

## **List of Topics Seminar Animals, Culture and the Law**

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### **Animal Law, Legal Subjectivity, and Current Debates**

1. Animals as Property: Current Legal Norms, Implementations, Decisions, Critique and New Directions
2. Animals as Persons: An Analysis of Current Debates
3. Animals as a Hybrid Category / Category of their Own: Legal Foundations and Current Discussions
4. Legal Protection of Animals' Lives in a Comparative Perspective
5. Constitutional Rights for Animals in a Comparative Perspective
6. The Concept of Animal Dignity in a Comparative Analysis
7. The History of Animal Welfare Law
8. Protecting the Interests of the Vulnerable: A Comparison between Child Protection and Animal Protection System in Swiss Law with a Special Focus on the Institutions
9. Animal Abuse and Family Violence: Current Debates, Legislation and Possible Ways Forward
10. Animals, Legal Representation, and Animal Legal Agency: A Substitute or Partnership Model for Voicing Animal Interests to Legal Decision-Makers
11. Traces of Anthropocentrism in Law: Human Exceptionalism and its Implication, Critique

### **Animals used in Scientific Research**

12. Animals used in Science: The 3 R Principle and its Implications in Swiss and International Law
13. Animals used in Science: Cornerstones of Directive 2010/63/EU, Problems with Implementation and Current Developments in EU Legislation about Animal Testing
14. Regulatory Animal Testing: Current Swiss Legislation, REACH and Future Directions to Reduce the Amount of Animal Testing Required by law
15. Critical Case Study: Decisions BGE 135 II 384 et seq., BGE 135 II 406 et seq. and VB.2021.00276 concerning Basic Research under Swiss Law on Animal Testing

## **Animals used for Food**

16. Animals in Agriculture: Current Legal Framework, Recent Developments in Swiss Law (Initiatives on Mass Farming, Proposals by the Federal Council on the Welfare of Animals) and Future Directions
17. Invertebrates: Fish and Cephalopoda, Snails under the Current Legislation, Comparative Analysis Swiss / German / Canadian Animal Welfare Law
18. Dairy Industry: Current legislation and ideas for future reforms
19. Egg Industry: Current legislation, current court decisions and ideas for future reforms

## **Wild Animals, Zoo and Circuses**

20. Animals as Sovereign Community in an Interspecies Democracy? Current Legal Framework and Ideas of Moving Forward
21. Animals in Zoos: Legal Framework, Breeding, Animal Welfare / Species Conservation Aspects
22. Animals in the Ocean: Environmental Protection Measures and the Welfare and Rights of Animals
23. Critical Case Study of the decision *Nonhuman Rights Project, Inc. v. Breheny*, 2022 N.Y. Slip Op. 3859 (N.Y. 2022). <https://casetext.com/case/nonhuman-rights-project-inc-v-breheny-22>
24. Critical Case Study of the decision *Reece v City of Edmonton*, 2011 ABCA 238 [*Reece*], leave to appeal to SCC refused, 34453 (26 April 2012). <https://www.canlii.org/en/ab/abca/doc/2011/2011abca238/2011abca238.html?autocompleteStr=reece%20&autocompletePos=1>.
25. Critical Case Study of the Beschluss des Verwaltungsgerichts Hamburg vom 22. September 1988, 7 VG 2499/88, NVwZ 1988, 1058 et seq., Seals of the North Sea, Implications for Conservation Law and Animal Rights today

## **One Health / Planetary Health**

26. Rights of Nature: Legal Framework and Current Discussions about Using the Rights of Nature Model to Secure Legal Gains for Animals

27. Case Study: <https://revista.drclas.harvard.edu/estrellita-the-wooly-monkey-and-the-ecuadorian-constitutional-court-animal-rights-through-the-rights-of-nature/#:~:text=the%20Court%27s%20ruling,-.The%20Constitutional%20Court%27s%20Ruling,nature%20with%20its%20own%20particularities>. Decision in Original Spanish: [https://animal.law.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/Sentencia\\_253-20-JH-20\\_Derechos\\_Naturaleza\\_y\\_Animales.pdf](https://animal.law.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/Sentencia_253-20-JH-20_Derechos_Naturaleza_y_Animales.pdf); in translated English: <https://animal.law.harvard.edu/wp-content/uploads/Final-Judgment-Estrellita-w-Translation-Certification.pdf>.
28. One Health: The Model and the Implications on the Legal System and Animal Welfare
29. Animal Pet Trafficking in Europe and Zoonoses: Current Legislation in Switzerland, Implications for Animal Welfare and Human Health, and European Developments
30. Fur Industry in Europe and Canada and One Health
31. The link between Animal Welfare, Animal Rights, and Environmental Conservation: Challenges and Reflections in Law, Current Debates and Developments

### **Critical Theory and Animal Law**

32. Animals and Culture: Recognising the Culture Rights of Animals
33. Human Indigenous Rights and Animal Rights
34. Human Religious Rights and Animal Rights
35. Connection Between Social Rights Movements
36. Reproductive Rights and Animal Rights
37. Animal Rights and Disability Rights
38. Feminist Analysis of Animal Issues
39. Postcolonial Analysis of Animal Issues
40. Critical Race Theory Analysis
41. Marxist and Class-based Analysis of Animal Issues
42. Critical Approaches to Liberal Systems