

AWARD CEREMONY

Award Ceremony for Maneka Gandhi as the Winner of the 6th and Richard Ryder as the Winner of the 7th Peter Singer Prize for Strategies to Reduce the Suffering of Animals.

DATE: Saturday, May 29th, 2021

VENUE: Hollywood Media Hotel (Cinema Hall) • Kurfürstendamm 202 • 10719 Berlin

PROGRAMME: FIRST PART

Award Ceremony for Maneka Gandhi:
Starting at 9:00 A.M.

- **Welcome: Dr. Walter Neussel**
- **Moderation: Prof. Dr. Peter Singer**
- **Prof. Dr. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker**
(Honorary President of the Club of Rome):
Avoiding Collapse of the "Full World"
- **Renate Künast**
(Former German Minister of Consumer Protection,
Food and Agriculture from 2001 to 2005):
A System of Institutionalized Crime against Animals
- **Dr. Davina Bruhn**
(Board Member of the German Legal Society for
Animal Welfare Law):
Gestation Crates (Kastenstände für Sauen) – Animal
Welfare Issues and International Legal Situation
- **Dr. Antoine F. Goetschel:**
Strategies to Reduce Animal Suffering through Law –
the Legal Approach of Global Animal Law (GAL)
- **Philip Wollen:**
Laudation for Maneka Gandhi
(Presentation of a Video)
- **Award Ceremony**
- **Speech of Maneka Gandhi**

END OF THE FIRST PART about 12:00 o'clock.

PROGRAMME: SECOND PART

Award Ceremony for Richard Ryder:
Starting at 4:00 P.M.

- **Moderation: Prof. Edna Hillmann**
(Professor for Animal Husbandry, Humboldt
University, Berlin)
- **Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Dieter Birnbacher**
(Institute of Philosophy,
Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf):
„Speciesism“ – a Re-Evaluation
- **Prof. Dr. Bernd Ladwig**
(Otto Suhr Institute of Political Science, Berlin):
Why the Critique of Speciesism should not be based
on the Argument from Human Marginal Cases
- **Dr. Colette Vogeler**
(Chair of Comparative Politics and Public Policy,
Technical University at Braunschweig):
The Role of Farm Animal Welfare in Agricultural
Policies in International Comparative Perspective
- **Marianne Thieme**
(Founder of the Dutch Party for the Animals):
Why the World needs a Political Party for the Animals
- **Prof. Dr. Peter Singer:**
Laudation for Prof. Richard Ryder
- **Award Ceremony**

END OF THE EVENT about 7:00 P.M.

**The award ceremony is carried out as a closed event
and is open to altogether 120 guests only**

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INVITATION



The sixth Peter Singer Prize for Strategies to Reduce the Suffering of Animals will be awarded to Ms. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi, and the seventh Peter Singer Prize will be awarded to Prof. Richard Ryder on Saturday May 29th 2021.

WHO IS PETER SINGER?



Peter Singer is a professor of bioethics and one of the most highly regarded philosophers in the animal rights movement.

His book *Animal Liberation*, first published in 1975, is considered a classic in the modern animal rights movement. It has been translated into more than 20 languages all over the world and has a total circulation of more than one million copies. In his work Singer primarily criticizes anthropocentrism (speciesism), which is the root of animal-abusive factory farming and unethical animal testing.

In his book *The Most Good You Can Do*, published in 2015, Singer promotes the targeted use of time and money to hit three essential goals:

1. The fight against poverty in developing countries.
2. The reduction of animal suffering, primarily in factory farming.
3. Taking measures that are essential in ensuring the long-term future of our planet.

Harvard professor Joshua Greene considers Peter Singer the world's most influential living philosopher.

On the 26th of May, 2015 Professor Peter Singer was the first winner of our award, which was named after him.

WHAT ARE THE GOALS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS AWARD?

After World War II, factory farming, with all of its animal abusive side effects and increasing brutality, managed to establish globally. Due to the lack of a global government with internationally binding laws, companies operating on a global level do not undergo adequate regulation to prevent most severe human and animal exploitation. The result is the freedom to undercut every moral standard on the global market.

The demands for stronger growth in the gross national product are best accomplished by a rapidly expanding population. However, in a few decades this disastrous growth of population will lead to a collapse of civilized living conditions on earth if we don't put an end to this.

The population is increasing by around 230.000 people daily. With them the number of animals kept under horrific conditions in industrial farming is going up, too. Around 65 billion farm animals are slaughtered and about 85 billion fishes and other sea animals are caught annually worldwide. The climate change is closely related to the increasing emission of gases, that impair our environmental conditions and our quality of life continually to a foreseeable point of no return. The excessive consumption of meat and the associated animal factory farming create more harmful gases than all forms of transportation in the world combined, including air, water and land.

Having in mind that one person alone can only do very little to help the animals, the „Peter Singer Association for Strategies to Reduce the Suffering of Animals“ honours those, who have contributed by innovative strategies in philosophical, political, medical or legal publications or other activities to reduce these sufferings in a qualitative and quantitative manner. The award has an honorable and financial value.

This prize is meant as a powerful signal to encourage everybody to reflect and act in order to avoid and reduce unnecessary suffering not only for humans and pets, but for all sentient living beings.

The „Peter Singer Prize for Strategies to Reduce the Suffering of Animals“ has been awarded since 2015 and is endowed with 10.000 Euro.

WHY IS MANEKA GANDHI BEING HONOURED?

Maneka Gandhi was and is doing for animals what Mahatma Gandhi did for the people of India.

She is the widow of Sanjay Gandhi, who was an Indian politician and the son of Indira Gandhi. Sanjay Gandhi died in an airplane crash in 1980. At the time Maneka was only 23 years old and mother of a 3-month-old baby boy, Varun.

After this stroke of fate she singlehandedly paved the way for animal welfare in India with unprecedented energy.

She is the founder and chairperson of People for Animals (PFA), which is India's largest welfare organization with about 250.000 members. The PFA runs a nationwide network of 165 units, 26 hospitals and 60 mobile units throughout India. Maneka Gandhi also revived and headed the Committee on the Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA).

She was responsible for the ban of cruel animal testing methods for cosmetic products in India and successfully initiated public interest litigations to protect animals in the Supreme Court of India.

Maneka Gandhi was Union Minister in Indian Cabinets four times:

1989 - 1991	Minister for Environment and Forests,
1998 - 1999	Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment
2001 - 2002	Minister of State, Culture and for Programme Implantation and Statistics with additional charge of animal care (the first Animal Welfare Ministry in the world)
2014 - 2019	Minister of Women and Child Development

In addition to her political work Maneka Gandhi is a journalist, initiator of films and TV programs, as well as author of more than 20 books about plants, environment, vegetarianism and animals. She is also co-author of the renowned work „Animal Laws in India“. Among her more than 30 national and international awards, she was voted „Recipient of the Vegetarian of the Year 1995“.

We are very grateful to be able to present her with the „Peter Singer Prize for Strategies to Reduce the Suffering of Animals“ this year.

WHY IS RICHARD RYDER BEING HONOURED?

Prof. Dr. Richard Ryder is an English animal rights advocate, psychologist and writer. He has a special place in the history of the Animal Rights Movement. With the term „speciesism“ he described the exclusion of nonhuman animals from the protections available of human beings and created with this word a central idea in the movement.

Richard Ryder first became involved with animal rights in 1969. As an animal researcher he criticized experiments on animals based on his own experiences in universities. Together with other postgraduate students at Oxford he reconsidered our attitudes and practices regarding animals. An important part of this new way of thinking about animals of the members of the so-called „Oxford Vegetarians“ or the „Oxford Group“ was that there is a parallel between the attitudes most of us have towards animals and the racist and sexist attitudes being rejected nowadays by almost everyone. Jeremy Bentham's (the founder of utilitarianism) famous footnote „But the question is not, Can they (the animals) reason? Nor, Can they talk? But, Can they suffer?“ was not famous at all at that time. The question, how suffering of animals could be less significant than suffering of members of our own species affected also the young Peter Singer, who approached Richard Ryder and asked him to co-author with him. Ryder turned down this offer, but his term „speciesism“ was popularized by Peter Singer's most important book „Animal Liberation“, published in 1975. In coining the word speciesism, Richard Ryder achieved a very important contribution and refocused an entire debate about the relationship of humans to their fellow animals, with greatly beneficial consequences both to the debate and to the animals everywhere.

Ryder's accomplishments in the field of animal rights are extensive. In 1972 he joined the council of the RSPCA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). In 1977, he became its chairman and tried to get rid of reactionary and pro-hunting elements within the organization. In the early 2000s Richard Ryder established the Eurogroup for Animals, the major coordinating and lobbying organization in the European community in this field. In 1990, he described in his book „Painism - A Modern Morality“ his wider moral theory.“