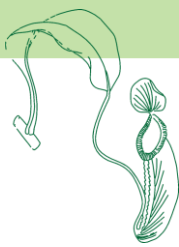




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Seminar

# Using Comparative Cognition to Advance Positive Animal Welfare

Date: Friday, Mar. 19<sup>th</sup>

Time: 16:00

Venue: Zoom



## About the speaker:



Dr. Alan McElligott is an Associate Professor of Animal behaviour and Welfare with Department of Infectious Diseases and Public Health at CityU. Dr. Alan McElligott focuses on Animal behaviour and Cognition, as well as how public attitudes to animal welfare and sentience are formed.

## Abstract:

Our research focuses on understanding how ecology, evolution and domestication have shaped animal social behaviour, cognition and vocal communication. The current main model species for our research are goats, chickens, cattle and kangaroos. We have also been studying what the public thinks about animal welfare and sentience. In this talk I will focus mainly on goats, and cover the following topics: vocal communication, emotions, problem-solving, human-directed behaviours, and their perceptions of humans.