

RAINER EBERT

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2017-2019 **Lecturer of Philosophy**
University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), Tanzania
- 2016-2017 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
University of Johannesburg, South Africa
- Fall 2016 **Adjunct Professor of Philosophy**
Lone Star College-Tomball, USA
- 2016-2017 **Visiting Scholar**
Rice University, USA

EDUCATION

- May 2016 **Doctor of Philosophy, Philosophy**
Rice University, USA
Thesis: *The Wrongness of Killing*
Committee: George Sher (chair), Baruch Brody, and Cary Wolfe
- Dec. 2014 **Master of Arts, Philosophy**
Rice University, USA
- Jun. 2009 **Diplom** (\approx BSc + MSc), **Physics**
Heidelberg University, Germany

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Applied Ethics, Moral Theory, Social and Political Philosophy

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaphysics, Epistemology, Logic, Critical Thinking

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED PHILOSOPHY JOURNALS

“Are humans more equal than other animals? An evolutionary argument against exclusively human dignity,” *Philosophia: Philosophical Quarterly of Israel* (forthcoming)

“Mental-Threshold Egalitarianism: How Not to Ground Full Moral Status,” *Social Theory and Practice* 44 (2018), pp. 75-93

“Good to die,” *Diacrítica* 27 (2013), pp. 139-156

“The Concept of Human Dignity in German and Kenyan Constitutional Law” (with Reginald M. J. Oduor), *Thought and Practice: A Journal of the Philosophical Association of Kenya* 4 (2012), pp. 43-73

“Innocent Threats and the Moral Problem of Carnivorous Animals” (with Tibor R. Machan), *Journal of Applied Philosophy* 29 (2012), pp. 146-159

EDITED BOOKS

Rainer Ebert & Anteneh Roba (eds.), *Africa and Her Animals: Philosophical and Practical Perspectives* (Pretoria: University of South Africa Press, 2018)

Rainer Ebert *et al.* (eds.), *Tierrechte – Eine interdisziplinäre Herausforderung* (Erlangen: Harald Fischer Verlag, 2007)

BOOK CHAPTER

“The African university and the moral status of non-human animals” (with Workineh Kelbessa), in: R. Ebert & A. Roba (eds.), *Africa and Her Animals* (Pretoria: University of South Africa Press, 2018), pp. 67-81

TRANSLATION

Carl Cohen, “Haben Tiere Rechte?”, in: R. Ebert *et al.* (eds.), *Tierrechte* (Erlangen: Harald Fischer Verlag, 2007), pp. 89-104

BOOK REVIEWS

“Review of Kurt Remele’s *Die Würde des Tieres ist unantastbar: Eine neue christliche Tierethik*,” *The Journal of Animal Ethics* 9 (Spring 2019), pp. 113-114

“Review of Alasdair Cochrane’s *Animal Rights Without Liberation*,” *The Journal of Animal Ethics* 5 (Spring 2015), pp. 114-116

“Review of Fritz Mauthner’s *Die Sprache*,” *Copula: Jahangirnagar University Studies in Philosophy* 30 (June 2013), pp. 65-67

SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Mohandas K. Gandhi and Tom Regan: Advocates for Animal Rights,” *Gandhi Marg Quarterly* 38 (2017), pp. 395-403

“On What a Good Argument Is, in Science and Elsewhere,” *Dhaka University Journal on Journalism, Media and Communication Studies* 1 (May 2011), pp. 17-26

“Weierstrass meets Enriques” (with Andreas P. Braun, Arthur Hebecker & Roberto Valandro), *Journal of High Energy Physics* 2010 (February 2010), pp. 1-28

More than 50 travel articles and columns on contemporary moral, social, and political issues in print and online newspapers in Australia, Bangladesh, Denmark, Ethiopia, Germany, Ghana, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, the United Kingdom, and the United States

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Are human beings more equal than other animals? An evolutionary argument against exclusively human dignity”

Nov. 2019 Twentieth Asian Bioethics Conference (ABC20), Bangladesh

“Africa and her animals”

Sep. 2019 3rd Africa Animal Welfare Conference, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Headquarters, Ethiopia

“What Makes Killing Wrong?”

Oct. 2016 Philosophy Spring Colloquium, Wits University, South Africa

“The Wrongness of Killing Animals”

Mar. 2016 12th Annual Essays of Significance Conference, University of Windsor, Canada

May 2015 *La libération animale, quarante ans plus tard*, Université Rennes 2, France

Jan. 2015 3rd Minding Animals Conference, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

“Good to Die”

May 2013 IV Meetings on Ethics and Political Philosophy, University of Minho, Portugal

“Innocent Threats and the Moral Problem of Carnivorous Animals”

Jul. 2012 2nd Minding Animals Conference, Utrecht University, the Netherlands

Oct. 2011 2nd Annual European Conference for Critical Animal Studies, Charles University, Czech Republic

Apr. 2011 Animal Ethics Graduate Student Conference (“Ignored Perspectives in Animal Ethics”), Colorado State University, USA

INVITED DEPARTMENT TALKS

“Ethics after Darwin”

Nov. 2018 Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Jan. 2018 Department of Psychology, Jagannath University, Bangladesh

“How to Think Critically About Issues of Morality”

Aug. 2017 Department of Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh

“Killing People and Killing Animals”

Aug. 2017 Dev Centre for Philosophical Studies, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Aug. 2017 Department of Islamic History & Culture, Jagannath University, Bangladesh

Aug. 2017 Department of Philosophy, Jagannath University, Bangladesh

“What Makes Killing Wrong?”

Sept. 2016 Department of Philosophy, University of Johannesburg, South Africa

“The Wrongness of Killing Animals”

Jan. 2015 Hindu College, University of Delhi, India

Jan. 2015 Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi, India

“An Introduction to the Philosophy of Animal Rights”

Jan. 2015 Department of Psychology, Jagannath University, Bangladesh

“Why Animals Have Rights”

Aug. 2013 Department of Anthropology, Jagannath University, Bangladesh

Jul. 2013 Department of Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh

“The Value of Death”

Jul. 2012 Department of Philosophy, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh

“Human Dignity in Contemporary Law, and as a Measure of Human Development”

Jan. 2012 Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

“The Concept of Human Dignity in German Constitutional Law”

Oct. 2011 UNESCO Chair on Philosophy and Critical Thinking, Mohammed V University at Agdal, Morocco

“Is Human Dignity an Obstacle to Moral Progress?”

Jul. 2011 Center for Human Rights and Peace, University of Nairobi, Kenya

“Why Reliabilism Is Doomed to Fail”

Jul. 2009 Center for Excellence, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

SELECTED OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“The Wrongness of Killing”

Apr. 2016 Central Texas Philosophy Workshop, Texas State University, USA

“Ethics after Darwin: Completing the Revolution”

Mar. 2016 Work in Progress Series, Department of Philosophy, Rice University, USA

“The Concept of Human Dignity in German Constitutional Law”

Aug. 2012 South Asian Institute of Advanced Legal and Human Rights Studies (SAILS),
Bangladesh

“The Moral Problem of Carnivorous Animals”

Mar. 2010 Café Philosophie, Stuttgart, Germany

“The History of Animal Ethics”

Apr. 2006 Interdisciplinary Lectures on Animal Rights, Heidelberg University, Germany

Several presentations on string theory, ethics, epistemology & social work at Houston Community College, James Madison High School in Houston, Anushandhitshu Chokro, the UDSM Philosophy Club, the Humanities Journal Club at Heidelberg University, and St. Bonifatius in Heidelberg

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2019 Bangladesh Bioethics Society Award
“In appreciation of efforts to promote bioethics in Bangladesh”

2016-2017 Global Excellence and Stature (GES) Fellowship
University of Johannesburg

2010-2015 Graduate School Fellowship
Rice University

2010 Travel Grant to attend the UVU Animal Ethics Conference
Culture & Animals Foundation

Nine travel grants from Rice University’s HRC, GSA, and Department of Philosophy

TEACHING

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

2nd Sem. 2018/19 Philosophy of Mind and Cognitive Science
Applied Ethics

1st Sem. 2018/19 Philosophy of Religion
Social Ethics and Political Ethics (graduate level)

2nd Sem. 2017/18 Applied Ethics

1st Sem. 2017/18 Business Ethics
Methods of Philosophy
Social Ethics and Political Ethics (graduate level)

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, LONE STAR COLLEGE-TOMBALL, USA

Fall 2016 Introduction to Philosophy

TEACHING ASSISTANT

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, RICE UNIVERSITY, USA

Spring 2015 Social and Political Philosophy (George Sher)

Fall 2013 Contemporary Moral Issues (George Sher)

Fall 2012 Contemporary Moral Issues (George Sher)

Fall 2011 Contemporary Moral Issues (Gwen Bradford)

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY, GERMANY

Summer 2008 Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Miriam Wildenauer)

Winter 2007 Introduction to Symbolic Logic (Miriam Wildenauer)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2017-2019 Postgraduate Coordinator, Master of Arts program in Ethics of
Governance and Public Service, University of Dar es Salaam

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP ORGANIZING

- Dec. 2019 Organizer, *Tom Regan Workshop*, Jagannath University
- 2008-2010 Organizer, *Humanities Journal Club*, Heidelberg University
- Jul. 2008 Organizer, *Libertarianism Workshop* with Tibor R. Machan (including a public talk on human rights issues in Germany), Department of Philosophy, Heidelberg University
- 2005-2006 Initiator & Co-organizer, *Interdisciplinary Lecture Series on Animal Rights* (received €6,200 in grants), Heidelberg University

REFEREEING & EDITING

- 2016-2017 Guest editor for two special issues on animal ethics, *Bangladesh Journal of Bioethics* (vol. 7, issue 3 & vol. 8, issue 1)
- 2010-present Referee for the *Journal of Value Inquiry*, the *Bangladesh Journal of Bioethics*, and the *South African Journal of Philosophy*

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2018-present Fellow, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics
- 2016-present Member, Minding Animals
- 2015-present International Life Member, Bangladesh Bioethics Society
- 2012-2018 Associate Fellow, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics
- 2005-2007 Founding Chairman, Interdisziplinäre Arbeitsgemeinschaft Tierethik, Heidelberg University
- Organized more than twenty public lectures and two panel discussions with speakers from six countries

VOLUNTEER SERVICE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- May 2016 Judge, Madison High School Science Fair
- 2016-present Coach & Judge, Houston High School Ethics Bowl
- Jan. 2015 1-hour live radio interview about veganism, *Radio Shadhin 92.4 FM*
- Dec. 2014 30-minute TV interview about animal ethics & vegetarianism, *SA TV*

- 2013-2018 Sneha Foundation
 Raised more than €18,000 for children orphaned by the 2013 Rana Plaza collapse & contributed as a consultant to educational projects in Bangladesh
- 2013-present Gorai Student Forum (GSF)
 Raised around \$3,000 and consulted for rural development & health initiatives in Kushtia in western Bangladesh
- 2009-2015 Children's Village Haluaghat
 Worked with the Ekmattra Society to provide housing & education to street children in Dhaka & raised funds for the construction of the Ekmattra-DBBL Academy, a children's village in northern Bangladesh

Several interviews in newspapers in Bangladesh, Germany, and India

REFERENCES

George Sher

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