



How to write Animal History

Student Workshop

June 28, 2024, 14:00 – 17:00

Room 2.10

Köstlingstrasse 6, 72074 Tübingen

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For a long time, animals have been relegated to minor roles in historical narratives, frequently appearing as only side characters or simply as economic commodities. However, recent years have witnessed a notable shift, marked by what some scholars term an 'animal turn,' wherein historians have begun to describe animals as historical agents. Yet, these emergent perspectives also raise numerous questions: How can we write histories about actors that have not left written records themselves? What role do archives play in uncovering animal histories? And how can we approach writing from the standpoint of animals without resorting to anthropomorphism?

These and other questions will be explored in a student workshop organized by Jun.-Prof. Dr. Fynn Holm (University of Tübingen) and Prof. Dr. Ryan Tucker Jones (University of Oregon). The workshop is scheduled for Friday, June 28th, from 2 to 5 pm, at the Department of Japanese Studies, University of Tübingen (Room 2.10, Köstlingstrasse 6), and is open to all BA, MA and Doctoral students with an interest in historical research.

This student workshop is part of a seminar series on "Whales and Global History." Following the workshop, participants are invited to attend "Introductory Notes" and a conference dinner. The seminar will continue the next day, from 9 am to 12 pm, featuring discussions based on pre-circulated papers to which students are invited as guests.

Please inform us of your attendance preferences—whether you wish to join the student workshop, conference dinner (self-paid for students), and/or seminar—by **May 15th** via email (fynn.holm@uni-tuebingen.de).

Schedule:

Friday, June 28th

2-5 pm “Student Workshop: How to write Animal History”

5.30-6.30 pm “Introductory Notes: Whales and Global History (Ryan Tucker Jones and Fynn Holm)”

7 pm Conference Dinner

Saturday, June 29th

9-12 am “Seminar: Whales and Global History”