

# UK ANIMAL LAW CONFERENCE 2024

THE UK'S NATIONAL ANIMAL LAW  
CONFERENCE FOR ACADEMICS,  
LAWYERS, NGOS AND STUDENTS

**29-30 MAY 2024**

Hosted by the UK Centre for Animal  
Law and the Animals, Nature, &  
Society Research Stream (Centre for  
Human Rights, Birmingham City  
University)



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# PROGRAMME

## UK ANIMAL LAW CONFERENCE 2024

### DAY 1

| TIME        | EVENT  |
|-------------|--|
| 9:00-9:30   | Registration: Tea & Coffee [Atrium]  |
| 9:30-10:00  | Welcome: Paula Sparks & Iyan Offor<br>Room: C087   |
| 10:00-10:45 | Keynote Speaker: <b>Pamela Frasch</b><br><br><b>Animal Law Education:<br/>Building a Sustainable Infrastructure</b><br>Chair: Dr Iyan Offor<br>Room: <b>C087</b> |
| 10:45-11:00 | Break [Atrium]   |
| 11:00-12:00 | First Panel Session  |



#### “Dangerous” Dogs and Other Issues

Chair: Paula Sparks  
Room: **C087**

**Stephen Forster** –  
Dog on dog fatal attacks: Is there a gap in the Criminal Law?

**Jennifer Maher** –  
Dangerous by Design?  
Legislating for Effective Dog Control in the UK

**Demi Mullen and Rachel Gaffey** –  
In the Doghouse:  
Navigating the legal landscape for dogs in Ireland

#### Sentience

Chair: Michelle Strauss  
Room: **C386**

**Carley Lightfoot** –  
Challenging Subjects:  
Sentience and the Legal Status of Research Animals in the UK

**Katya Sargeant** –  
Political animals? A critical procedural and theoretical examination of the Animal Sentience Committee established by the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022

**Barbara Klimek** –  
Why Are Horses Legally Mistreated?

#### Wildlife, Culture and Animal Rights

Chair: Dr Iyan Offor  
Room: **C387**

**Dara Eisen** –  
Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling: Is Cultural Relativism Excusing Breaches of Animal Dignity or Is It Facilitating an Important Balance Between Human and Nonhuman Interests?

**Naomi Harland-Smith** –  
Righting Human Wrongs without Recourse to Animal Rights: An Alternative Escape Route for Captive Animals

**Dulki Seethawaka** –  
Punished on Religious Grounds: A Critical Analysis on the Legal Protection Granted for Temple Elephants in Sri Lanka

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12:00-12:15

12:15-13:15

Break [Atrium]

Second Panel Session

### Animals, Politics, and Legal Status

Chair: Dr Iyan Offor  
Room: **C087**

#### **Felix Aiwanger** -

The Representation of  
Animals in Legal Proceedings in  
Germany and Austria

#### **Sabine Brels** -

World Animal Justice: The  
Animal Law Revolution is on  
the Way

#### **Steven McCulloch** -

Farm Animal Welfare in the UK:  
What Does the British Public  
Want, and Should Government  
Policy Reflect Public Opinion?

### Animals in Research

Chair: Carley Lightfoot  
Room: **C386**

#### **Jessie Hellier** -

Transparency in Animal  
Research - Time to look at  
the bigger picture

#### **Nicole Lüthi and Kate Stoykova** -

Animal experimentation law  
in Switzerland and research  
projects in the field

#### **Aditi Pateriya** -

Deconstructing the Alternatives  
for Cosmetic Testing on Animals  
in the UK: A Comparative  
Analysis of laws in India and  
Canada

### Pets and Welfare

Chair: Love Alfred  
Room: **C387**

#### **Vanessa Barnes and Tamara Katamine** -

Is the Existing Regulatory  
Framework in England  
Adequate to Safeguard Dog  
Welfare from Extreme  
Conformation Breeding  
Practices?

#### **Katherine Hannigan** -

More Than Just a Pet: The  
Emotional Toll of Pet Loss and  
the Role of Workplace Support

#### **Mirela Zupan** -

Free movement of pets in  
the EU - would the 2023  
Proposal meet the needs?

1:15-2:15

2:15-3:15

Lunch [Room C455]

Third Panel Session

### Climate Change and Environmental Law

Chair: Sam Hazle  
Room: **C087**

#### **Marine Lercier** -

Defending the Defenceless:  
Animals in Wars, Disasters and  
our Collective Responsibility

#### **Amy Taylor** -

Climate Change and Wildlife -  
what are we doing wrong?

#### **Rimona Afana** -

Individuals vs. Species:  
Balancing Singular Needs with  
Collective Conservation in  
Environmental Law

### US Agriculture

Chair: Carley Lightfoot  
Room: **C386**

#### **Jayde Huffman** -

Need for Updated Federal  
Legislative Protections for  
Farmed Animals in the United  
States

#### **Gabriella Miller** -

The USDA's Lack of  
Enforcement of the AWA

#### **Cynthia Von Schlichten** -

Making the Shift: Seeking  
Other Avenues for Animal  
Protection Beyond  
Existing Laws

### Animal Welfare, Personhood and Rights in India

Chair: Michelle Strauss  
Room: **C387**

#### **Taniya Malik** -

Beyond Property, towards  
Personhood: Reconceiving the  
Legal Status of Animals in India

#### **Udit Raj Sharma and Nivedita Chaudhary** -

Two steps forward, one step  
backward': A Review of the  
Judicial Process in India vis-à-  
vis preventing Animal Cruelty

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**3:15-3:30**

Break [Atrium]

**3:30-4:30**

Fourth Panel Session

### **Animals, COVID-19, and Corporate Social Responsibility**

Chair: Paula Sparks  
Room: **C087**

**Jennifer Bass** -  
Pandemic Prevention and Animal Welfare

**Mariia Domina** -  
How can corporate social responsibility of commercial companies improve the lives of animals? View from the other side of La Manche

**Jamie McLaughlin and Rebecca Critser** -  
Ventilation Shutdown - The Controversy, the Science, and US Law

### **Aquaculture**

Chair: Love Alfred  
Room: **C386**

**Deborah Legge** -  
Mutually supportive fisheries management and environmental commitments

**Giulia Malerbi** -  
Advocating for a Preemptive Ban on Octopus Farming

**Ravi Teja Sangeetha and Shreya Padukone** -  
Making a Splash: Regulation of Catfish Aquaculture

### **Animals, Education, Literature, and Technology**

Chair: Sam Hazle  
Room: **C387**

**Hayley Lynes** -  
Public attitudes toward the inclusion of animal welfare education in the UK national curriculum: An exploratory study

**Iyan Offor** -  
Solarpunk Fiction and Imagining Hopeful, Queer, Multispecies Legal Worlds

**Yolanda Eisenstein** -  
The Vital Role of Animal Lawyers and Advocates in Shaping Future AI Governance

**4:30-4:45**

Break [Atrium]

**4:45-5:30**

Keynote Speaker: **Karen Bradshaw**

### **Wildlife as Property Owners: A New Conception of Animal Rights**

Chair: Paula Sparks  
Room: **C087**



**5:30-6:00**

Drinks & Networking [Atrium]

**7:00**

Conference Dinner: BA-HA Vegan  
160 High St, Bordesley, B12 0LD

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### DAY 2

#### TIME

#### EVENT

9:00-9:30

Registration: Tea & Coffee [Atrium]

9:00-9:30

Welcome  
Steven Wise Memorial Lecture: Carley Lightfoot  
Room: C087

10:00-11:00

Workshops A (Part 1), B (Part 1) and C

#### **A: Animal Rights Moot Workshop (Part 1)**

Ankita Shanker and  
Marine Lercier

#### **B: Animal Rights, Rights of Nature Workshop (Part 1)**

Maya Pardo

Chair: Michelle Strauss  
Room: **C386**

#### **C: Animals Under the UN Umbrella: Enforcing International Human Rights Workshop**

Erin Leach

Chair: Iyan Offor  
Room: **C387**

11:00-11:15

Break - Room: Atrium

11:15-12:15

Workshops A and B Part 2 and Fifth Panel

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Ankita Shanker and  
Marine Lercier

#### **B: Animal Rights, Rights of Nature Workshop (Part 1)**

Maya Pardo

Chair: Michelle Strauss  
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#### **Animals and the Courts (Panel)**

Chair: Sam Hazle  
Room: **C387**

**Andrew Knight** - Winning animal welfare legal cases with science

**Marlene Schaffer** - Austria's Constitutional Court's contribution to animal welfare - a 17-year transitional period for better husbandry conditions for pigs is too long

**Steven White** - Farm Animal Protection & Activism in Australia: An Analysis of Recent Developments

12:15-1:15

Lunch  
Room: C455

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**1:15-2:15**

Sixth Panel Session

### **Animal Agriculture**

Chair: Michelle Strauss  
Room: **C087**

#### **Ruth Westcott** -

Planning for the Planet: How planning can save our wildlife and farmed animals

#### **Helena Howe** -

Farmed animals as biodiversity 'tools'? Accommodating farmed animal interests in biodiversity law

#### **Steven Mcculloch** -

Labelling for Animal Welfare in the UK: Promoting Consumer Choice, Supporting British Farmers and Improving Animal Welfare

### **Rewilding, Wildlife Welfare & Crime**

Chair: Love Alfred  
Room: **C086**

#### **Veerle Platvoet** -

In Favour of Wild Animal Suffering: The Ethical Complexities of Rewilding

#### **Werner Scholtz** -

Wildlife Welfare is the Common Concern of Mankind in International Law: Towards the Global Protection of Wild Animals

#### **Helen Agu** -

Wildlife Crime: A Challenge to Animal Jurisprudence in Nigeria

### **Activism, Human Rights, and Social Justice**

Chair: Dr Iyan Offor  
Room: **C387**

#### **Hiroyoshi Aoki** -

Dilemmas between Animal and Human Rights?: Perspectives from Japan

#### **Samuel Hazle** -

Adopting a intersectional multi-species approach that facilitates nonhuman animal flourishing and mitigates social justice issues faced by human animals

**Joe Wills** - Decommodifying Animals: A Human Rights Perspective

**2:15-2:30**

Break [Atrium]

**2:30-3:15**

Keynote Speaker: **Philip Lymbery**

### **Extinction or Regeneration: Why we all need a better legal future for animals**

Chair: Dr Iyan Offor  
Room: C087



**3:15-3:30**

Closing Remarks  
Room: C087



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