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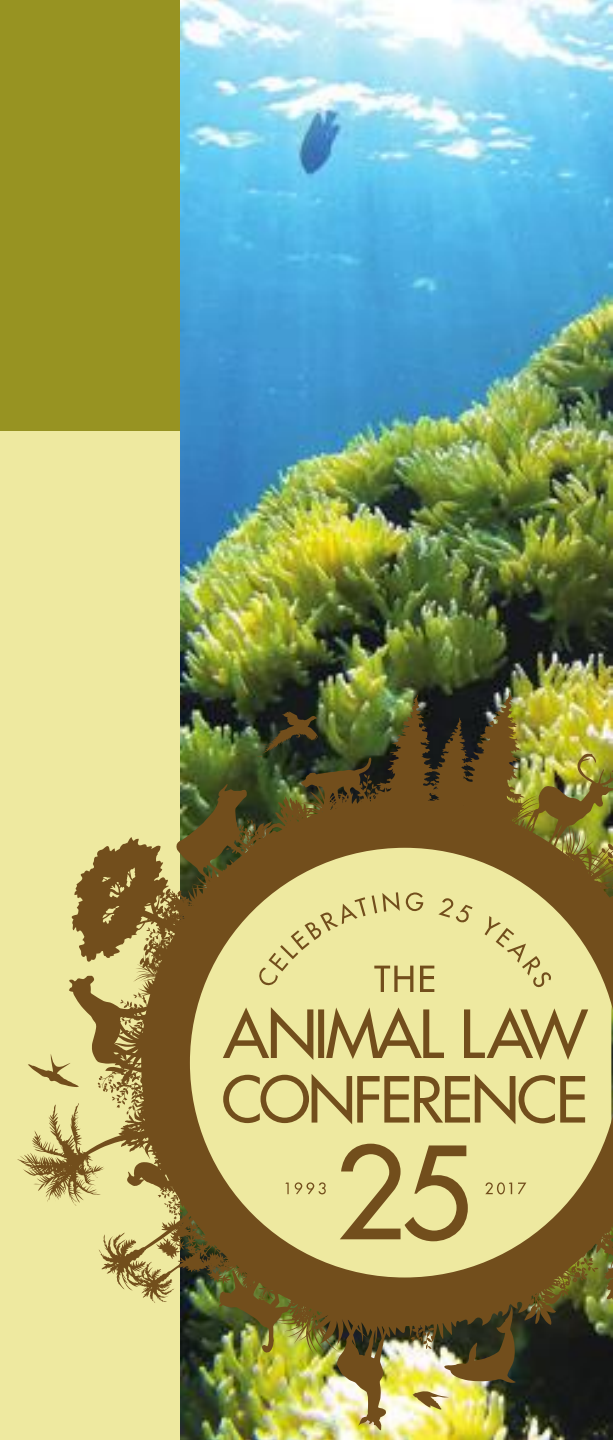
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The Development of Animal Law in France: Building Bridges

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Introduction

Animal Law as a developing field of legal studies in France

What's so special about France?

- Legal tradition: Civil Law

= Latin America, Southern Europe

- No college, law School = 5 years, “education as a right” approach = virtually free for all students.

- French politics: decreased funding for universities.



Introduction: Animal Law as a developing field of legal studies in France

More than an emerging, a developing field

From animal studies (**Derrida**, de Fontenay, Burgat, Pelluchon)

→ To animal law

- Animal law as part of social studies curricula
- 3 animal law survey courses offered in 3 different law schools
- + 1 animal law review (dir. Pr. Marguénaud).
- 1 animal law clinical project since September 2017
- But still no Master's degree in animal law at this point in France: pros and cons



Roadmap

I. Connecting France to the rest of the world

1. Enriching French research in animal law
2. Innovating in education: importing legal clinics from US law schools to French universities

II. Connecting grassroots activists to policymakers

1. Context: the animal protection movement in France
2. The need for a more policy-focused scholarship



I. Connecting France to the rest of the world



1. Enriching French scholarship

English is the new French!

Animal law classes and programs in Europe

In Europe: the Educational Group for Animal Law Studies (EGALS) initiative



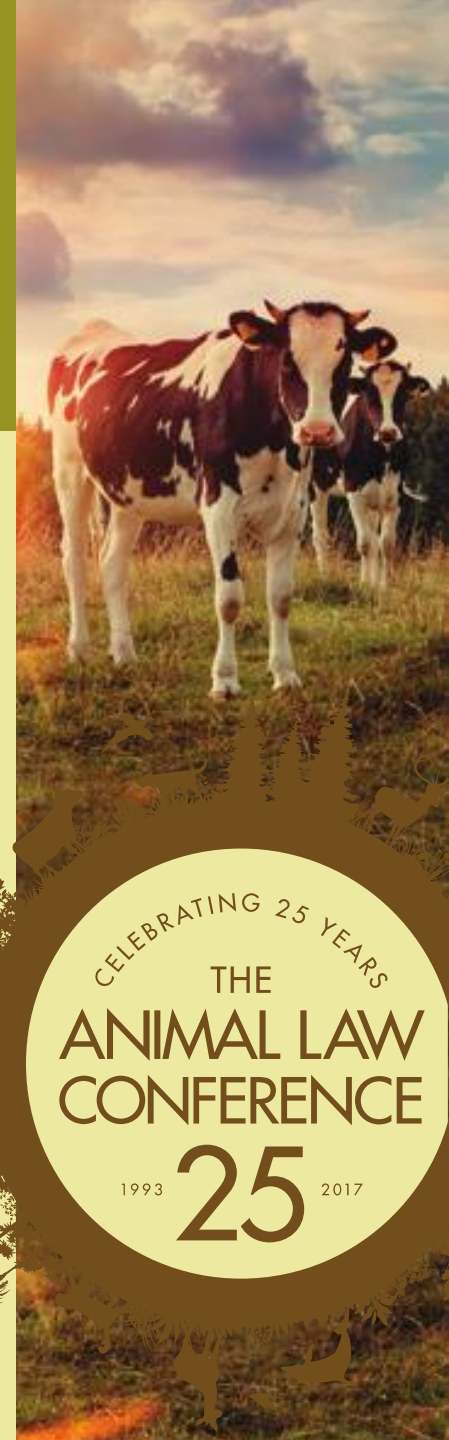
What's still missing: connection to the Anglo-American scholarship (and beyond).



2. Innovating in education: The example of the import of legal clinics from US law schools to French universities

- Provide students with practical legal education
- Provide assistance to communities (access to justice as a right)
- Develop synergies within the legal profession
- Easily adaptable to foreign cultures

Ex.: Sciences Po (Paris) clinic.



II. Filling the gap between grassroots activism and policymaking

1. The animal protection movement in France

- The proliferation of factory farming as a game changer
- Much more anchored in politics than in the US
 - Abolitionnists & welfarists
 - +
 - “anti-speciesists” (gaining momentum) & neo-liberal critique



2. The need for a more policy-focused scholarship

- Developing research beyond theoretical debates and provide activists and policy-makers with tangible legal research

Ex.: Enforcement mechanisms of (numerous) already-existing anticruelty laws? Harmonizing EU regulations?

→ Legal Clinics as a way to conduct empirical research.

- Promoting a multi-disciplinary approach

Ex.: piggy-back on environmental law

→ The relevance of experiences abroad

- Favoring a less activist approach in scholarship and education

= engage in uncomfortable discussions and more inclusiveness



Thank you

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