

E-Newsletter, April 2021

This E-Newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Tom Worby.

Tom Worby Global Day of Remembrance April 3

On the 3rd of April 1993, Tom Worby, a 15 year old saboteur attending his first foxhunt protest, was crushed under the wheels of the Cambridgeshire Fox Hunt's hound van. No legal action was taken against the driver.



6th Students for Critical Animal Studies Conference 2021

The Students for Critical Animal Studies (SCAS), rooted in animal liberation and anarchism, is an international association of students, from high schools to online colleges to graduate schools, dedicated to the abolition of animal and ecological exploitation, and to dismantle all systems of domination and oppression, in hopes for a just, equitable, inclusive, and peaceful world. SCAS challenges students to view social justice from a more inclusive and intersectional perspective, while providing a forum for the meeting of academia and activism.

The 6th annual conference took place on 3 April 2021, and provided a platform for students, activists, and professors to critically assess animal liberation, oppression, and domination theoretically and empirically. The conference encouraged both a productive reflection that challenges normalcy of systemic oppression that implements discrimination and networking among those who do academic and pragmatic social justice work. The conference was organised by Nathan Poirier (Graduate student of sociology at Michigan State University).

The event was a great success and can be watched online on You Tube here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cndj8a9sdls>

Upcoming events

2021 will be a busy year for ICAS. Although we are unable to hold conferences in person due to coronavirus, we are planning a series of online conferences.

Eco-Ability conference will take place in July 2021.

ICAS Europe conference will take place in August 2021.

Full dates, timings and details will be announced in future newsletters, if you are interested in presenting then please contact the ICAS board.

Palestine Solidarity

In 2021 ICAS will be holding a solidarity event for total liberation in Palestine. Among the groups who will be invited to speak are Plant the Land Team Gaza.



Plant the Land team run Vegan food justice/community projects team in Gaza, Palestine. They provide vegan food distribution, medication, warm winter clothing/blankets, & engage in community projects, e.g. building village water wells, planting public food forests and gardens, etc. For more information visit the 'Plant the Land Team Gaza' Facebook page.

Other News

The Animal Rights Show

ICAS Director of Total Liberation Campaigns, Laura Schleifer, has appeared on a three-part discussion programme on the Animal Rights Show talking about The Human-Animal Divide, its rise and dissolution. Laura discussed what happens when

the human-animal divide is challenged/removed within a society that still ascribes to hierarchy and domination in other forms--the 'shadow side' of removing that boundary, and why many people fear removing it so much.

Episode one can be watched on You Tube here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sg26yrUjtmQ>

Episode two is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=akY9nRAg-hc>

Laura also presented a paper in February at the Black Rose Books conference in February, "Conceptions of Animal Morality; A Factor in Political Ideologies", how Kropotkin's observations about non-human animal communities can hold the key for transforming attitudes about human and non-human animals alike, and how that can transform our political ideologies on the whole. Her paper will also appear in the Black Rose Books Kropotkin conference anthology. Her talk can be viewed here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zT5GvrzRLto&t=16537s>

Additionally, Laura will be giving a talk at the European Association for Critical Animal Studies in June, "Animals in His-story: The Role of the Oppression of Non-Human Animals in the Oppression of Men" on how the oppression of non-human animals has shaped and influenced how men are oppressed on the basis of their gender under patriarchy, colonialism/imperialism, Capitalism and the class system, and other systems of oppression.

Punk and Anarchism

ICAS Board Member Will Boisseau is co-editing a book series exploring the relationship between Punk and Anarchism. The series will have over 96 contributors from all over the globe. To support translation and distribution costs a Crowdfunder has been launched at <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-anarchism-and-punk-book-project>