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Empathy as Terrorism?

The Criminalization of Animal Activism in Canada

A free lecture in the ASRI Speaker Series

Taylor Zavitz, PhD Candidate, Dept. of Sociology

Thursday, November 29th, 2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

Fraser Building, Room 209

Taylor will provide a frank discussion of government and industry efforts to target and stifle animal rights activism in Canada. A long-time activist herself, and now a doctoral candidate at the University of Victoria, Taylor will present on her PhD research focusing on exposing and analyzing bogus criminal charges filed against animal advocates, the failure to prosecute illegal conduct by animal-use industries, lawsuits by animal-use industries designed to repress free speech, and state surveillance and terrorist labelling of peaceful activists.

Taylor Zavitz is a PhD candidate in the Sociology department at the University of Victoria, where her research focuses on the repression of animal activism in Canada, the expanding criminalization of dissent, and what this means for the future of activism in Canada. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in Political Science with a minor in Sociology and a concentration in Public Law, as well as a Master's degree in Critical Sociology, with a focus in Critical Animal Studies, from Brock University.

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