This event is meant to enhance mutual understanding about the human-animal bond** in the hope that both sides can gain greater appreciation of this complex topic.

MODERATORS

From Grad. School VetMed

Mike Henshaw, Lecturer of English for Specific Purposes.

Keisuke Aoshima, Assistant Professor of Comparative Pathology.

ORGANIZING BODIES

This event is held in coordination with two programs at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine: *One Health Ally Course, Sub-Module 2*, and the *International Veterinary Exchange Program*.

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