

# Zoographies The Question Of The Animal From Heidegger To Derrida

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The Boundaries of Human Nature Matthew Calarco  
2021-12-28 Are animals capable of wonder? Can they be said to possess language and reason? What can animals teach us about how to live well? How can they help us to see the limitations of human civilization? Is it possible to draw firm distinctions between humans and animals? And how might asking and answering questions like these lead us to rethink human-animal relations in an age of catastrophic ecological destruction? In this accessible and engaging book, Matthew Calarco explores key issues in the philosophy of animals and their significance for our contemporary world. He leads readers on a spirited tour of historical and contemporary philosophy, ranging from Plato to Donna Haraway and from the Cynics to the Jains. Calarco unearths surprising insights about animals from a number of philosophers while also underscoring ways in which the philosophical tradition has failed to challenge the dogma of human-centeredness. Along the way, he indicates how mainstream Western philosophy is both complemented and challenged by non-Western traditions and noncanonical theories about animals.

Throughout, Calarco uses examples from contemporary culture to illustrate how philosophical theories about animals are deeply relevant to our lives today. *The Boundaries of Human Nature* shows readers why philosophy can help transform not just the way we think about animals but also how we interact with them.

*Biblical Animality after Jacques Derrida* Hannah M. Strømmen 2018-08-10 A new theoretical and exegetical angle on the Bible and animal studies According to Genesis, humans are made in God's image but animals are not. Hannah M. Strømmen challenges this view by critiquing the boundary between humans and animals in the Bible through the work of philosopher Jacques Derrida. Building on Derrida's *The Animal That Therefore I Am*, Strømmen brings to light significant moments where the lines between the divine, human, and animal are ambiguous. A rich range of biblical texts is covered, from Noah as the first carnivorous man in Genesis 9 to Revelation's beasts. Features A contribution to research on Jacques Derrida and deconstruction An examination of Derrida's work on the human/animal boundary Critical engagement with the way the Bible is frequently held up as a point of blame for anthropocentrism

*Animal Encounters* Alexandra Böhm 2019-12-02

Der Band bestimmt den Begriff der Begegnung als eigene, bedeutungstragende Kategorie und fokussiert zum ersten Mal systematisch und historisch Fragen der Interaktion zwischen Menschen und Tieren in Philosophie, Kunst, Literatur und in sozio-kulturellen Praktiken. Einzelanalysen untersuchen die Formen und Funktionen der Interaktion zwischen unterschiedlichen Spezies sowie deren grundlegende Muster, die einerseits von Empathie, Achtsamkeit oder Agency gekennzeichnet sind, bzw. andererseits von Gewalt, Ausgrenzung, Widerständigkeit oder Konfrontation. Damit ergänzt die Publikation die Erforschung der Tier-Mensch-Beziehung um den zentralen Aspekt von ambivalenten Interspezies-Begegnungen, die zugleich destruktives und transformatives Potential offenbaren.

Face to Face with Animals Peter Atterton 2019-04-16 Explores Levinas's approach to animal ethics from a range of perspectives. This is the first volume of primary and secondary source material dedicated solely to the animal question in Levinas. Drawing on previously unpublished material, including the recent discovery and digitization of the original French recording of an interview with Levinas that took place in 1986, it seeks to give

fresh impetus to the debate surrounding the moral status of animals in Levinas's work. The book offers ten essays by leading scholars, along with a general introduction that places Levinas's philosophy in the context of the growing field of animal ethics. The aim of the volume is to encourage dialogue on how we can extend Levinas's ethics beyond its traditional human confines and to spur further research on the opportunities and challenges it raises. Peter Atterton is Professor of Philosophy at San Diego State University. He is the coeditor (with Matthew Calarco) of *Radicalizing Levinas*, also published by SUNY Press. Tamra Wright is Director of Academic Studies at the London School of Jewish Studies and the author of *The Twilight of Jewish Philosophy: Emmanuel Levinas' Ethical Hermeneutics*.

*Speaking for Animals* Margo DeMello 2012-11-07  
For thousands of years, in the myths and folktales of people around the world, animals have spoken in human tongues. Western and non-Western literary and folkloric traditions are filled with both speaking animals, some of whom even narrate or write their own autobiographies. Animals speak, famously, in children's stories and in cartoons and films, and today, social networking sites and blogs are both sites in which animals—primarily pets—write about

their daily lives and interests. Speaking for Animals is a compilation of chapters written from a variety of disciplines that attempts to get a handle on this cross cultural and longstanding tradition of animal speaking and writing. It looks at speaking animals in literature, religious texts, poetry, social networking sites, comic books, and in animal welfare materials and even library catalogs, and addresses not just the "whys" of speaking animals, but the implications, for the animals and for ourselves.

Vielfältig verflochten Forschungsschwerpunkt  
»Tier - Mensch - Gesellschaft« 2017-02-28  
Historische wie gegenwärtige Tier-Mensch-Verhältnisse sind durch vielfältige kulturelle, soziale und politische Bedingungen miteinander verflochten. Aus der Perspektive verschiedener Disziplinen (u.a. Geschichte, Kunst- und Literaturwissenschaft, Philosophie und Nutztierethologie) fokussiert der Band diese heterogenen Verschränkungen der Tier-Mensch-Beziehungen. Unter dem Begriff der Relationalität gefasst, fragen die Beiträge nach den Formen der Grenzziehung, Interaktion und (A)Symmetrie von Tier und Mensch und untersuchen bspw. künstlerische Performances, die Beziehung zwischen Schaurind und Landwirt, Wärter und

Zootier, mittelalterliche Tiertexte oder die Anliegen des Tierrechtsaktivismus.

Creature Discomfort Scott M. DeVries 2016-05-09

Creature Discomfort innovates the notion of "fauna-criticism" to reframe the literary history of and expound animal ethical positions from Spanish American nineteenth century, modernista, Regional, indigenista, and contemporary fiction and poetry.

Critical Theory and Animal Liberation John

Sanbonmatsu 2011-01-16 Critical Theory and

Animal Liberation is the first collection to approach our relationship with other animals from the critical or "left" tradition in political and social thought.

Breaking with past treatments that have framed the problem as one of "animal rights," the authors instead depict the exploitation and killing of other animals as a political question of the first order. The contributions highlight connections between our everyday treatment of animals and other forms of social power, mass violence, and domination, from capitalism and patriarchy to genocide, fascism, and ecocide. Contributors include well-known writers in the field as well as scholars in other areas writing on animals for the first time. Among other things, the authors apply Freud's theory of repression to our relationship to the animal, debunk the "Locavore" movement, expose the sexism of the animal

defense movement, and point the way toward a new transformative politics that would encompass the human and animal alike.

Plato's Animals Jeremy Bell 2015-05-01 "A unique and intriguing point of entry into the dialogues and a variety of concerns from metaphysics and epistemology to ethics, politics, and aesthetics."

—Eric Sanday, University of Kentucky Plato's Animals examines the crucial role played by animal images, metaphors, allusions, and analogies in Plato's dialogues. These fourteen lively essays demonstrate that the gadflies, snakes, stingrays, swans, dogs, horses, and other animals that populate Plato's work are not just rhetorical embellishments. Animals are central to Plato's understanding of the hierarchy between animals, humans, and gods and are crucial to his ideas about education, sexuality, politics, aesthetics, the afterlife, the nature of the soul, and philosophy itself. The volume includes a comprehensive annotated index to Plato's bestiary in both Greek and English. "Plato's Animals is a strong volume of beautifully written paeans to postmodern themes found in premodern thought." —Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews "Shows readers of Plato that he remains significant to issues currently pursued in Continental thought and especially in relation to Derrida and

Heidegger.” —Robert Metcalf, University of Colorado, Denver “Will provide fertile ground for future work in this area.” —Jill Gordon, author of *Plato’s Erotic World*

Über die Grenzen des natürlichen Lebens Claudia Leitner 2009

Animals, Machines, and AI Erika Quinn 2021-11-08

Sentient animals, machines, and robots abound in German literature and culture, but there has been surprisingly limited scholarship on non-human life forms in German studies. This volume extends interdisciplinary research in emotion studies to examine non-humans and the affective relationships between humans and non-humans in modern German cultural history. In recent years, fascination with emotions, developments in robotics, and the burgeoning of animal studies in and beyond the academy have given rise to questions about the nature of humanity. Using sources from the life sciences, literature, visual art, poetry, philosophy, and photography, this collection interrogates not animal or machine emotions per se, but rather uses animals and machines as lenses through which to investigate human emotions and the affective entanglements between humans and non-humans. The COVID-19 pandemic made us more keenly aware of the importance of both animals and new

technologies in our daily lives, and this volume ultimately sheds light on the centrality of non-humans in the human emotional world and the possibilities that relationships with non-humans offer for enriching that world.

Animals and Their People Anna Barcz 2018-10-25

In Animals and Their People, editors Anna Barcz and Dorota ?agodzka present a collection of texts providing a zoocentric insight into philosophical, artistic, and literary issues in Anglo-American and Central-Eastern European thought.

D. H. Lawrence Simonetta de Filippis 2016-08-17 In recent decades, critical and theoretical debate in the field of culture and literature has called into question many literary categories, has re-discussed the literary canon, and has totally renovated critical approaches in the wake of major changes in western society such as the irruption of new cultural identities, the disruption of the well-established Eurocentric conception, and the need to establish new world visions. D. H. Lawrence has been a focus for critical debate since his early publications in the first decades of the 20th century. The force of his thought, his courageous challenge against the most important values of western industrial society, his rejection of England and its bourgeois values, his choice to live in exile, his never-ending quest for lost

vital meanings, his open-mindedness in coming into contact with different worlds and cultures, and the revolutionary impact of his writing have all provided critics with important issues for discussion. Most of Lawrence's works are still being read and analysed through ever-new critical lenses and approaches. This volume brings together a selection of papers delivered at the 13th International D. H. Lawrence Conference, D. H. Lawrence: New Life, New Utterance, New Perspectives held in Gargnano in 2014, on Lake Garda: the place of Lawrence's first Italian sojourn, where he started a "new life" with Frieda and a new phase as a writer. The essays selected for Part I of this volume offer new readings of Lawrence's work and ideology through various theoretical and philosophical approaches, drawing comparisons with philosophers and thinkers such as Bataille, Darwin, Derrida, Heidegger, and Benjamin, among others. Part II focuses on translation, a concept which can be extended to cultural mediation, as it can be applied not only to the proper translation of texts from one language into another, but also to travel writing and to transcodification, as is the case of film versions of Lawrence's novels.

Animal Ethics and Philosophy Elisa Aaltola 2014-11-24 Bringing together new theory and critical

perspectives on a broad range of topics in animal ethics, this book examines the implications of recent developments in the various fields that bear upon animal ethics. Showcasing a new generation of thinkers, it exposes some important shortcomings in existing animal rights theory.

*The Death of the Animal* Paola Cavalieri 2009 While moral perfectionists rank conscious beings according to their cognitive abilities, Paola Cavalieri launches a more inclusive defense of all forms of subjectivity. In concert with Peter Singer, J. M. Coetzee, Harlan B. Miller, and other leading animal studies scholars, she expands our understanding of the nonhuman in such a way that the derogatory category of "the animal" becomes meaningless. In so doing, she presents a nonhierarchical approach to ethics that better respects the value of the conscious self. Cavalieri opens with a dialogue between two imagined philosophers, laying out her challenge to moral perfectionism and tracing its influence on our attitudes toward the "unworthy." She then follows with a roundtable "multilogue" which takes on the role of reason in ethics and the boundaries of moral status. Coetzee, Nobel Prize winner for Literature and author of *The Lives of Animals*, emphasizes the animality of human beings; Miller, a prominent analytic philosopher at

Virginia Polytechnic Institute, dismantles the rationalizations of human bias; Cary Wolfe, professor of English at Rice University, advocates an active exposure to other worlds and beings; and Matthew Calarco, author of *Zoographies: The Question of the Animal from Heidegger to Derrida*, extends ethical consideration to entities that traditionally have little or no moral status, such as plants and ecosystems. As Peter Singer writes in his foreword, the implications of this conversation extend far beyond the issue of the moral status of animals. They "get to the heart of some important differences about how we should do philosophy, and how philosophy can relate to our everyday life." From the divergences between analytical and continental approaches to the relevance of posthumanist thinking in contemporary ethics, the psychology of speciesism, and the practical consequences of an antiperfectionist stance, *The Death of the Animal* confronts issues that will concern anyone interested in a serious study of morality.

Exploring Animal Encounters Dominik Ohrem 2018-07-28 This collection of essays offers multifaceted explorations of animal encounters in a range of philosophical, cultural, literary, and historical contexts. *Exploring Animal Encounters* encourages

us to think about the richness and complexity of animal lives and human-animal relations, foregrounding the intricate roles nonhuman creatures play in the always already more-than-human sphere of ethics and politics. In this way, the essays in this volume can be understood as a contribution to alternative imaginings of interspecies coexistence in a time in which the issue of human relations with earth and earth others has come to the fore with unprecedented force and severity.

Die Möglichkeit, dass alles auch ganz anders sein könnte Franziska Bergmann 2015

Disziplinierte Tiere? Reingard Spannring 2015-01-31 Nichtmenschliche Tiere wurden bislang in den Human-, Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften aufgrund des vorherrschenden Anthropozentrismus, der radikalen Ablehnung jeglichen Anthropomorphismus sowie des biologischen Essentialismus kaum berücksichtigt. Die Beziehungsformen zwischen nichtmenschlichen Tieren und Menschen sind historisch, kulturell, aber auch innergesellschaftlich sehr heterogen, ambivalent und widersprüchlich; ihre Wechselbeziehungen sind multidimensional. Angesichts dessen stellen die Beiträge des Bandes die Frage danach, was die Berücksichtigung nichtmenschlicher Tiere und der Tier-Mensch-

Beziehungen für die jeweilige wissenschaftliche Disziplin bedeutet und welche Herausforderungen sich für deren Forschungsfelder, Theorien und Methoden ergeben. Mit Vorworten der beiden Ethologen Marc Bekoff und Kurt Kotrschal.

Literaturtheorie Jonathan Culler 2014-02-07 2002 erschien die Einführung des amerikanischen Literaturwissenschaftlers Jonathan Culler in erster Auflage. Seither hat sie sich an den Universitäten etabliert. Anhand einfacher Fragen gibt sie Einblick in die wichtigsten Aspekte der Literaturtheorie: Was ist und will Theorie? Was ist ein Text? Was ist ein Autor? Was unterscheidet Lyrik von Prosa? Auch die verschiedenen Theorie-Strömungen werden vorgestellt: Von der Hermeneutik über Dekonstruktion und Gender-Studies bis zur postkolonialen Literaturbetrachtung. Jetzt erscheint der Band in zweiter Auflage: vollständig überarbeitet und auf den neuesten Stand der Forschung gebracht und um ein neues Kapitel "Ethik und Ästhetik" ergänzt. E-Book mit Seitenzählung der gedruckten Ausgabe: Buch und E-Book können parallel benutzt werden.

Life Streams Lynette M. F. Bosch 2014-03-14 Incisive exploration of the work of Cuban-American artist Alberto Rey. Life Streams explores the paintings, videos, sculptures, and installations of

Alberto Rey, an artist whose work addresses issues of identity, cultural diversity, environmental studies, and global sustainability. As a Cuban-born artist living in western New York State, Rey's current work emphasizes his involvement with his community and its local landscape, especially its trout streams and their surrounding environment. Through Rey's travels from his home in the upstate New York village of Fredonia to the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, and to almost every state in the United States, he has gained an understanding of people, places, flora, and fauna. This book provides biographical information about Rey and a contextual study of his work. The contributors have written about Rey's work from perspectives based on cultural studies, identity studies, literary studies, and philosophical studies. Interest in his Cuban and American identities are linked to his interest in global culture and his recent study of fish species and environmental issues. As such, this book reflects current approaches that focus attention on connected cultural issues and contemporary concerns about the environment, conservation, restoration, and preservation. Rey's work provides a new perspective on these topics as he combines art with activism on a local, regional, national, and international level. "This beautiful book, with its

meticulously researched essays, firmly places Alberto Rey in the context of American contemporary art as someone addressing issues of identity, hybridity, environmental ethics, biological decay, and resurrection. Like his trout subjects (Pacific coastal migratory fish introduced to the Great Lakes), he is a transplant, a hybrid. He is influenced by his many global travels, which, injected into his work, further supply the richness and texture that make him such an original artist.”

— James Prosek

Writing Animals Timothy C. Baker 2019-01-07 This book surveys a broad range of contemporary texts to show how representations of human-animal relations challenge the anthropocentric nature of fiction. By looking at the relation between language and suffering in twenty-first-century fiction and drawing on a wide range of theoretical approaches, Baker suggests new opportunities for exploring the centrality of nonhuman animals in recent fiction: writing animal lives leads to new narrative structures and forms of expression. These novels destabilise assumptions about the nature of pain and vulnerability, the burden of literary inheritance, the challenge of writing the Anthropocene, and the relation between text and image. Including both well-known authors and emerging talents, from J.M.

Coetzee and Karen Joy Fowler to Sarah Hall, Alexis Wright, and Max Porter, and texts from experimental fiction to work for children, *Writing Animals* offers an original perspective on both contemporary fiction and the field of literary animal studies.

*Other Animals in Twenty-First Century Fiction*  
Catherine Parry 2017-07-19 This book is about ordinary animals and how they are imagined in twenty-first century fiction. Examining contemporary animal representations and the fraught and potent distinctions humans fashion between themselves and all other animals, it asks how a range of novels make, re-make or un-make traditional conceptions of the creatures we love, admire, eat, vilify and abuse. *Other Animals'* detailed readings of horses, an animalised human, a donkey, ants, chickens and chimpanzees develop new critical practices in Literary Animal Studies. They explore the connections between fictional animal representation, narrative form, ethics, and the lives and warm bodies of the real-world creatures that precede and exceed our imagination. Human-animal relationships are conditioned by our imaginative shapings of other animals, and by our sense of distinction from them, and *Other Animals* opens out how fictional animal forms and tropes

respond to, participate in, or challenge the ways animals' lives are lived out in consequence of human imaginings of them.

Animal Theory Derek Ryan 2015-06-14 From caged orangutans to roasted pig, from dog training to horse phobias, from communicating bees to ruminating cows, over the course of an introduction and four thematically organised chapters Derek Ryan explores how animals are encountered in theoretical discourse.

Making Animal Meaning Linda Kalof 2011-12-01 An elucidating collection of ten original essays, Making Animal Meaning reconceptualizes methods for researching animal histories and rethinks the contingency of the human-animal relationship. The vibrant and diverse field of animal studies is detailed in these interdisciplinary discussions, which include voices from a broad range of scholars and have an extensive chronological and geographical reach. These exciting discourses capture the most compelling theoretical underpinnings of animal significance while exploring meaning-making through the study of specific spaces, species, and human-animal relations. A deeply thoughtful collection — vital to understanding central questions of agency, kinship, and animal consumption — these essays tackle the history and philosophy of

constructing animal meaning.

Rhetorical Animals Kristian Bjørkdahl 2017-11-30

For this edited volume, the editors solicited chapters that investigate the place of nonhuman animals in the purview of rhetorical theory; what it would mean to communicate beyond the human community; how rhetoric reveals our "brute roots." In other words, this book investigates themes that enlighten us about likely or possible implications of the animal turn within rhetorical studies. The present book is unique in its focus on the call for nonanthropocentrism in rhetorical studies. Although there have been many hints in recent years that rhetoric is beginning to consider the implications of the animal turn, as yet no other anthology makes this its explicit starting point and sustained objective. Thus, the various contributions to this book promise to further the ongoing debate about what rhetoric might be after it sheds its long-standing humanistic bias.

Der "Grenzgott der Moral" Christian Rößner 2019-04-15 Vor einem halben Jahrhundert hat Derrida sein Bedauern darüber ausgedrückt, daß Levinas "keine systematische und sorgfältige Auseinandersetzung mit Kant" geführt habe. In die Leerstelle dieses Desiderats möchte sich die hier vorgelegte Dissertation nun dadurch einschreiben,

daß sie Levinas' sporadische, zwischen Affirmation und Ablehnung seltsam schwankende Stellungnahmen zur kantischen Philosophie in ihrer spezifischen Ambivalenz erstmals zu systematisieren sucht. Auf der damit gewonnenen Grundlage kann Kants kritische Metaphysik und praktische Religionsphilosophie einer responsiven Relektüre unterzogen, mithin Autonomie als Antwort gedacht werden. Auf der Schwelle zwischen Rekonstruktion und Dekonstruktion wird das Buch zum Versuch, mit Kant gegen Kant und über Kant hinaus zu denken: Kant anders und "besser zu verstehen, als er sich selbst verstand" (Kant).

New International Voices in Ecocriticism Serpil Oppermann 2014-12-18 With twelve original essays that characterize truly international ecocriticisms, *New International Voices in Ecocriticism* presents a compendium of ecocritical approaches, including ecocritical theory, ecopoetics, ecocritical analyses of literary, cultural, and musical texts (especially those not commonly studied in mainstream ecocriticism), and new critical vistas on human-nonhuman relations, postcolonial subjects, material selves, gender, and queer ecologies. It develops new perspectives on literature, culture, and the environment. The essays, written by contributors from the United States, Canada, Germany, Turkey,

Spain, China, India, and South Africa, cover novels, drama, autobiography, music, and poetry, mixing traditional and popular forms. Popular culture and the production and circulation of cultural imaginaries feature prominently in this volume—how people view their world and the manner in which they share their perspectives, including the way these perspectives challenge each other globally and locally. In this sense the book also probes borders, border transgression, and border permeability. By offering diverse ecocritical approaches, the essays affirm the significance and necessity of international perspectives in environmental humanities, and thus offer unique responses to environmental problems and that, in some sense, affect many beginning and established scholars.

Critical Animal Studies Dawne McCance 2013-01-01 Comprehensive overview of key theoretical approaches and issues in the field.

Asian Perspectives on Animal Ethics Neil Dalal 2014-04-16 To date, philosophical discussions of animal ethics and Critical Animal Studies have been dominated by Western perspectives and Western thinkers. This book makes a novel contribution to animal ethics in showing the range and richness of ideas offered to these fields by diverse Asian traditions. Asian Perspectives on Animal Ethics is

the first of its kind to include the intersection of Asian and European traditions with respect to human and nonhuman relations. Presenting a series of studies focusing on specific Asian traditions, as well as studies that put those traditions in dialogue with Western thinkers, this book looks at Asian philosophical doctrines concerning compassion and nonviolence as these apply to nonhuman animals, as well as the moral rights and status of nonhuman animals in Asian traditions. Using Asian perspectives to explore ontological, ethical and political questions, contributors analyze humanism and post-humanism in Asian and comparative traditions and offer insight into the special ethical relations between humans and other particular species of animals. This book will be of interest to students and scholars of Asian religion and philosophy, as well as to those interested in animal ethics and Critical Animal Studies.

**Animals as Religious Subjects** Celia Deane-Drummond 2013-08-15 This book examines one of the most pressing cultural concerns that surfaced in the last decade - the question of the place and significance of the animal. This collection of essays represents the outcome of various conversations regarding the animal studies and shows multidisciplinary at its very best, namely, a rigorous

approach within one discipline in conversation with others around a common theme. The contributors discuss the most relevant disciplines regarding this conversation, namely: philosophy, anthropology, religious studies, theology, history of religions, archaeology and cultural studies. The first section, Thinking about Animals, explores philosophical, anthropological and religious perspectives, raising general questions about the human perception of animals and its crucial cultural significance. The second section explores the intriguing topic of the way animals have been used historically as religious symbols and in religious rituals. The third section re-examines some Christian theological and biblical approaches to animals in the light of current concerns. The final section extends the implications of traditional views about other animals to more specific ethical theories and practices.

Edinburgh Companion to Animal Studies Lynn Turner 2018-03-07 This volume critically investigates current topics and disciplines that are affected, enriched or put into dispute by the burgeoning scholarship on Animal Studies.

The Philosophy of Geography Timothy Tambassi 2021-08-23 The relationship between geography and philosophy is still largely in need of being explored. Geographers and philosophers share the

responsibility for that. On the one hand, geographers have considered as a dangerous deviation any attempt to elaborate an image of the Earth which was not a mere replica of a cartographic representation. On the other hand, philosophers have generally been uninterested in a discipline offering little chance for critical reflection. In light of these considerations, the purpose of this book is to identify some fundamental philosophical issues involved in the reflection of geography by adopting a perspective which looks at the discipline with a specific focus on its fundamental concepts and distinctions.

Animal Narratives and Culture Anna Barcz 2017-03-07 The term “vulnerable realism” can imply two different understandings: one presenting weak realism as incomplete, and mixed with other literary styles; the other bringing realistic vulnerable experience into narration. The second is the key concern of this work, though it does not exclude the first, as it asks questions about realism as such, entering into a polemic with the tradition of literary realism. Realism, then, is not primarily understood as a narrative style, but as a narration that tests the probability of nonhuman vulnerable experience and makes it real. The book consists of three parts. The first presents examples of how realism has been

redefined in trauma studies and how it may refer to animal experience. The second explores what is added to the narrative by literature, including the animal perspective (the zoonarrative) and how it is conducted (zoocriticism). The third analyses cultural texts, such as painting, circuses, and memorials, which realistically generate animal vulnerability and provide non-anthropocentric frameworks, anchoring our knowledge in the experience of fragile historical reality.

Grenzenlos menschlich? Vera Zimmermann 2021-02-28 Der Umgang mit unseren Mitgeschöpfen stellt uns als Individuen sowie als Gesellschaft immer wieder vor elementare moralische Fragen: Welche Ernährungsform ist moralisch vertretbar? Wie viel Leid können wir ertragen, ignorieren oder verdrängen? Und was zählt das Leiden und Sterben nichtmenschlicher Tiere überhaupt? Für Antworten auf diese Fragen bietet sich die Literatur als Raum für Gedankenexperimente und Perspektivenwechsel an. Vera Zimmermann betrachtet die diskursiven und sprachkünstlerischen Möglichkeiten moderner und postmoderner Literatur anhand der Positionen von Elias Canetti, Marlen Haushofer und Brigitte Kronauer, um tierethische Positionen sowie deren Begründungen darzustellen.

Species Matters Marianne DeKoven 2012-01-10

The question of the animal has preoccupied an increasing number of humanities, science, and social science scholars in recent years, and important work continues to expand the burgeoning field of animal studies. However, a key question still needs to be explored: Why has the academy struggled to link advocacy for animals to advocacy for various human groups? Within cultural studies, in which advocacy can take the form of a theoretical intervention, scholars have resisted arguments that add "species" to race, class, gender, sexuality, disability, and other human-identity categories as a site for critical analysis. *Species Matters: Humane Advocacy and Cultural Theory* considers whether and why cultural studies—specifically cultural theory—should pay more attention to animal advocacy and whether or why animal studies should pay more attention to questions raised by cultural theory. The contributors to this volume focus on the "humane" treatment of animals and various human groups and the implications, both theoretical and practical, of blurring the distinction between "the human" and "the animal." This anthology addresses important questions raised by the history of representing humans as the only animal capable of acting humanely, providing a framework for reconsidering the nature of humane discourse,

whether in theory, literary and cultural texts, or current advocacy movements outside of the academy.

Critical Terms for Animal Studies Lori Gruen 2018-10-23 Animal Studies is a rapidly growing interdisciplinary field devoted to examining, understanding, and critically evaluating the complex relationships between humans and other animals. Scholarship in Animal Studies draws on a variety of methodologies to explore these multi-faceted relationships in order to help us understand the ways in which other animals figure in our lives and we in theirs. Bringing together the work of a group of internationally distinguished scholars, the contribution in Critical Terms for Animal Studies offers distinct voices and diverse perspectives, exploring significant concepts and asking important questions. How do we take non-human animals seriously, not simply as metaphors for human endeavors, but as subjects themselves? What do we mean by anthropocentrism, captivity, empathy, sanctuary, and vulnerability, and what work do these and other critical terms do in Animal Studies? Sure to become an indispensable reference for the field, Critical Terms for Animal Studies not only provides a framework for thinking about animals as subjects of their own experiences, but also serves

as a touchstone to help us think differently about our conceptions of what it means to be human, and the impact human activities have on the more than human world.

Feeling Animal Death 2019-06-20 This text offers examples of people across diverse disciplines and perspectives—from biomedical research to black theology to art—learning and performing emotions, expanding their desires, discovering new ways to behave, and altering their sense of self, purpose, and community because of passionate, but not romanticized, attachments to animals.

Zoographies Matthew Calarco 2008 Calarco (California State Univ., Fullerton) examines the question of the animal in major Continental thinkers like Heidegger, Levinas, Agamben, and Derrida. He takes to task the belief that Anglo philosophy alone boasts of a strong tradition on this issue. He admits, however, that although these post-Enlightenment thinkers were committed to examining and refiguring philosophical concepts and human existence, most resort to dogmatic anthropocentric concepts, specifically the traditional dualism of human/animal--a type of essentialism. For example, despite being critical of an ontotheological thesis of animals, Heidegger nonetheless writes of an "abyssal" difference between human and animal

life. Calarco's basic thesis is that this binary is no longer defensible, forever destroyed by the sciences and humanities. Most promising is Derrida, the only major Continental thinker to date who thoroughly rejects the human/animal distinction and envisions the philosophically enormous task of rethinking politics and ethics outside this tradition. Derrida begins with humankind's pre-philosophical encounter with animals as fellow beings capable of suffering, embodied and "vulnerable" (although this last description is problematic as it is, arguably, a continuation of humans' desire to infantilize animals). This important analysis is long overdue. Summing Up: Highly recommended. Upper-level undergraduates through faculty/researchers. Upper-division Undergraduates; Graduate Students; Researchers/Faculty. Reviewed by M. A. Betz.

Derrida and Other Animals Judith Still 2015-07-13

Judith Still analyses Derrida's late writings on animals, especially his seminars *The Beast and the Sovereign*, to explore ethical questions of how humans treat animals and how we treat outsiders, from slaves to terrorists.

*The Palgrave Handbook of Animals and Literature*  
Susan McHugh 2020-11-25 This volume is the first comprehensive guide to current research on animals, animality, and human-animal relations in

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