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Upcoming Events

Hayvanât Workshop to Take Place at Istanbul Bilgi University on May 9-10

The workshop aims to enhance dialogue among researchers from various disciplines who place nonhuman animals at the center of their studies and to create an interdisciplinary platform through the sharing of diverse experiences.

The workshop will not only discuss different methodologies, perspectives, and contexts used in the study of nonhuman animals but will also address the philosophical and ethical dimensions of working with animals in the field and thinking about them.

We will be circulating the detailed workshop program soon!

Hayvanât Talks Begin

The Hayvanât talk series provides a platform for researchers to share their work, aiming to amplify the voices of nonhuman animals to a wider audience and foster new research. It seeks to highlight not only the past existence of nonhuman animals but also their agency and contributions to shaping our shared world, thereby making them more visible.

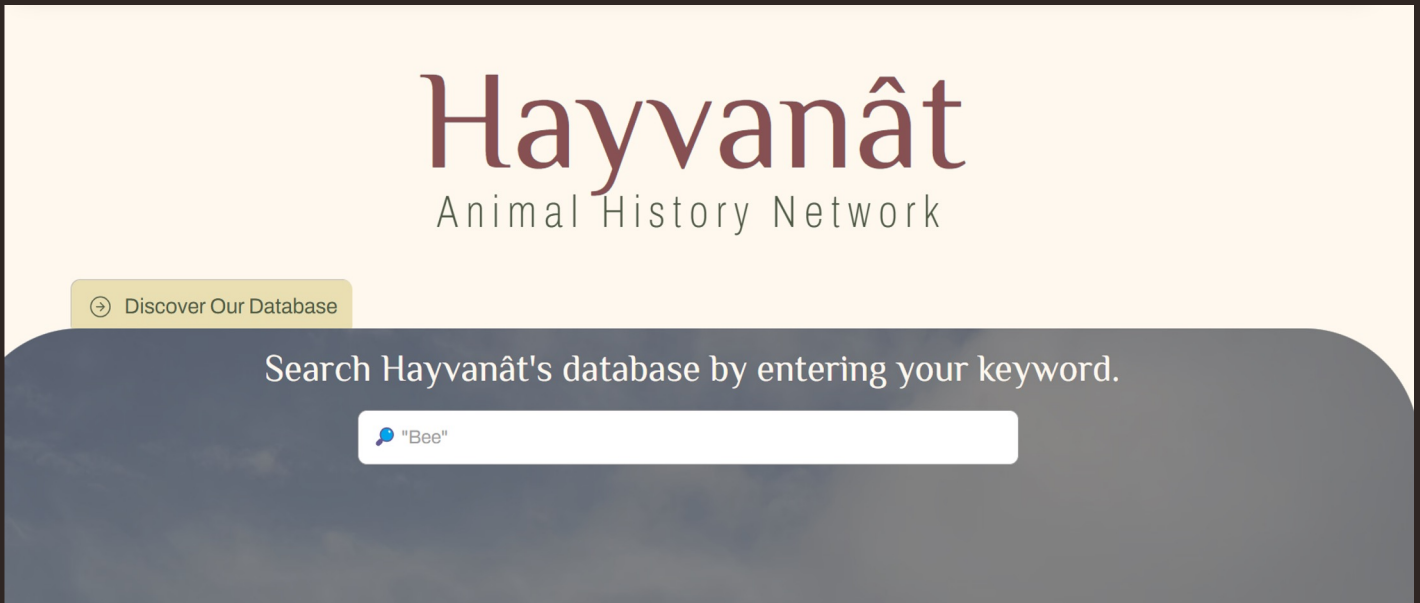


The series will launch with Suraiya Faroqhi's talk, "Looking for Animals in Ottoman Sources."

The talk will take place on March 25 at 17:00 at Istanbul Bilgi University Santral Campus.

Hayvanât Website Updated

Along with an interface update that simplifies access to announcements and original content, a search engine has been introduced, enabling users to search through animal history print sources!



1 You can access information from over 600 sources in the database using your chosen keywords.

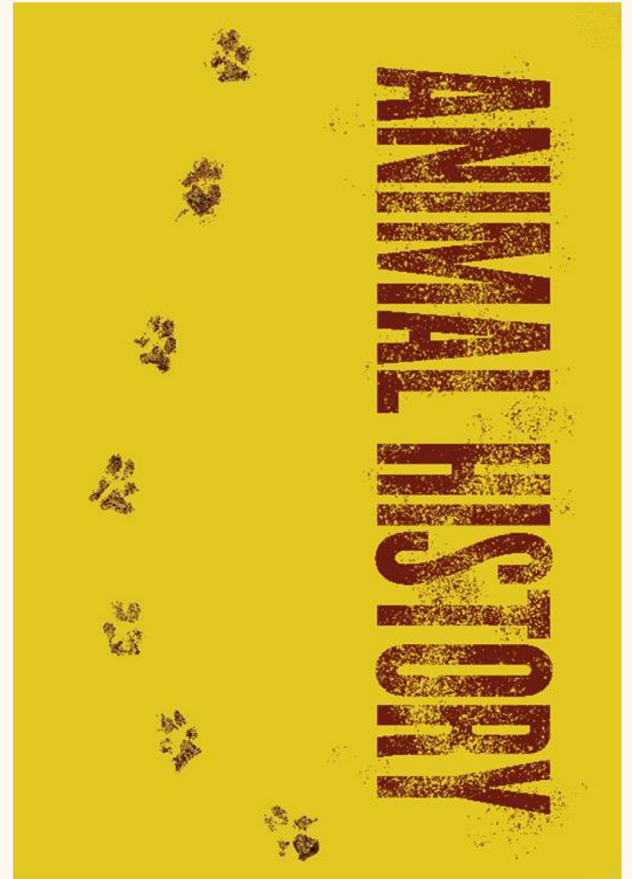
2 With the "Add Resource" option, you can request the addition of new sources to the database and contribute to its growth.

3 Additionally, with the language selection feature, you can navigate the website in Turkish or English and explore original content in both languages.

Animal History Journal

The inaugural issue of the Animal History Journal, a significant milestone in the institutionalization of animal history, is now available!

The Animal History Journal has the potential to serve as a pivotal moment for the institutionalization and strengthening of historiography. This field challenges the anthropocentric ideology that views humans as active historical agents and animals as passive historical objects. This misperception has been prevalent since the early 20th century when historiography was established as a professional discipline.



The journal will bring greater visibility to studies in history and foster new approaches and interdisciplinary collaborations. This development could provide a stronger opportunity for challenging the traditional structures of science and knowledge production, which are often confined by dichotomies like nature versus culture, human versus animal, and instinct versus logic. This applies across various fields, including medicine, philosophy, behavioral science, and psychology.

The journal derives its strength from the will of its subjects: non-human animals, which continuously defy the boundaries we often impose on them.

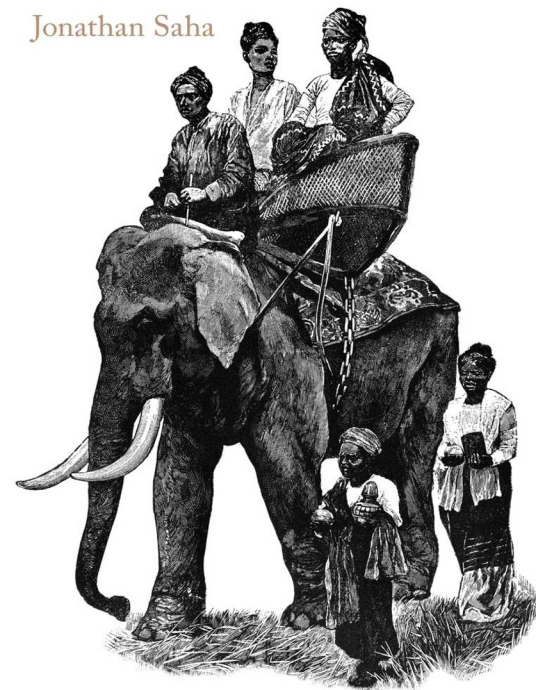
You can read the [complete introduction](#) by Deniz İnce on our website.

Book Introduction

Colonizing Animals

Interspecies Empire in Myanmar

Jonathan Saha



«I believe this book provides a unique perspective on colonialism that includes the exploitation of animals overlooked in the typical narrative, making it a compelling read for those interested.»

Jonathan Saha, *Colonizing Animals: Interspecies Empire in Myanmar*, (Cambridge University Press, 2021).

Jonathan Saha's book examining the impact of "Colonizing Animals" was published in 2021 by British colonialism in Myanmar during the Cambridge University 19th century.

Press. The 280-page book argues that imperialism He emphasizes that was not only a human both histories focus on affair but also involved recovering the animals. Saha suggests experiences of that we should rethink marginalized individuals colonialism by who are often considering the often- overlooked in historical overlooked role of animals records. Instead of in colonial studies. studying these events separately, Saha

In his study, Saha aims to propose intertwining integrate animal history both histories to explore and post-colonial history the effects of by colonialism and imperialism.

You can access the full version of the book review of *Colonizing Animals: Interspecies Empire in Myanmar* written by Tuğçe Kılıç on our website.