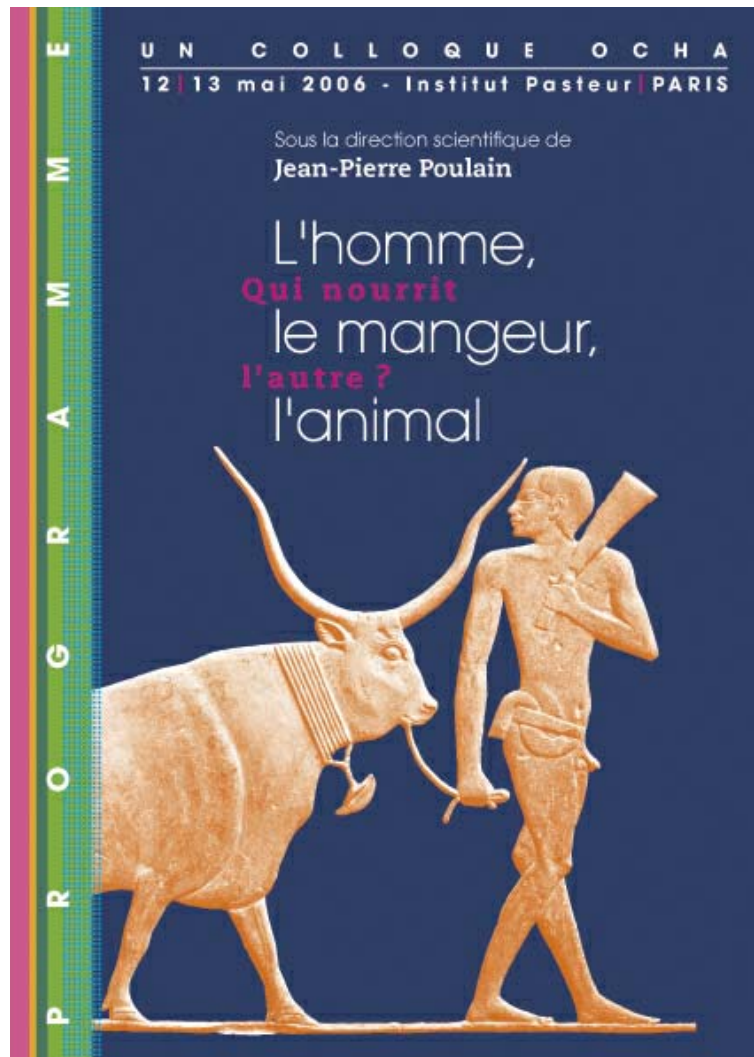


OCHA Symposium

Man, food and the animals. Who feeds whom ?

MAY 12-13th, 2006, PARIS



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Our status as omnivores allows us to exercise our freedom to choose between foods. This liberty has given rise to a wide variety of cultural and regional food preferences. The decision to eat or not to eat a food is influenced by social and cultural characteristics and has major ecological, economic and socio-cultural consequences. Foods of animal origin, perceived as the most highly valued food, are often a fundamental basis of social bonds. Despite this, certain animal food products are the subject of prohibitions or outright bans. The predation, protection and domestication of animals, along with their breeding, slaughter and distribution, have been governed by cultural norms and/or religious customs throughout time. Food choices are directly influenced by human conceptions among which the given position of Man in the trophic chain.

The purpose of this symposium is to approach and understand the depth and diversity of human-animal relations. The structure of the known human dietary models is not merely the result of adaptive evolution, it also reveals the biological and socio-anthropological relationships between humans and their environment. Animals are raised as food or to produce food (milk, eggs, honey, etc.) for human consumption. As such, they can be consumed but must also be fed. How has this relationship evolved across the world and what form has it taken in modern society?

Given the diverse range of approaches to the study of human-animal relations, it may be of interest to look further back in history in order to provide additional context. The prehistoric era, which saw the transition from hunting to domestication and co-evolution between humans and animals, provides a glimpse into how relations were established with the different animal species.

By defining allowed and prohibited foods, dates for fasting and feast days, conditions for the slaughter of animals, often inspired by a sacrificial myth, religion grafted ritual onto older traditions and creating a sort of cohabitation. Controlling their diet has been felt by humans as the first step to controlling their destiny.

A new status for animals is emerging in urban environments with the specific relationships people have for their pets in contemporary societies. The emergence of non-human ethics tends to diminish the importance of man's status in the natural world while bringing the issue of animal well-being to the fore. Concurrently, within the sphere of international trade, we are witnessing growing demands for the recognition of specific food and food-making choices from nations willing to defend their identity as well as cultural diversity.

What animal foods will Man consume in the future? How will contemporary scientific advances, whether in terms of genomics or in anthropology, philosophy and sociology, help to reshape human-animal relations? What will be the proportion of animal products in processed foods? For humans, animals are simultaneously a source of nourishment, revenue and labour while serving as mythological figures and objects of love. For animals, humans are breeders and hunters but also protectors and admirers. The ambivalence of this relationship raises the question of who is feeding who?

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Friday 12 May

9.00 a.m

Inauguration and opening remarks by Jean-Pierre Poulain

9.30 a.m. - 12.15 p.m

Prehistoric diet and animal domestication

Session chaired by: Catherine Perlès

9.30 a.m.

Keynote address by Jean-Loïc le Quellec (France), Prehistorian and anthropologist, CNRS- Toulouse

Neither human, nor animal: the Theranthrope. A food for the soul?

Speakers

10.30 a.m. Catherine Perlès (France), Prehistorian, Université Paris X-Nanterre:
What was the socioeconomic context that led to the domestication of animals? An overview of major theories.

11.00 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.: **Coffee break**

11.15 a.m. Martine Regert (France), Chemist and Archaeologist, CNRS:
From honey gatherers to animal farmers: How mankind's relationship with the environment changed in the Neolithic era

11.45 a.m. Jean-Denis Vigne (France), Archaeologist and Biologist, CNRS/French National Museum of Natural History:
Very first beginnings of bovine breeders in Neolithic societies

12.15 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.

Luncheon

2.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Precepts, prohibitions and religious traditions

Session chaired by: Jean-Robert Pitte

2.00 p.m.

Keynote address by Naomichi Ishige (Japan), Anthropologist and Historian:
Buddhism, Shintoism, and Eating Animals in Japan and East Asia.

Speakers

3.00 p.m. Mohammed-Hocine Benkheira (France) Anthropologist, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes:
Muslim jurists and hunting in the middle ages

3.30 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.: **Coffee break**

3.45 p.m. Vincent Goossaert (France), Historian, EPHE-CNRS:
Prohibited animal foods in modern Chinese religion from the 16th century to the present day

4.15 p.m. Sophie Nizard (France), Sociologist, Université Marc Bloch-Strasbourg:
“You shall not cook the kid in the milk of its mother”

4.45 p.m. Jean-Robert Pitte (France), Geographer, Université Paris IV-Sorbonne: ***Foods which connect us to the Divine***

6.00 p.m.

Claude Fischler, Sociologist, CNRS will presentate Edgar Morin :

Lecture Keynote address by Edgar Morin, Anthropologist, Sociologist, CNRS

Cocktail reception

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Saturday 13 May

9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Animals and humans today

Session chaired by: Jean-Pierre Digard

9.00 a.m.

Keynote address by Pierre Bonte
(France), Anthropologist, CNRS

Alive or dead, are animals "good to think" for humans?

Speakers

10.00 a.m. Anne-Marie Brisebarre
(France), Anthropologist, CNRS:

Do pets have souls? Some observations on urban environments

10.30 a.m. Geneviève Cazes-Valette
(France), Marketing and Anthropology,
ESCT:

The French Relationships between humans, animals and meat in contemporary France.

11.00 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.: **Coffee break**

11.15 a.m. Jean-Pierre Digard (France),
Anthropologist, CNRS:

Why do we consume some animals and not others? Reflections on the relative status of domestic animals

11.45 a.m. Unni Kjaernes (Norway),
Sociologist, Norwegian National Institute
for Consumer Research (SIFO):

The eater, the buyer and farm animal welfare. A survey of seven European countries

12.15 p.m. Noélie Vialles (France),
Anthropologist, Collège de France:

Invariable ingredients in human diet

12.45 p.m. - 2.15 p.m

Luncheon

2.15 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.:

What diet for the omnivore of tomorrow?

Session chaired by: Jean-Pierre Poulain

2.15 p.m.

Keynote address by Jesús Contreras
(Spain), Anthropologist, University of
Barcelona:

Altered foods, medicalized omnivores?

Speakers

3.15 p.m. Annie Hubert (France),
Anthropologist, CNRS:

Will omnivores become herbivores?

3.45 p.m. Claudine Junien (France),
Geneticist, INSERM/Hôpital Necker:
The prolonged history of man's relations with animals

4.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.: **Coffee break**

4.30 p.m. Ambroise Martin (France),
Doctor and Nutritionist, INSERM:
Humans and products of animal origin: A nutritionist's standpoint

5.00 p.m. Claude Fischler and Josselin
Raude (France), Sociologists:
Defending beef? Man's attachment to meat between permanence and evolution

5.30 p.m. Jean-Pierre Corbeau,
Sociologist (France), Université de Tours:
Refusing doubt : Ideological dimensions and predatory role

6.00 p.m.

Closing address by Jean-Pierre Poulain

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REGISTRATION

Price list :

TARIFF (Euros)	2 days	Friday may 12th	Saturday may 13th
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