



RESEARCHING ANIMAL RESEARCH

The Animal Research Nexus Programme (AnNex) Meeting Thursday 30th and Friday 31st March 2023

Wellcome Collection, 183 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BE, UK

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We warmly welcome colleagues, collaborators, critical friends, and others who have been involved with the Animal Research Nexus programme to join us for our final conference in London. We look forward to renewing connections, sharing key research findings, celebrating collaborations, and inviting reflections on the achievements and challenges of this programme of research. During this event we will present a series of highlights from our work. We are also delighted to include plenary speakers, short talks and posters from emerging researchers, creative practitioners, and panel contributors to stimulate conversations on the futures of social research on animal research.

Programme: Day 1

12.00 – 13.00	Registration and light lunch	Dale Room
13.00 – 14.00	Highlights from the Animal Research Nexus Programme #1 Chair: Gail Davies (University of Exeter) Online facilitator: Emma Roe In the first two sessions we offer an overview of the AnNex Programme, reflect on what it has achieved over the past 6 years, and introduce research highlights from the five lead institutions The Animal Research Nexus Team <i>Welcome and Introduction</i> Rob Kirk (University of Manchester) and Dmitriy Myelnikov (University of Cambridge) <i>Governing the 'Animal Research Nexus': History and the regulation of laboratory animal use</i> Beth Greenhough (University of Oxford), Reuben Message (University of Edinburgh), and Alexandra Palmer (University of Auckland) <i>Making space for ethics and care</i>	Frank and Steel Room
14.00 – 14.15	Short Break	

14.15 – 15.15	Highlights from the Animal Research Nexus Programme #2	Frank and Steel Room
	Chair: Beth Greenhough (University of Oxford) Online facilitator: Rob Kirk	
	Emma Roe and Sara Peres (University of Southampton) <i>Managing laboratory commodities: sourcing, moving, and caring for animals</i> Pru Hobson-West, Renelle McGlacken and Alistair Anderson (University of Nottingham) <i>Publics and professionals in the laboratory</i> Gail Davies (University of Exeter) and Rich Gorman (Brighton and Sussex Medical School) <i>Emerging voices in the evaluation of animal research: Who decides, and who decides who decides?</i>	
15.15 – 15.40	Tea Break	Dale Room
15.40 – 17.00	Research collaborations, reflections, and discussion	Frank and Steel Room
	Chair: Kate Millar (University of Nottingham) Online facilitator: Reuben Message	
	<p>In this session, we invite reflections from people who have worked with different parts of the Animal Research Nexus Programme. We have been supported and productively challenged throughout by many different stakeholders within the animal research community, as well as those in the social sciences and humanities. Collaborative research is often productive, but it is not always simple. We invite people to share their perspectives, bringing insights from their own work to open discussions on how the social sciences and humanities may further conversations within and beyond the Animal Research Nexus Programme.</p> <p>Panel contributors:</p> <p>Penny Hawkins (Head of RSPCA Science and Policy Group) Martin Fray (Mary Lyon Centre, MRC Harwell) Larry Carbone (Veterinarian, History and Philosophy of Science) Eva Giraud (Department of Sociological Studies, University of Sheffield) Carrie Friese (Department of Sociology, LSE)</p>	
17.00	Plenary 1: Researching animal research: perspectives from the humanities and social sciences	Frank and Steel Room
	Chair: Rob Kirk (University of Manchester) Online facilitator: Gail Davies	
	In this session we are delighted to the first of our keynote papers exploring new challenges around immunology and animal research.	

Ann Kelly (Kings College, London) *Animals rule: Immuno-bridges and regulatory scaffolds for emergency R&D*

17.30	Drinks	Wellcome Collection
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18.00 – 20.00	Buffet Dinner	Wellcome Collection
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Programme: Day 2

9.15 – 9.30	Registration	Dale Room
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9.30 – 10.50	Emerging voices in the social study of animal research Chair: Pru Hobson-West (University of Nottingham) Online facilitator: Beth Greenhough	Frank and Steel Room
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For this session, we invite a selection of emerging social science and humanities scholars to showcase innovative and diverse approaches to the social study of animal research.

Paper presenters:

Kathleen Salter (University of Nottingham) *Exploring stakeholder expectations for the institutional ethical review of animal research*

Hanne Tresselt (University of Oslo) *Developing animal models for a new vaccine paradigm*

Tom Quick (Maastricht University) *Flying monkeys and frogs in space: Towards a logistical history of laboratory animals*

Johanna Hockenhull (Royal Veterinary College) *'How I handle rats depends on how the rat wants to be handled': An exploratory investigation of the motivations and perceptions underlying choice of handling method for laboratory rats*

10.50 – 11.10	Coffee Break	Dale Room
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11.10 – 11.40	Plenary 2: Researching animal research: perspectives from the humanities and social sciences Chair: Rob Kirk (University of Manchester) Online facilitator: Gail Davies	Frank and Steel Room
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In this session we are delighted to host the second of our two keynote papers exploring new challenges around immunology and animal research.

Tone Druglitrø (University of Oslo) *Challenge experiments and the choreography of memory in codfish and humans*

11.40 – 12.50 Poster Session, followed by lunch from around 12 noon Dale Room

Workshop participants are invited to read and discuss the posters from early career and other researchers.

Confirmed poster contributions include:

Julia Bastian (University of Linz, Austria) *A mapped review about animal ethics committees all around the world*

Svea Jörgensen (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences) *Inherent impossibilities and detrimental dissonance within the ethical review of animal research*

Kimberley Jane and Julia Baines (PETA UK), Emily R. Trunnell (PETA US), and Ankita Pandey (PETA India) *Modernising biomedical research and regulatory policies to advance human health*

Rebecca Thomas (DEFRA, UK) *Recognising human and animal harms within the animal research facility from an interdisciplinary perspective*

Kate Goldie (University of Southampton, UK) *Becoming research pig: transient identities and affective relations in the laboratory*

Renelle McGlacken (University of Nottingham, UK) *Animal research, Named Vets, and the openness agenda*

Hibba Mazhary and Penny Hawkins (University of Oxford, UK) *Applying the 3Rs: A case study on evidence and perceptions relating to rat cage height in the UK*

12.50 – 14.10 **Creative methods for thinking about animal research** Frank and Steel Room

Chair: **Emma Roe (University of Southampton)**

Online facilitator: Pru Hobson-West

This panel introduces perspectives on using creative methods to study and engage the professional, student, and lay audiences of animal research. Panellists will explain the creative methods they used, why they were drawn to creative methods, and what conversations it went on to facilitate. We put the creative methods developed during the Animal Research Nexus Programme in conversation with those who have designed, used, and collaborated with our work and others.

Panel contributors:

Jordi Lopez-Tremoleda (QMUL) *How facilitating professional and emotional openness helps us to build up stronger teams during challenging pandemic times*

Sarah Bailey (University of Bath) *Adapting the Mouse Exchange Toolkit for pharmacology undergraduates as a student-led introduction to animal research*

The Lab Collective (Interactive theatre makers) *Vector: Interactive performance and public participation*

Maisie Tomlinson (Goldsmiths) *What a Mouse Knows: walking the line between fact and fiction in a stage play inspired by research*

Louise Mackenzie (independent artist) *Can I be honest? Approaches to performing animal research*

14.10 – 14.30 Tea break

Dale Room

14.30 – 15.45 **Developing collaborative futures**

Frank and Steel Room

Chair: **Huw Golledge (Universities Federation for Animal Welfare)**
Online facilitator: Rich Gorman (Brighton and Sussex Medical School)

The closing panel will lead discussion on the futures of work in the social sciences and humanities on laboratory animal science and welfare. The Animal Research Nexus programme ran in the UK over a period of transitions in the practice and regulation of animal research, with the transformations that accompanied Brexit, the Covid-19 pandemic, and more, which will extend beyond the period of our grant. Contributors present personal perspectives on the issues and modes of interdisciplinary collaboration important to future work on the Animal Research Nexus.

Panel contributors:

Elliot Lilley (Programme Manager, NC3Rs)

Richard Milne (Head of research and dialogue, Wellcome Connecting Science)

Heather Browning (Research Officer in animal sentience and welfare at the London School of Economics)

Anna Olsson (Institute for Research and Innovation in Health, University of Porto)

Helena Röcklinsberg (Associate Professor in Ethics, Swedish University of Agricultural Science)

15.45 – 16.00 Formal conference close and thanks: **Pru Hobson West**

The Animal Research Nexus Team will remain in the conference venue to continue informal conversations until around 17.00

