

Category IV

Common Pool of Discipline Specific Electives (DSE)

BA (H) Sociology Discipline Specific Elective (DSE) 10 Animals and Society

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE -10 (DSE - 10) : Animals and Society

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
DSE 10 Animals and Society	4	3	1	0	12 th Class Pass	Nil

Learning Objectives:

1. To introduce students to the sociological/anthropological study of human-animal relationships and how it can provide a nuanced understanding of interspecies issues in contemporary society.
2. To enable students to understand a variety of contexts of human-animal encounters and study the consequent meaning constructions, interactions, and evolving human attitudes.
3. To develop a critical understanding of the changing status of animals in society by knowing different perspectives regarding the ethical treatment of animals.

Learning outcomes:

Students will be able to:

1. *Outline* the substantive issues and debates within which classic and contemporary human-animal scholarship is situated.
2. *Examine* the sociological, political, personal and legal aspects of human-animal relationships.
3. *Identify* the intersections of gender, caste, class and other identities that shape human-animal interactions.

SYLLABUS OF DSE 10:Animals and Society

Unit I: The Sociological Encounter with Animals (12 Hours)

This unit introduces the range and scope of sociological and anthropological scholarship on human-animal relationships.

Unit II: Animals and Culture (12 Hours)

This unit outlines the metaphorical, symbolic and material uses of animals in human societies/affairs.

Unit III: Human-Animal Relatedness (12 Hours)

This unit addresses various forms of bonds established between humans and animals, focusing on their everyday interactions.

Unit IV: Law and Ethics (9 Hours)

The final unit considers the changing nature of human-animal relationships, concerning questions of animal mis/treatment, ethics and rights.

Practical Component: NIL

Essential/Recommended Readings:**Unit I: The Sociological Encounter with Animals**

Kirksey, E., & Helmreich, S. (2010). 'The Emergence of Multispecies Ethnography' in *Cultural Anthropology*, 25, Pp. 545-576.

Segata, J., & Lewgoy, B. (2016). 'Animals in Anthropology' in *VIBRANT - Vibrant Virtual Brazilian Anthropology*, 13(2), Pp. 27-37.

Peggs, K. (2012). 'Town and Country: Animals, Space and Place' in *Animals and Sociology*. (The Palgrave Macmillan Animal Ethics Series). Palgrave Macmillan. Pp. 65-99.

Unit II: Animals and Culture

Evans-Pritchard, E. E. (1953). 'The Sacrificial Role of Cattle among the Nuer in Africa' in *Journal of the International African Institute*, 23(3), Pp. 181-198.

Leach, E. (1989). 'Anthropological Aspects of Language: Animal Categories and Verbal Abuse', in *Anthrozoös*, 2:3, Pp. 151-165.

Adams, C. J. (1990). 'The Sexual Politics of Meat' in *The Sexual Politics of Meat: A Feminist-Vegetarian Critical Theory*. New York, Continuum. Pp. 35-49.

Rashkow, E. (2015). 'Resistance to Hunting in Pre-independence India: Religious Environmentalism, Ecological Nationalism or Cultural Conservation?' in *Modern Asian Studies*, 49 (2), Pp. 270-301.

Unit III: Human-Animal Relatedness

Charles, N. (2014). 'Animals Just Love You as You Are: Experiencing Kinship across the Species Barrier' in *Sociology*, 48(4), Pp. 715-730.

Porcher, Jocelyne & Schmitt, T. (2012). Dairy Cows: Workers in the Shadows?. *Society & Animals*. 20. Pp. 39-60.

Govindrajan, R. (2018). 'Outsider Monkey, Insider Monkey: On the Politics of Exclusion and Belonging' in *Animal Intimacies: Interspecies Relatedness in India's Central Himalayas*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Pp. 90-118.

Braverman, I. (2012). 'Naturalizing Zoo Animals' in *Zooland: The Institution of Captivity*, Redwood City: Stanford University Press, Pp. 25-50.

Unit IV: Law and Ethics

Francione, Gary L. and Anna E. Charlton. (2017). 'Animal Rights' in Linda Kalof (ed.) *The Oxford Handbook of Animal Studies*. Oxford University Press.

Kansal, Vishrut (2016) The Curious Case of *Nagaraja* in India: Are Animals Still Regarded as "Property" With No Claim Rights?, *Journal of International Wildlife Law & Policy*, 19:3, 256-267.

Birke, L. (2022). 'Into the Laboratory', in *The Animals Reader: The Essential Classic and Contemporary Writings*. Second Edition, (Eds) Linda Kalof Amy Fitzgerald. Routledge. Pp. 486-499.

Suggested Readings:

Lévi-Strauss, C. (1962). 'The Totemic Illusion' in *Totemism*. Merlin Press. London. Pp. 15-32.

Haraway, D. J. (2003). *The Companion Species Manifesto: Dogs, People, and Significant Otherness*. Chicago, Ill. : Bristol :Prickly Paradigm ; University Presses Marketing.

Geertz, C (1973). 'Notes on the Balinese Cockfight' in *The Interpretation of Cultures*, Basic Books. Pp. 412-454.

Bryant, C. D. (1979). The Zoological Connection: Animal-Related Human Behavior. *Social Forces*, 58(2), Pp. 399–421.

Wilson, M.W., Ridlon, A.D., Gaynor, K.M., Gaines, S.D., Stier, A.C. and Halpern, B.S. (2020). 'Ecological Impacts of Human-Induced Animal Behaviour Change'. *Ecol. Lett.*, 23: Pp. 1522-1536.

Berger, J. (1980). Why Look at Animals? In *About Looking*. New York: Pantheon, Pp. 1-28.

Nussbaum, M. (2022). 'Frontiers of Justice: Capabilities and Animals, in *The Animals Reader: The Essential Classic and Contemporary Writings*. Second Edition, (Eds) Linda Kalof Amy Fitzgerald. Routledge. Pp. 55-62.

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.