

## *Animal labour as a system of interspecies domination?*

International Online Webinar

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### **Abstract:**

Animal labour can be approached through different theoretical lenses, from critical theory to phenomenology, as well as pragmatic tradition and theories of communication. Each of these approaches has a particular link with description and brings with it a tradition, concepts, epistemological positions and models of reflexivity. This webinar is aimed at questioning the capacity of these different traditions to account for situations of animal labour, so as to better understand the complexities of this research topic. The concept of “domination” will be used to discuss the contributions, divergences as well as impasses and aporias of these traditions.

In addition, we wish to deepen our understanding of the descriptive issues raised by situations of animal labour by bringing to light what ethnographies owe to the commitments of the observer – to their theoretical, ethical and political choices. By questioning our descriptive choices, we hope to highlight what they entail in terms of moral, ontological and epistemological positioning, how they are put into practice, what they reveal and what they conceal, and how they are justified in the eyes of the researchers. Our aim is to compare how these choices combine critical, pragmatic and/or phenomenological perspectives, and what understandings of animal labour these combinations produce.

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## Programme:

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- 13h00** ● ***Introduction***  
SERVAIS Véronique (Professor, Liège University)
- 13H15** ● ***From the "use" of animals to the "employment" of a non-human worker: Transforming relations of animal domination and promoting human-animal collaboration through the development of animal labour law***  
LERCIER Marine (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
- 14H05** ● ***Conducting a dairy cow-human ethnography in industrial farming context: how power dynamics bring about emotion and dairy cow language***  
CORNIPS Leonie (Professor, Maastricht University)
- 14H55** ● ***Animal research as dialogue: From domination to transformation***  
MEIJER Eva (Wageningen University and Research)
- 15H45** Break
- 16H15** ● ***Orders of interaction and interspecies domination. Relevancies and limits of a multimodal micro-analysis***  
MONDEME Chloé (Chargée de recherche at CNRS, Triangle, Lyon ENS)
- 17H05** ● ***Agency and Suffering in Animal Studies and in Animal Liberation***  
EL KHOURY Maryline (Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne)  
JACQUEMIN Kenzo (Liège University)
- 17H55** ● ***Conclusion***  
FRERE Bruno (Maître de recherche FNRS, Liège University)  
ORIANNE Jean-François (Professor, Liège University)