

COURSE DETAIL

HUMANS AND OTHER SPECIES

Country

United Kingdom - Scotland

Host Institution

University of Edinburgh

Program(s)

University of Edinburgh

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Anthropology

UCEAP Course Number

100

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

HUMANS AND OTHER SPECIES

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

Historically anthropologists have been interested in animals, because we can use our understanding of them to work out what is distinctive about humans, or, because as Levi-Strauss famously wrote, they are "good to think with". More recently, anthropologists have begun to challenge the separation drawn between human and non-human forms of life, and ask about the biopolitical consequences of scientific practices such as taxonomy and botany. Scholars in this field argue that the boundaries drawn up between species create hierarchies and inequalities, and that breaking down species distinctions reveals the extent to which nonhuman lives are deeply imbricated in socioeconomic projects. More radically, some argue that we should abandon our anthropocentric views of the world in favor of an approach that recognizes the agency of other species. Alternatively, anthropologists of the non-western world are able to describe alternative modes of being in human relationships with other species. In this course we will examine these debates by exploring topics such as domestication and pets; livestock agriculture; pests, bugs and zoonoses; veterinary medicine and the "One Health" agenda; the role of animals in the life sciences and transplant medicine; animal rights and rewilding.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SCAN10057

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Host Institution Course Details

Host Institution Campus

University of Edinburgh

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Social Anthropology

Course Last Reviewed

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