

Special Issue – ‘Animals and People’

Qualitative Sociology Review (a new electronic journal) is planning a thematic issue on ‘Animals and People’.

All sociologists for whom interpretative paradigm and qualitative research methodology are basic perspectives of human – non-human animals’ relationships are welcomed to submit their articles to the special edition of ‘Qualitative Sociology Review’. Empirical, theoretical and methodological articles applicable to all fields and specializations within sociology but concerning ‘interactions of humans and animals, animal welfare, work on animals, animals’ work, animals in human families, protecting animals’ will be published there.

Possible topics:

1. Analysis of interactions between human and non-human animals. Interaction sociology perspective.
2. Organisations and actions – protecting animals in contemporary world.
3. Theory and practice of animal welfare from the perspective of interpretative sociology.
4. Application of a concept of social world to analysis of animals protection activities.
5. Analysing biographies and identities of employees in zoos, circuses, shelters and animal welfare organizations.
6. Domestic animals and their relations with their owners. Analysis of interactions, biographies and identities.
7. Human children, socialization and animals.
8. Social construction of cruelty to non-human animals.
9. Discourse of animals and their various species in politics, science and everyday life.
10. Application of visual sociology to the research of interaction/relation of humans and non-human animals.
11. The problem of mind and self in analysis of communication of humans and non-human animals.
12. Methodological aspects of human and non-human animals’ interaction/relations research.
13. Theoretical consequences of human – non-human animals relations analysis for sociology and social psychology.
14. etc.

The issue is to be published next year. The deadline for submission is 31st July 2006.

All submitted articles will be reviewed according to the procedure laid out on the journal's web site (http://www.qualitativesociologyreview.org/ENG/authors_eng.php).

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