



# NORMATIVE ANIMALS

ONLINE CONFERENCE

June 17-18, 2021

9:00am - 5:00pm EST

Organizers: Kristin Andrews, Simon Fitzpatrick, and Evan Westra

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What are the psychological and evolutionary foundations of moral and social norms? Are these normative capacities uniquely human, or are they also present in other species? How might the presence of normativity in nonhuman animals change our ethical obligations towards them?

This two-day online conference will bring together an international group of philosophers, primatologists, and psychologists investigating the cognitive foundations of culture, morality, and social norms from a comparative, evolutionary perspective. We envision this as a first step in building a network of researchers to plan and carry out an interdisciplinary program of research looking into the scope and limits of normative cognition and practice in other species.

Would you like to give a talk at the conference? Submit a 300-word abstract to [ewestra@yorku.ca](mailto:ewestra@yorku.ca) by May 15, 2021



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### Speakers

Kristin Andrews (York)  
Judith Benz-Schwarzburg (Messerli Research Institute)  
Jonathan Birch (LSE)  
Sarah Brosnan (Georgia State)  
Laura Danon (Córdoba)  
Andrew Fenton (Dalhousie)  
Simon Fitzpatrick (John Carroll)  
Bart Geurts (Radboud)  
Thibaud Gruber (Geneva)  
Daniel Kelly (Purdue)  
Christopher Krupenye (Durham & Johns Hopkins)  
Giuseppe Lorini (Cagliari)  
Lydia Lunz (Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology)  
Irina Mikhalevich (Rochester Institute of Technology)  
Susana Monsó (Messerli Research Institute)  
Rachell Powell (Boston University)  
Jordan Theriault (Northeastern)  
Carel van Schaik (Zurich)  
Evan Westra (York)  
Birte Wrage (Messerli Research Institute)

### Call for Abstracts

There will be a limited number of speaking slots for submitted talks. Researchers working on topics related to the conference theme who would like to give a talk are invited to submit a 300-word abstract to [ewestra@yorku.ca](mailto:ewestra@yorku.ca) by May 15, 2021