

# COURSE: WHERE IS THE LIMIT? WORKING WITH LABORATORY ANIMALS

Friday 21 September 2018

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Using animals in research and within the world of medicine has been a controversial subject for many years. Is it justifiable to sacrifice other living creatures to gain a better understanding of the world and alleviate and cure human diseases? Most will probably answer "yes" to these questions, but at the same time find that there are limits to how far we can go. The debate on research animals is an ethical debate that raises questions such as: What is animal welfare? Should you kill animals? What is the right relation between humans and animals? How to fulfill the 3Rs?

The workshop will begin with a talk that situates the debate on research animals in an ethical context and illuminates the ethical conflicts and dilemmas integral to the use of animals in research. Afterwards the participants will be challenged to reflect on some examples of how animals are used in research and discuss them on the basis of their own experiences. Finally the participants will be challenged to consider whether including concepts such as 'tragedy' and 'guilt' and 'remembrance' in the debate could lead to changes in the way animals are used: What would happen, if we did not ask "How to be good?", but rather "What guilt would we rather carry"?

## Day Agenda

- 10:00 - 11:00: Talk:  
*A necessary sacrifice - on research animal ethics*
- 11:00 - 11:15: Coffee
- 11:15 - 12:15: Workshop 1:  
*Where does your shoe pinch? - discussion of participant cases*
- 12:15 - 13:15: Lunch
- 13:15 - 14:00: Workshop 2:  
*Gratefulness is a virtue - but how to express it toward research animals?*

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## Language

Optional (English or Danish). Our lecturers speak English but as most course participants are from Scandinavian countries the possibility of conducting the courses in Scandinavian is available, if all participants agree on it. Otherwise courses are held in English.

## When

Friday 21 September 2018 from 10:00-14:00.

## Where

SCANBUR,  
Silovej 16-18  
DK-2690 Karlslunde, Denmark

## Price

EUR 200,00 excl. VAT or Academy points 1860  
Includes breakfast & lunch.

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## Deadline for registration

Friday 31 August 2018.

## Educators

**Mickey Gjerris** (1969) is associate professor at the University of Copenhagen. Mickey's research focuses on ethical aspects of the relationship between humans, animals, nature and technology. He has published extensively on ethical subjects and is an often used speaker and expert on subjects such as animal research ethics, animal ethics, food ethics, ethics of nature, medical ethics etc. In 2017 together with two colleagues he published: "Animal ethics in animal research" at Cambridge University Press.