

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Human/non-human Animal Relationships in  
Literature and the Arts from Antiquity to the  
Modern Era

Liverpool - April 11th - 12th, 2023



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*Human/non-human Animal Relationships in Literature and the Arts  
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International Conference at the University of Liverpool  
(11-12 April 2023. Online via Zoom)*

*Programme*

**Day 1: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (UK time)**

9:20 am Greetings and introduction: **Guen DM Taietti** (University of Liverpool / University of Haifa) and **Alice Tavares** (New University Lisbon)

10:00–11:00 am Keynote speaker: **Katia Margariti** (Co-founder of Zoa – *Animals in Greco-Roman Antiquity*), *Portraying the dog in Archaic and Classical Athens: image versus text*

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Panel 1: Arts and Folklore

11:15 am–11:45 pm **Elisaveta Boyko** (Erfurt University), *On the Stamonos of the Triptolemos painter*

11:45–12:15 pm **Akshita Bhardwaj** (The English and Foreign Languages University Hyderabad), *Painting Belongingness: Local Cosmologies of Human Nonhuman Animal Assemblages in Sudarshan Shaw's FolkIndica*

12:15–12:45 pm **Zakaria El-Hagar** (Lusail University Qatar), *Symbols of Strength: Exploring the Significance of Animal Gifts in Islamic and European History*

12:45–1:15 pm **Benedetto Ligorio** (Sapieza University of Rome) *The end of superstitions on Wolves in European Enlightenment: Gévaudan*

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Panel 2: Horses

2:00–2:30 pm **Jordon Houston** (The University of Auckland), *The Fast and the Furious: Rome's Global Horse Racing Industry*

2:30–3:00 pm **Miriam A. Bibby** (Vice President of the Equine History Collective), *Divine Jockeying: Stuarts, Whips, and Whips in the Galloway Nag Satire of the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries*

3:00–3:30 pm **Rosanagh Mack** (University of Reading) *The pride of the Thessalians: horse production on the coinage of Thessaly, Greece, in the Classical period*

3:30–4:00 pm **Heather Rigg** (University of Waterloo) *Prancing Postures: Xenophon's Stance on Biomechanical Soundness in The Art of Horsemanship*

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## Day 2: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

09:00–09:15 am Welcome to day 2: Guen DM Taietti and Alice Tavares

### Panel 3: Felines

09:15–09:45 am **Marialuisa Bernardini** (Independent scholar), *Giovani leoni nella città: autori a confronto*

09:45–10:15 am **Rinu Krishna K.** (University of Kerala), *Clawing at the Margins: Cats as the Domestic Other in Kerala*

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### Panel 4: Small Animals

10:30–11:00 am **Cole Phelps** (Lincoln College, Oxford), *The Gecko's Dilemma: Theophrastus on Grudging Animals*

11:00–11:30 am **María Flores Riva** (Complutense University of Madrid / University of Pisa), *Los Animalillos (THĒRIA) nacidos espontáneamente del fuego en Historia Animalium (552b10–17), ¿seres fabulosos?*

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### Panel 5: Human and non-human animal hierarchies

11:45 am –12:15 pm **Valentino Gargano** (Balliol College, Oxford), *Achelous and Heracles beyond human and non-human: blurred hierarchies in book IX of Ovid's Metamorphoses'*

12:15–12:45 pm **Krishnanunni Hari** (The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad), *Talking Elephants into Slavery: The Role of Language in Sustaining Kerala's Temple Elephant Industry*

12:45-1:15 pm **Anu Pande** (The English and Foreign Languages University Hyderabad), *Kinship and ethics across species boundaries: entangled nonhuman and human lives in conditions of precarity, vulnerability and violence in 'Paatal Lok'*

1:15–1:30 pm Conclusions and Final remarks: Guen DM Taietti and Alice Tavares

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