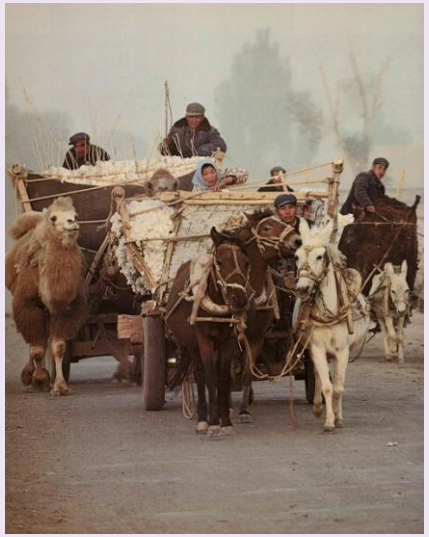
The Asian Sphere

Animals and Human Society in the Asian Sphere

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
26 February to 2 March 2017



Sunday, 26 February 2017

Workshops:

1. Zooarchaeology of Animal Domestication in China and Israel (University of Haifa)
2. Movement, Temporality, and Exchange: Animals in Mongol Eurasia (The Hebrew University)
3. Animals and Religion in Asia (Tel Aviv University)

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 (Laboratoired' 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 Poyyaprath 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), "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)

Jame Hevia (University of Chicago), "The "Punjab Military Transport Animal Act" (1903) and the Animal Management Regime of the British Indian Army"
Noa Grass (TelAviv 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

Tuesday, 28 February 2017

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

Chair: **Galia** Pat-Shamir (Tel Aviv University)

Hou Chong (Shanghai Normal University) and **Meir Shahar** (Tel Aviv University), "The Horse King and the Ox King: Divine Protectors of Chinese Draft Animals"
Huaiyu Chen (Peking University) and **Xing Zhang** (Arizona State 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. Animals 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 Carpenter (Goethe University), "Factory Farming in China: Pursuit of Modernization"

Wednesday, 1 March 2017

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

Chair: **Beni Arbel** (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 Jianxiong (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."

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Mobility, Empire and Cross Cultural Contacts in Mongol Eurasia