

2nd Bovine Scholarship Workshop

Call for abstracts

After the success of the first Bovine Scholarship Workshop hosted in October 2021, we are pleased to announce a call for abstracts and participation in the second Bovine Scholarship Workshop, to be hosted from 30-31 March 2022.

This workshop will bring together scholars working in a variety of disciplinary and empirical contexts asking questions of bovine relations from a multitude of historical, geographical, gendered, and phenomenological contexts. Domesticated over 10,500 years ago, bovines are currently found across the globe yet there is still much to learn about their varied histories, geographies, and lives. This despite the centrality of bovine bodies to human pursuits of agriculture, colonisation, and capitalism, as well as their implication in the climate breakdown. Furthermore, even as social research on bovines emerges from all continents, there is little opportunity to understand how these different bovine geographies and stories are connected and/or produce varied realities and knowledge.

This workshop consequently aims to create soft infrastructure for researchers interested in bovine scholarship, enabling researchers to connect across institutional, international, and disciplinary boundaries. It further aims to gather researchers with an interest in ‘bovine scholarship’ to share, learn, and engage in knowledge creation with one another. The workshop is meant to further a discussion around the following questions:

- How have bovine-human relations manifested in a variety of contexts?
- How does this disrupt or challenge the simple narratives of cows as well as of the ways in which human-bovine relations have manifested?
- What value is there in focusing on a specific species for understanding human environmental and economic relations?
- How can scholars working on the same species but from different localities and disciplinary backgrounds learn from, complicate, and contribute to multispecies social science?

The workshop will be held over two afternoons (13:00-17:00 CET) on the 30th and 31st of March 2022. There are limited spaces to present and attend the workshop. If you are interested in presenting your application should include: a 200-250 word abstract, a 150 word bio, affiliation and email address. Please note that you do not need to have an affiliated paper with your abstract and that works in progress are welcome. If you are only interested in participating (but not presenting) and this is your first time applying to a Bovine Scholarship Workshop your application should include: a 200-250 word motivation for why you would like to attend and what your interests in bovine scholarship are, a 150 word bio, affiliation, and email address. **The deadline for all applications is 28 January 2022. Please [fill in this form](#) with all of the necessary information.**

Once the presenters have been finalized there will be a follow up call for those interested in participating in the workshop to apply. If you would like to stay abreast of these calls please join the [Bovine Scholarship Network](#). The goals of the network are as follows:

- Knowledge sharing and networking: To create a space in which scholars working on similar subject matter but from different disciplinary backgrounds and social geographies can work with and learn from one another, charting a way for future collaboration and knowledge production.
- Capacity Building: To give scholars the opportunity to learn from and work closely with other scholars with similar research interests.

- **Collaboration:** To forge new avenues of collaboration between individuals, departments and universities.
- **Knowledge Innovation:** To expand and consider different ways of knowing and thinking about multi-species relations and stories.
- **Knowledge Production:** To work towards the creation of an edited volume, and to also develop some popular science content on the topic.

We look forward to receiving your applications and connecting with you at the Bovine Scholarship Network.