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Animal Affects

Abstract

In this paper I will review three areas where intellectual energies have been invested in recent years and which all have consequences for re-doing human-animal relations. They are phenomenology, bio-philosophy and the so-called affectual turn. Taking the latter as most promising, and in particular using work coming out of science studies and STS, I review field studies on wildlife animal conservation and the keeping of animals for food, along with Donna Haraway's accounts of companion species, to generate a sense of what learning to be affected with and by other animals involves and can afford. The animating question for the paper will be how to care and care well for people/animal relations.

About the speaker

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