

Philosophy and Religious Studies Programme

The Human-Animal Boundary

University of Macau

November 27-28, 2015

Friday, November 27th

8:45

Mario Wenning (Macau SAR) and Nandita Batra (Mayaguez, Puerto Rico)

Introductory Remarks

9:00-12:00 Situating the Boundary

Alison Suen (New Rochelle, USA), "The Empress and the Beast: Finding a Philosophical Voice in Fiction"

Virgilio A. Rivas (Manila, Philippines), "Relocating the Human in the Anthropocene"

Jayson C. Jimenez (Manila, Philippines), "In Defense of the Lost Creature"

14:00-17:00 Contesting Exceptionalism

Aparajita Nanda (Berkeley, USA), "Re-writing the Human-Animal Divide: Butler's "Amborg" and Hindu Philosophy"

Mary Leonard (Mayaguez, Puerto Rico), "Against Human Exceptionalism: The Animal and the Human in Berger, Agamben and Braidotti"

Tomaz Grusovnik (Koper, Slovenia), "The avoidance of moral responsibility: Coleridge's The Rime of the Ancient Mariner and the human/animal boundary"

17:00-18:00 Keynote

Eduardo Mendieta (University Park, USA), "A Bestiary for the Anthropocene: The End of Nature and the Future of Animal Life on Planet Earth"

Saturday, November 28th

9:00-11:00 Wisdom and Knowledge

Edmond Eh (Macau SAR), How humans can learn virtue from animals: The Judeo-Christian use of the serpent as a symbol of wisdom

Sabine Leonore Müller (Hangzhou, PRC), "Zones of Non-Knowledge" – Facing The Open in R. M. Rilke, Giorgio Agamben and Beyond

11:00-12:00 Keynote

Nandita Batra (Mayaguez, Puerto Rico), "The Human-Animal Boundary in English Romanticism: Exploring the Line(s)"

14:00-16:00 Cross-Species Relationships

Jerwin Agpaoa (Diliman, Philippines), "Animal Friends: Going Beyond the Rigidity of the Human-Animal Boundary"

Josh Bergamin (Durham, England), "'Bridging the Abyss: Re-interpreting Heidegger's animals as a basis for inter-species understanding.'"

16:00-16:30 Closing Remarks