



UPPSALA
UNIVERSITET



UPPSALA
FORUM

demokrati, fred & rättvisa

Rights for non-humans: AI, Robots, Cyborgs, Animals and Nature

A multidisciplinary **online & in person** conference for early-career
researchers

Uppsala University (Sweden), 9-10 June 2022

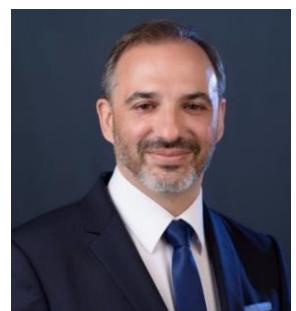
Keynote speakers:



Joshua C. Gellers
(University of North
Florida)



Yaffa Epstein
(Uppsala University)
Photo: Danish Saroee for SCAS



**Tomasz
Pietrzykowski**
(University of Silesia)

While the 20th century has been considered by many the century of Human Rights, the 21st century has witnessed the explosion and burgeoning increase of discussions about granting rights to non-humans. From living beings, like nature, animals or cyborgs, to non-living beings, like AI and robots, the bestowing of rights to non-humans is becoming, justifiably, of higher interest among both scholars and policymakers. This debate can also be envisaged as one of the most important for social sciences and humanities in the coming years. Moreover, the discussions delve into essential societal questions, such as whose interests deserve higher protection, what is the role of agency in the ascription of rights, what defines and what ought to define a right-holder, etc.

That is why this multidisciplinary two-day conference aims to inspire innovative contributions to the debate about the rights for non-humans with a special focus on the core topics of the *Uppsala Forum for Democracy, Peace and Justice*. Organized by the PhD Student Forum, the conference brings together early-career researchers from various disciplines and institutes. Especially welcomed are aspiring experts in the fields of history, law, linguistics, peace and conflict studies, philosophy and political science.

The conference will take place in a hybrid form, online and in person, using a platform that is secure and readily accessible for all participants. Presentations will be grouped in thematic sessions, all of which are open to all participants at all times. Each presenter will be given 30 minutes in total, 20 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for discussions.

Deadline for abstract submission : 31 January 2022 (max. 300 words)

Costs: Free of charge

Contact and submission address: phdforum@uppsalaforum.uu.se

More information: www.uppsalaforum.uu.se/phd-forum