

International Society for Intellectual History Conference 2025

Women, Men, and Other Animals

11-13 June, Aarhus University

Wednesday, 11th June

Stakladen

Registration and Light Lunch/Coffee (11.30-12.30)

Richard Mortensen Room

Mogens Ziehler Room

Preben Hornung Room

Session 1 (12.30-14.00)

Gender in Intellectual History I
Chair: Christian O. Christiansen

Max Ehrenfreund
(Kenyon College, Gambier)

"Reading Letters to Joseph Schumpeter from Cläre Tisch: Omissions and Silences in the Intellectual History of the Nazi Years"

Emily A. Steinhauer
(University of London)

"Frankfurt School Women and the Problem of Gendered Knowledge Production: Reconsidering the Place of Female Intellectuals in the 20th Century"

Ariel Yingqi Tang - Online
(Stanford University)

"Diaries of the Night': Animals Political and Unpolitical in Charlotte Beradt's Dreamscape"

What is 'the Human'? I
Chair: Anna Becker

Zrinko Novosel
(Croatian Institute of History)

"Man, woman and enlightened differentia specifica - polygyny and polyandry"

Ke Xia
(University of Warwick)

"Natural man vs artificial woman: rethinking Rousseau's definition of human nature"

Samuel Harrison
(Turin Humanities Programme)

"Can the cannibal speak? People-eating and the state of nature in eighteenth century French thought"

Nature, Animals and Human Beings in Relation I
Chair: Casper Andersen

Kaarlo Havu
(University of Helsinki)

"Creative and Sensitive Imagination in Early Modern European Rhetorical Tradition (1550-1650)"

Vincent Roy-DiPiazza
(University of Jyväskylä)

"In combat they turn themselves into wolves': Sámi indigenous warriors in the Swedish imperial army"

Elizaveta Kheresh and Dani Sobolev - Online
(Higher School of Economics, Moscow)

"The Monkey's Jumps and the Carassiers for Musset: The Role of Animals in the Leningrad Unofficial Culture"

Coffee (14.00-14.30)

Session 2 (14.30-16.00)		
<i>What is 'the Human'? II</i> Chair: Odile Panetta Mónica Morado Vázquez (European University Institute) "Mutilated Men and Mutable Bodies: Sex, Hermaphroditism, and Liminal Ontologies in Early Modern Spain" Nicolau Lutz (University of Cambridge) "The Mercenary between animal and human: From More's Zapole-tes to Vettel's Monsters" Signy Gutnick Allen (University of Zurich) "Rational Agents... in the most distant Planets': Imagining Benevolence towards the Alien Other"	<i>Subjecthood in Intellectual History I</i> Chair: Mikkel Thorup Sidsel Jelved Kennild (Aarhus University) "A Pain as Old as Time. Vulnerability as Theory of History in Second-Wave Radical Feminism, 1960s to the 1970s" Lena Spickermann (University of Graz) "The ideological (de)construction of women: Viola Klein - forgotten gender researcher avant la lettre" Priyanka Jha and Bindu K.C: (Banaras Hindu University, Ambedkar University) "Speaking and Contesting in Different tongues: Gendered Intellectual Histories from Modern India"	<i>Nature, Animals and Human Beings in Relation II</i> Chair: Anna Becker Diego Lucci (American University in Bulgaria) "Hobbes and Locke on God and the Law of Nature" Samuel Tchorek-Bentall (University of Cambridge) "Gobbled up by Wild Beats': Vitoria and Lactantius on the Ends of Human Sociability"
Coffee (16.00-16.30)		

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Welcome by László Kontler, President of the ISIH
Keynote Lecture (16.30-18.00) Prof. Emerita Gianna Pomata Johns Hopkins University "Gender: Rise and Fall of an Epistemic Concept"

Dinner for Keynote Lecturers and Society Committee Members (from 19.00)

Thursday, 12th June

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Session 3 (09.00-10.30)

Gender in Intellectual History II

Chair: Mikkel Thorup

Sophia DeLeonibus
(Yale University)

"Gender & Sexuality in the Age of Identity: Erik Erikson's Vision of Child Development"

José R. Irizarry
(Austin Theological Seminary)

"The economic animal and the loss of vernacular gender"

Jola Vollmer
(Bergische Universität Wuppertal)

"On pregnancy as potentiality - or: what does (not) constitute femininity"

What is 'the Human'? III

Chair: Odile Panetta

Adam Sutcliffe
(King's College London)

"Empathy and Human Nature in the Historical Thought of Johann Gottfried Herder"

Rodolfo Garau
(Universität Hamburg)

"The Criminal Mind and the Boundaries of the Human"

Valentina Mann
(Van Leer Jerusalem Institute)

"Franz Boas on the human nature and cultural hierarchy at the turn of the twentieth century"

Postcolonial Critique I

Chair: Christian O. Christiansen

Isabelle Napier
(University of Oxford)

"'The White Man's Duty': George Padmore, Nany Cunard, and Dorothy Pizer at the End of Empire"

Matthew Birchall
(University of New South Wales)

"Depopulation and Repopulation: Political Economy and Settler Colonialism in the Early Nineteenth Century"

Vanessa Pastorini
(Universidade de São Paulo)

"Translating worlds, translating hearts: a post-colonial regard of an American-Yanomami case"

Coffee (10.30-11.00)

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Keynote Lecture (11.00-12.30)

Prof. Shruti Kapila
Cambridge University

"Against Consent: A History of Sexual Contract from Sati to Gang Rape in India"

Lunch (12.30-13.30)

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Session 4 (13.30-15.00)

Female Intellectuals
Chair: Morten Haugaard Jeppesen

Nicolai von Eggers
(University of Copenhagen)

"Creating a Feminist Canon:
Women Writing about Women
in the Age of Revolutions"

Andreas Grønkvær Tagmose
(Aarhus University)

"Jotuns of the Republic: Louise
Dittmar's weaponization of
Nordic mythology"

Banu Turnaoğlu
(Sabancı University)

"Feminist Republicanism
Redefined: Nezihe Muhiddin and
the Politics of Gender in Early
Republican Turkey"

What is 'the Human'? IV
Chair: Laszlo Kontler

Lewis Ashman
(University of Edinburgh)

"Scientific genius in the Scottish
Enlightenment: two neglected
theories of mind"

Rosa-María Mantilla Suárez
(Columbia University)

"Taste, Race, and the Paradox
of Citizenship in the Nineteenth-
Century Andes"

*Animal Expertise: Controlling
Imperial Nature Through
Natural-Historical Practices*
Chair: Christoffer Basse Eriksen

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(Aarhus University)

"From pests to pollinators: Bee-
keeping, plant breeding and early
eighteenth century flower ecology"

Xinyi Wen
(University of Cambridge)

"Catherine Strickland's Dodos and
their Entangled Afterlives"

Katherine Enright
(University of Cambridge)

"The Beautifully Rumped Frog:
Humour, Masculinity, and Exper-
tise between Boston and Borneo"

Coffee (15.00-15.15)

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ISIH Annual General Meeting (15.15-16.30)

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Session 5 (16.30-18.00)

*Gender in Intellectual
History III*

*Nature, Ecology and Animals
in the History of Ideas I*

What is 'the Human'? V
Chair: Mikkel Thorup

<i>Chair: Anna Becker</i> Tingting Wu (Friedrich Schiller University) "From Barbarism to Humanity: Gendered Morality in Goethe's Iphigenie auf Tauris" Cristina Spinei (University of Iasi) "Negotiating Self-determination: German-speaking Women Actors in the Habsburg Bukovinian Press" Helena Rust (University of Zurich) "Boundaries of taste: usages of aesthetics in Arabic sexual science, 1920-1940"	<i>Chair: Casper Andersen</i> Rachel McVeigh (Harvard University) "'Unable to speak': Reading the behaviour of domestic cranes in Tang and Song dynasty literature" Melisa Durkal (Central European University) "Non-Human Animals in Interna- tional Relations (IR)"	Élise Haddad (EHESS (Paris), UGA (Grenoble)) "Medieval images of Women, Men and Animals as witnesses of the Apocalypse" Alaattin Oğuz (Hacı Bayram Veli University) "Meaning in the Nature: Pigeon Fancying as a Masculine Leisure Culture" Viktoria Vdovina - <i>Online</i> (University of Iceland) "'He used to blow the signs of the cross': the image of heathens in Hallfreðar saga vanðræðaskáld"
Conference Dinner (from 19.00) <i>Madklubben, Hack Kampmanns Plads 1-3, 8000 Aarhus</i>		

Friday, 13th June

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Keynote Lecture (9.00-10.30) Prof. Patricia Owens Oxford University "A History of International Thought Without Men"
Coffee (10.30-11.00)

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Session 6 (11.00-12.30)		
<i>What is 'the Human'? VI</i> <i>Chair: Casper Andersen</i>	<i>Nature, Ecology and Animals in the History of Ideas II</i>	<i>Subjecthood in Intellectual History II</i>

The programme may be subject to change

Zachary Riebling (Southern Illinois University) "Orienting Nature and The Human: Congruence as the Object of Intellectual History" Ingrid Dunér (Lund University) "Bête Humaine or Homo humanus? Julian Huxley's transhumanism" Simon Clemens (Freie Universität) "Becoming Democratic" As A Strategy to Democratize the Zoon Politikon - The Philosophy of Rosi Braidotti"	<i>Chair: Diego Lucci</i> Aili Channer (Univeristy of London) "Robert Boyle and the 'Death of Nature'" Nicolas Payen (ENS de Lyon) "Cross-species sexual differences in Medieval Islamicate zoographical literature" Karine Durin (University of Nantes) "In search of the nervous system. Reading Oliva Sabuco de Nantes in the European intellectual history"	<i>Chair: Rodolfo Garau</i> Mads Langballe Jensen (University of Lund) "Proverbs, palavers and protests: political thought on the pre-colonial Gold Coast" Ariane Fichtl and Juliane Engelhardt (University of Copenhagen) "Perceptions of Gender in Radical Pietism"
Lunch (12.30-13.30)		

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Session 7 (13.30-15.00)		
<i>Gender in Intellectual History IV</i> <i>Chair: Anna Becker</i> Hanne Berendse (Universität Innsbruck) "'And even savage beasts, you see, are also tamed by the art of those who teach': Education, Discipline, and the Taming of Nature in Johanne Otho's <i>De bona institutione (1616)</i>" Geertje J. Bol (Ghent University) "Ambitious Women in Early Modern England"	<i>What is 'the Human'? VII</i> <i>Chair: Mikkel Thorup</i> Mikkel Flohr (Roskilde University) "Marx and the Human: From Static Anthropology Towards a Materialist Post-Humanism" Magnus Møller Ziegler (University of Copenhagen) "Cannibals and animals of Capital" Johannes Sartou Jørgensen (Aarhus University) "The Mass as Political Subject: Redefining Agency from	<i>Gender, Race and Nationalism in Eurasian Anti-Imperial Ideologies, 1850-1950</i> <i>Chair: Patricia Owens</i> Yinghui Huang (University of Cambridge) "Herstory of Nationalism: 'Women's Empowerment and National Salvation in Early 20th Century Iran" Phil Xing (University of Cambridge) "Robert Knox, Crisis of 'Civilisation', and the Anti-Imperial Racial Science"

	Irrational Mob to Conscious Actors, 1900-1930"	Boyang Hou - <i>Online</i> (University of Cambridge) "'Within Four Seas We Are Brethren': The political activities of the Central Union of Chinese Students in Great Britain, 1925-1930"
Coffee (15.00-15.30)		

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Session 8 (15.30-17.00)		
<i>Postcolonial Critique II</i> <i>Chair: Anna Becker</i> Aleksandra Radina - <i>Online</i> (Higher School of Economics, Moscow) "The 'Invisible' Other: The Dynamics of the Visible and Invisible in Constructing the Image of the Ainu in Japanese Cultural Institutions (A Case Study of the Upopoi National Ainu Museum and Park)" Varvara Prodai - <i>Online</i> (Independent Scholar) "Shaping the Narrative of Traditional Values in Russian Federation: Examining State Rhetoric and Queer Perceptions"		<i>Nature, Ecology and Animals in the History of Ideas III</i> <i>Chair: Adam Sutcliffe</i> Casper Andersen and Martha Ann Fleming (Aarhus University, University of Copenhagen) "Botanical Futures in the Gold Coast Colony: Historizing Economic and Taxonomic Knowledge (1783-1829)" Rithma Kreie Engelbreth Larsen (Aarhus University) "The uneasy alliance between conservationists and Indigenous knowledge advocates: Extending rights to natural entities in the 21st century"
Closing Reception (17.00-18.00)		