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Feminist Jurisprudence for Farmed Animals

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Feminism and animal advocacy share a deep history of interconnections. The majority of animal advocates have been women, and feminist scholars have long drawn thematic and material connections between the exploitation of women and the exploitation of animals. But where does law and legal theory fit in this picture? This talk will explore some of the ways that feminist jurisprudence and feminist theory offer an innovative set of contributions to the study of animal *law*—paving the way for approaches that challenge liberal legalism, explore linked oppressions, and interrogate background assumptions and hierarchies.

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