

# Animal Rights: Between Idealism and Realism

Inaugural conference of the Center for  
Animal Rights and the Environment (CARE)

Thursday, 15 January 2026  
14.00 to 18.00, Casinotheater Winterthur



# Conference Program

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- 13.00**      **Door opening and registration**
- 14.00**      **Grusswort**  
**Prof. Reto Steiner**, ZHAW School of Management and Law
- 14.05**      **Welcome and introduction**
- 14.15**      **Tierrechte in der Schweiz – philosophisches Konzept und gerichtliche Entscheidungspraxis**  
**Prof. Julia Hänni**, Schweizerisches Bundesgericht
- 15.00**      **Beyond Bentham: A Bill of Rights for Animals**  
**Prof. Cass Sunstein**, Harvard Law School
- 15.45**      **Coffee break**
- 16.30**      **Global Animal Rights and Global Warming**  
**Prof. Anne Peters**, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law
- 17.15**      **Emerging Animal Rights and Their Pluralistic Foundations**  
**Dr. Saskia Stucki**, ZHAW School of Management and Law and University of Zurich
- 18.00**      **Closing remarks**

# Organization

## Further information

### DATE

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### LOCATION

Casinotheater Winterthur  
Stadthausstrasse 119  
8400 Winterthur  
Switzerland

### REGISTRATION

The event is open to the public and free of charge. However, prior registration is mandatory. Only registered participants will be admitted.

### CONFERENCE CHAIR

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### Register now

Please register online by  
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