



ABOUT

The Centre for the Study of Social and Political Movements was established in 1992, and since then has helped the University of Kent gain wider recognition as a leading institution in the study of social and political movements in the UK. The Centre has attracted research council, European Union, and charitable foundation funding, and collaborated with international partners on major funding projects. Former staff members and external associates include Professors Mario Diani, Frank Furedi, Dieter Rucht, and Clare Saunders.

Today, the Centre continues to attract graduate students and international visitors, and facilitate the development of collaborative research. Recent and ongoing research undertaken by members includes studies of Black Lives Matter, Extinction Rebellion, veganism and animal rights.

The Centre takes a methodologically pluralistic and interdisciplinary approach, embracing any topic relevant to the study of social and political movements. If you have any inquiries about Centre events or activities, or are interested in applying for our PhD programme, please contact Dr Alexander Hensby or Dr Corey Wrenn.

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CENTRE FOR THE STUDY OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL MOVEMENTS

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Dear colleagues,

As life adapts to COVID-19, so much of our work is now taking place online. We have a number of virtual talks and online publications for you to view in this semester's newsletter. The International Association of Vegan Sociologists, co-founded by our center's co-director Corey Wrenn will be hosting its 3rd annual virtual conference this autumn. One of our members, Kristof Dhont, has also launched a new peer-reviewed journal on human-animal relations and vegan studies.

In other news, we are continuing talks about a redesigned master's degree in sociology that will focus on politics, social movements, and social justice to align with our school's incorporation in the university's new law and social justice division.

Thanks for supporting our Centre in 2022!

Yours in solidarity,

Corey Wrenn



MEDIA

Kristof Dhont's Society for the Psychology of Human-Animal Intergroup Relations (PHAIR Society) hosted [several guest speakers](#) this semester. Having secured a prestigious grant, PHAIR has also launched a new peer-reviewed journal in 2022: [Psychology of Human-Animal Intergroup Relations](#).

On January 18, **Corey Wrenn** gave an invited talk, "[Gaelic Veganism and Irish Animal Rights](#)" in the *Talks for a Compassionate Future* series with Animal Rebellion Ireland.

On May 14, **Corey Wrenn** gave an [invited talk](#) to the Animal Rights Advocates Discord Channel's "Ask Me Anything" series.

Also in May, **Corey Wrenn** gave an [invited talk](#) with the Vegan Society's "On the Pulse" series.

On April 20, **Corey Wrenn** gave an [invited talk](#) with the American Humanist Association.

Also in April, **Corey Wrenn** keynoted "[A Sociology of Vegan Mobilization](#)" at the Veganism and Vegetarianism as Social Movement and Social Change conference at the University of York.

Corey Wrenn also [keynoted](#) at the Globalizing Gender conference on the topic of vegan ecofeminism.

NEW RESEARCH

Alex Hensby's 2016 publication "Campaigning for a Movement: Collective identity and Student Solidarity in the 2010/11 UK Protests against Fees and Cuts" is now [available to view on Academia.edu](#).

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VEGAN SOCIOLOGISTS

3RD ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 8TH AND 9TH

The sociological toolkit has much to offer to critical studies of human-nonhuman animal relations. Significant works have highlighted the influence of broader social structures, discourse, and micro-interaction on the exploitation of other animals (Cole & Stewart 2014, Cudworth 2011, Nibert 2017, Peggs 2012). A complementary strand of the discipline has furthered advocacy efforts through developing understandings of nonhuman animal advocacy and veganism (Bertuzzi 2020, Cherry 2006, Wrenn 2019). Since its conception in 2020, the International Association of Vegan Sociologists has supported the development of scholarship that actively challenges the exploitation of nonhuman animals. In our third annual meeting we draw on two streams of sociological thought — sociologies of space and time — to provoke innovative and fruitful research that furthers this goal.

Sociologists look at space and time as social — constructed in particular ways to maintain social order. Space is physically shaped, for instance with objects, signs and architecture, to direct movement or behaviour in particular ways (sit here, eat in that room, do not feed the wildlife). Time is ordered, e.g. through calendars and clocks, but also shaped through particular habits, tempos and rhythms (such as the



speed of a production line). These constructions reflect and reproduce broader social relations, for instance, the tailoring of society around particular bodies makes it more accessible for some than others. Exploitative human-nonhuman animal relations, too, are reproduced in particular spatial and temporal contexts — for instance, the use of anti-dog regulation signs or hostile architecture such as bird spikes demarcating 'public space' as human-only; the rapid speed and physical disruption of sight in slaughterhouses to facilitate efficient killing; and the placement of sites of farming and killing animals at the outskirts of cities to remove these elements of exploitation from public consciousness (Arcari et al 2021, Pachirat 2012, Wadiwel 2015). Unpicking these contexts of exploitation creates an opportunity to re-imagine configurations that might foster less-oppressive human-nonhuman animal entanglements in the future.

Free tickets can be procured on [Eventbrite](#).

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW FACULTY: GIUSEPPE MAGLIONE

WELCOME WEEK ONLINE PANEL EVENT



Giuseppe joined SSPSSR in 2021 as a lecturer in criminology. His research agenda explores the politics of penal punishment (including alternatives to punishment) using a political-philosophical approach which incorporates penal abolitionist critique and anarchist positionality. His most recent research work is a critique of the institutionalisation of restorative justice, focusing on the detrimental effects of the state capture of conflict-resolution practices (like restorative justice practices) which have grown organically at the margins of criminal justice systems, and which represent a challenge to criminal justice values, aims and goals. Giuseppe sits on the Research Committee of The European Forum for Restorative Justice and is the Eastern Arc University Champion for the Human Rights, Equality and Conflict theme. Before becoming a full-time academic, he worked as a legal advisor in prisons, victim-offender mediator, community mediator and trainer in conflict management in Italy, Norway and Scotland.