

# Animals and Human Society in the Asian Sphere:

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Beit Maierdorf, room 405  
26 February to 1 March 2017

**Day 1: Sunday, 26 February 2017**

## Workshops:



### University of Haifa

Present and Future Zooarchaeological  
Research in China and Israel



### The Hebrew University

Movement, Temporality, and Exchange:  
Animals in Mongol Eurasia



### Tel Aviv University

Animals, Society and Religion in Asia

**Day 2: Monday, 27 February 2017**

## 1. Into the Wild: Humans and Wild Animals in Asia (9:30-12:00)

Chair: **Gideon Shelach** (The Hebrew University)

**Ran Barkai** (Tel Aviv University), "When Elephants Roamed Asia: The Significance of Proboscideans in Diet, Culture and Cosmology in Paleolithic Asia (with special reference to the Middle East and China)"  
**Nicolas Lainé** (Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Sociale, Collège de France), "Another Look at Elephant (non-)Domestication in Asia"  
**Rivka Rabinovich** (The Hebrew University), "The Aurochs and the Rhinoceros – Mousterian Idols?"  
**Nisha Poyyprath Rayaroth** (Delhi University), "Did You See Our Human? State, Benevolence and Indian Circus Animals"

## 2. Animals and Animal Domestication in Prehistoric Societies in Asia (13:30-15:30)

Chair: **Guy Bar-Oz** (University of Haifa)

**Steven A Rosen** (Ben-Gurion University), "A Chronology of Animal Exploitation in the Negev: Hunting to Herding to Trading to Warfare"  
**Li Zhipeng** (Institute of Archaeology, Chinese Academy of Social Science), "The Domesticated Ritual of Dogs in Ancient China"  
**Ron Shimelmitz** (University of Haifa and David Yellin Academic College of Education) and **Nimrod Marom** (University of Haifa), "Hunting for Prestige: from the Neolithic to the Iron Age"

## 3. Animals in Wars and Diplomacy across Asian History (16:00-18:00)

Chair: **Michal Biran** (The Hebrew University)

**James Hevia** (University of Chicago), "The 'Punjab Military Transport Animal Act' (1903) and the Animal Management Regime of the British Indian Army"  
**Noa Grass** (Tel Aviv University), "A Million Horses; Economic Aspects of the Horse Administration in Early Ming China"  
**Aaron Skabelund** (Brigham Young University), "Zoological Gardens and the Contradictions of Empire in Colonial Seoul and Taipei"

**Opening Reception (18:00-19:30)**

**Day 3: Tuesday, 28 February 2017**

## 4. Animals and Their Representations in Asian Cultures, Religions and Ideology (9:30-12:00)

Chair: **Rotem Kowner** (University of Haifa)

**Meir Shahar** (Tel Aviv University), "The Chinese Cult of the Horse King"  
**Huayu Chen** (Arizona State University) and **Xing Zhang** (Peking University), "From Lion to Tiger: The Buddhist Changing Images of Apex Predators in Trans-Asian Contexts"  
**Bernard Charlier** (Catholic university of Louvain-la-Neuve), "Giving One's Sheep to the Wolves and Becoming 'Meritorious' among Nomadic Mongolian Herders"  
**Nimrod Baranovitch** (University of Haifa), "Artistic Representations of Animals, and their Role in the Construction of Contemporary Mongolian and Tibetan Identity in China"

## 5. Animals in Asian Economies (13:30-15:30)

Chair: **Dagmar Schaefer** (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science)

**Anatoly M. Khazanov** (University of Wisconsin), "Contemporary Pastoralism in Central Asia"  
**Etan Ayalon** (Muza, Eretz Israel Museum), "Traditional Arab Beehives in the Land of Israel"  
**Nadin Heé** (Freie Universität Berlin and Max Planck Institute for the History of Science), "Tuna as Economic Resource and Symbolic Capital in the Japanese Empire"  
**Sijia Cheng** (Heidelberg University), "A Second Noah's Ark': Global Animal Trade and the Birth of Peking Zoo"

## 6. Animal Products and the Industrialization of Animal Farming in Asia (16:00-18:00)

Chair: **Ronnie Ellenblum** (The Hebrew University)

**Rotem Kowner** (University of Haifa), "The Premodern Break-off with Animal Meat Consumption and its Modern Renewal: The Chinese and Japanese 'Models'"  
**Thomas David DuBois** (Australian National University), "Tastes and Practices in China's Milk Industry since 1945"  
**Alisha Gao** (Goethe University), "Factory Farming in China: Pursuit of Modernization"

**Day 4: Wednesday, 1 March 2017**

## 7. Draft Animals and their Place in Asian Society (9:00-11:30)

Chair: **Meir Shahar** (Tel Aviv University)

**Zhao Xin** (Institute of Archaeology, Chinese Academy of Social Science), "Horses in Ancient China"  
**Gila Kahila** (Hebrew University), "The Endangered Przewalski's Horse: is it Truly the Last Wild Horse?"  
**Ma Jianxiang** (The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology), "Animal Agency in the Caravan Transportation: Mules and Muleteers in the Frontier Society between Northwest Yunnan, Southeast Tibet and North Burma"  
**Ianir Milevski** (Israel Antiquities Authority), and **Liora Kolska Horwitz** (The Hebrew University), "The Domestication of the Donkey in the Southern Levant: Zoology, Iconography and Economy"

