



Call for Papers

“All things that the black earth feeds”

Animals and Humans

Hosted by the Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies

**The University of British Columbia
x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) Territory
May 6th-7th, 2022**

The University of British Columbia’s Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies is pleased to accept papers for its 22nd Annual Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference. We look forward to engaging in interdisciplinary dialogue on this year’s topic: **“All things that the black earth feeds”: Animals and Humans.**

This conference aims to explore multiple facets of human-animal interactions: for example, domestication and husbandry; religious beliefs and practices involving animals; use of animal parts to create material culture; and the representation of non-human creatures in art and literature. We welcome papers from all fields of study (humanities, natural and social sciences, education, archival and library sciences, etc.). We also encourage the submission of papers by scholars considering human-animal interaction from any temporal standpoint: past, present and future. The aim of this conference is to encourage interdepartmental dialogue and to open exchange on this subject.

Questions to consider include: how do we conceive of and conceptualize animals, both in the present and in the past? How do humans separate themselves from other living creatures? How have humans affected and - in some cases - quite literally shaped animals? How have our perceptions and attitudes towards animals changed in time and space? How do animals fit into religious and spiritual beliefs, both ancient and modern?

The conference will take place virtually on **Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th, 2022**, hosted remotely by the Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies at the University of British Columbia, on the traditional unceded territory of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) people. Presenters will have the option of presenting in real time during the conference or submitting a recording.

Applicants can apply by submitting an abstract (max 300 words) by **April 8, 2022**. Presentations should be 15 minutes in length. Abstracts must be emailed to cners.grad.conference@ubc.ca with the applicant's name and “Abstract Submission” in the subject line. Applicants should include their name, pronouns, institution, and presentation title in the body of the email.