

Animals in Society: Online PhD course fall 2023

Deadline for applications: June 20, 2023.

How do non-human animals participate in society—as symbols, products and actors? How does the distinction between humans and animals shape humans' understanding of themselves as a species, and of other animals? How is humans' exploitation of other animals established and perpetuated—and how can it be challenged? These are some of the questions asked by human-animal studies, an interdisciplinary research field that has expanded over the last two decades and now has its own journals, research networks and conferences. This course is an advanced introduction to the field of human-animal studies, with an emphasis on scholarship within the social sciences and the humanities.

The course is organized by Mälardalen University, Sweden, and runs through the fall semester of 2023, between August 28 and January 12, 2024. The course is free for PhD students and awards 7,5 ECTS upon completion of a course paper.

HOW TO APPLY: Send an e-mail to the postgraduate education office hvvforskarutbildning@mdu.se and cc course organizer david.redmalm@mdu.se. Use the subject line "Animals in Society." Attach the following two documents:

1. A letter where you briefly describe your educational background, and explain how the Animals in Society course will contribute to your PhD project (a maximum of one page).
2. A certificate of ongoing postgraduate studies as a PhD student: a letter from your department or a copy of your PhD student admission letter.

Applicants are admitted to the course on a first come, first serve basis, and **deadline for applications is June 20, 2023**. If you have any questions, e-mail david.redmalm@mdu.se.

The course consists of five online lectures given by five lecturers, followed by online workshops focusing on readings chosen by the lecturers:

- **Susan McHugh**, Professor of English, University of New England
- **Yamini Narayanan**, Senior Lecturer in International and Community Development, Deakin University
- **Justyna Włodarczyk**, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of North American Cultures and Literatures, University of Warsaw
- **Tobias Linné**, Assistant Professor at the Department of Communication and Media, Lund University
- **David Redmalm**, Associate Professor in Sociology, Mälardalen University

