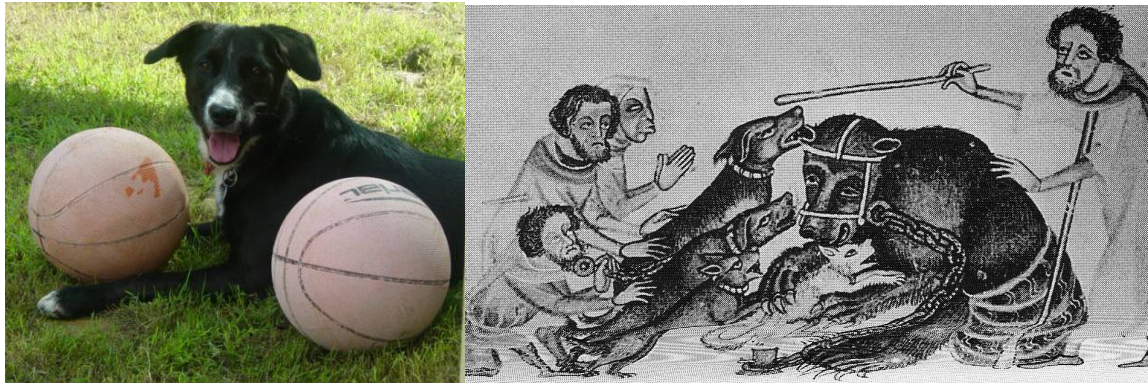


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2018 Research Seminar Series

A Talk by Professor Neil Carr
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From Animals as Leisure to the Leisure of Animals



This presentation mirrors the journey currently underway, from viewing animals as objects for the use and enjoyment of humans to sentient beings with their own needs. It notes the all-pervasive nature of animals in human leisure experiences before exploring whether, as sentient beings, animals need and have leisure of their own. This exploration is based on the recognition that leisure incorporates the distinct, but overlapping, concepts of play, recreation, escape, and search for self and enlightenment. The presentation discusses how the first three concepts are increasingly recognised as being engaged in by a variety of animals. However, the idea that animals may engage in a search for self or enlightenment is still contentious. This presentation explores why this is the case, questioning whether its denial is a form of humancentric thinking or if those claiming animals can or should be able to seek their selves through leisure are guilty of anthropomorphism.

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