

BIP - Anthropocene Fictions

Workshop „Legal Protection of Non-Human Animals“ July 3rd 2025, 9:30-11:30h

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Workshop's outline

Session 1

9:30-9:45 Introduction

- names, origin, discussion on preliminary views

Preparation:

- prepare name tags
- read/watch the following
 - o Reading: <https://genv.org/animal-rights/>
 - o Reading: <https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2023/01/they-can-think-feel-pain-love-isnt-it-time-animals-had-rights/>
 - o Video: <https://lt.org/publication/why-do-we-need-global-animal-law>
- form preliminary idea on:
 - o Who are non-human animals?
 - o Do they need legal protection? Why?
 - o What could be the problems with legal protection?

Session 2

9:45-10:15 Lecture on nature rights as a possible framework for animal rights

The lecture will be presented by prof. Barić

Preparation:

- Review the ppt provided

Session 3

10:15-11:10 Existing national legal framework

Students will present their national legal framework on animal protection.

15 min – students from the same country comparing their notes and deciding on what will be presented and who will present.

30 min - each country 10 minutes presentation.

10 min - Comments and evaluation of the legal framework presented.

Preparation:

- Prepare paper and pens
- Find, read, analyse and prepare key point of your present national legislation:
 - Look into national constitution for any norms that tackle non-human animals or can be viewed as referring to non-human animals
 - Find national legislation that refer to non-human animals, especially possible laws on animal protection, habitat protection or criminal code (if there are provisions on penalising crimes against non-human animals/nature)
 - Prepare a summary that can be presented to the rest of the students
 - Bring the sources (e-version or paper version) and the summary (paper version) to the workshop

Session 4

11:10-11:30 – Further steps: idealism v. reality

10 min - Reviewing three non-binding interenational declarations

10 min - Summarizing possible further steps

Preparation:

- Read, make notes and bring to the workshop the following
 - Universal Declaration of Animal Rights
<https://ecojurisprudence.org/initiatives/universal-declaration-of-animal-rights/>
 - Universal Declaration for the Rights of Mother Earth
<https://www.garn.org/universal-declaration-for-the-rights-of-mother-earth/>
 - The New York Declaration on Animal Consciousness
<https://sites.google.com/nyu.edu/nydeclaration/declaration>
- Give it a thought while reading:
 - Ideal v. reality?
 - How to make them work?