

Animal Rights and Human Rights: To Care for One is to Care for All

Description

When the “Animal Rights” movement gained momentum in the 1980s, the focus was on animal suffering, particularly in science laboratories. In the past three decades, the movement has shifted focus to farmed animals and connected the cause with pressing social justice concerns, including world hunger, the oppression of marginalized peoples and human health, and environmental degradation. In the process, the movement has resonated with core religious principles of justice, compassion, and service. This webinar explores the connections between animal ethics and social justice concerns, and in the final session, religious ethics.

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Founder of *Tapestry: Women’s Institute of Integrated Justice*, professor Kemmerer is the award-winning author of nine books, including *Eating Earth*, *Animals and World Religions*, and *Sister Species*. Professor of philosophy and religions, Dr. Kemmerer is internationally known for her work across overlapping concerns of justice. For more information on “Dr. K” or Tapestry, please visit lisakemmerer.com.

Objectives

Each of four webinars will focus on a particular aspect of animal ethics, including human oppression, environmental degradation, animal exploitation, and religious ethics.

Meeting Time

Tuesdays, 6:00 pm Pacific

Cost

\$25-\$20 per session (maximum - 20 people)

Course Level

Each webinar will include a full range of information, ranging from interconnections between animal rights and human rights that are becoming more widely known to more complicated explanations of these intricate interconnections.

Readings

A short article will be provided for each webinar.

Social Media Requirement

Weekly reading assignments, recommended readings, questions, and conversations will be posted on a closed group page on Facebook. Therefore, all participants will need to have a FB page.

Teaching Style

Professor Kemmerer will provide short (about five minutes) presentations, followed by open discussion and question-and-answer sessions. There will likely be three or four cycles of presentation and discussion in each webinar.

Course Assumptions

Participants must be open to exploring new ideas in the topic at hand.

Outline

1. Animal Rights and Human Oppression
2. Animal Rights and Environmental Degradation
3. Animal Rights and Animal Exploitation
4. Animal Rights and Religious Ethics