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AOC: Philosophy of mind, ethics, philosophy of science.

AOS: Philosophy of animal minds, animal ethics, philosophy of comparative psychology.

Employment:

Feb. 2024 – : Associate professor (*profesora permanente laboral*)

Dept. of Logic, History, and Philosophy of Science
UNED, Madrid

Sept. 2021 – Feb. 2024: Assistant professor (*profesora ayudante doctora*)

Dept. of Logic, History, and Philosophy of Science
UNED, Madrid

Sept. 2018 – Aug. 2021: Post-doctoral research fellow

Unit of Ethics and Human-Animal Studies
Messerli Research Institute, Vienna

Mar. 2018 – Aug. 2018: University assistant (post-doctoral)

Institute of Philosophy
University of Graz

Oct. 2016 – Feb. 2018: University assistant (post-doctoral)

Unit of Ethics and Human-Animal Studies
Messerli Research Institute, Vienna

Oct. 2015 – Mar. 2016: Pre-doctoral lecturer (part-time)

Unit of Ethics and Human-Animal Studies
Messerli Research Institute, Vienna

Dec. 2012 – Sept. 2016: Pre-doctoral research fellow

Dept. of Logic, History, and Philosophy of Science
UNED, Madrid

Academic background:

PhD in Philosophy. UNED, Madrid. 2016.

Dissertation title: “Morality and mindreading in nonhuman animals”

Advisors: Jesús Zamora Bonilla (UNED) and Mark Rowlands (University of Miami)

Awarded summa cum laude with international mention (July 1st 2016).

MA in Human Values and Global Ethics. King’s College London. 2012.

Awarded with distinction.

Five-year BA (*licenciatura*) in Philosophy. Complutense University of Madrid. 2011.

Awarded with 1st-class honours.

Publications:

Books:

Monsó, S. (2024): *Playing Possum: How Animals Understand Death* (updated and revised translation). Princeton University Press.

Monsó, S. (2021): *La zarigüeya de Schrödinger: Cómo viven y entienden la muerte los animales*. Madrid: Plaza y Valdés.

Translated into Italian (Ponte alle Grazie) and Russian (Individuum Books).

Articles:

Monsó, S. & Danón, L. (forthcoming): ‘Death-feigning, animal concepts, and the use of empirical case studies in animal cognition.’ *The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science*.

Melis, G. & Monsó, S. (2023): ‘Are humans the only rational animals?’ *The Philosophical Quarterly*. DOI: 10.1093/pq/pqad090.

Monsó, S. (2022): ‘How to tell if animals can understand death.’ *Erkenntnis*, 87, 117–136.

Kuylen, M., Han, S., Harris, L., Huys, Q., Monsó, S., Pitman, A., Fleming, S., & David, A. (2022) ‘Mortality Awareness: New Directions’, *OMEGA – Journal of Death and Dying*. DOI: 10.1177/00302228221100640.

Monsó, S. & Osuna-Mascaró, A.J. (2021): ‘Death is common, so is understanding it: The concept of death in other species.’ *Synthese*, 199 (1), 2251–2275.

Monsó, S. & Wrage, B. (2021): ‘Tactful animals: How the study of touch can inform the animal morality debate.’ *Philosophical Psychology*, 34 (1), 1–27.

Benz-Schwarzburg, J., Monsó, S. & Huber, L. (2020): ‘How dogs perceive humans and how humans should treat their pet dogs: Linking cognition with ethics.’ *Frontiers in Psychology* 11, 584037.

Monsó, S. & Grimm, H. (2019): ‘An alternative to the orthodoxy in animal ethics? Limits and merits of the Wittgensteinian critique of moral individualism.’ *Animals*, 9 (12), 1057.

Pali-Schöll, I., Binder, R., Moens, Y., Polesny, F., & Monsó, S. (2019): ‘Edible insects – defining knowledge gaps in biological and ethical considerations of entomophagy.’ *Critical Reviews in Food Science and Nutrition*, 59 (17), 2760-2771.

Monsó, S., Benz-Schwarzburg, J., & Bremhorst, A. (2018): ‘Animal morality: What it means and why it matters.’ *The Journal of Ethics*, 22 (3–4), 283–310.

Monsó, S. (2017): ‘Morality without mindreading.’ *Mind & Language*, 32 (3), 338–57.

Monsó, S. (2015): ‘Empathy and morality in behaviour readers.’ *Biology & Philosophy*, 30 (5), 671-690.

Book chapters:

Monsó, S. & Hintze, S. (2023): ‘For their own good? The unseen harms of disenchanting farmed animals’ in Abbate, C. E. & Bobier, C. (eds.): *New Omnivorism and Strict Veganism: Critical Perspectives*, pp. 201–218. Routledge.

Monsó, S. & Andrews, K. (2022): ‘Animal moral psychologies’ in Vargas, M. & Doris, J. (eds.): *The Oxford Handbook of Moral Psychology*, pp. 388–420. Oxford University Press.

Monsó, S., Aigner, A., & Grimm, H. (2021): ‘Die traditionelle Tierethik und ihre Kritik: Der moralische Individualismus und die Grenzen und Vorzüge der Wittgenstein’schen Alternative’ in Lintner, M. (ed.): *Mensch – Tier – Gott. Interdisziplinäre Annäherungen an eine christliche Tierethik*, pp: 59-84. Nomos.

Rowlands, M. & Monsó, S. (2017): ‘Animals as reflexive thinkers: the aponoian paradigm’ in Kalof, L. (ed.): *The Oxford Handbook of Animal Studies*, pp: 319-343. Oxford University Press.

Encyclopedia entries:

Gruen, L. & Monsó, S. (2024): Revision of the 'Moral status of animals' entry. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Andrews, K. & Monsó, S. (2021): Revised edition of the ‘Animal cognition’ entry. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.

Commentaries:

Moore, R. & Monsó, S. (2023): ‘Normative expectations in human and non-human animals.’ *Perspectives on Psychological Science*. DOI: 10.1177/17456916231187401.

Monsó, S. & Osuna-Mascaró, A. (2020): ‘Problems with basing insect ethics on individuals’ welfare.’ *Animal Sentience*, 29 (8).

Monsó, S. (2019): ‘Humans are superior — by human standards.’ *Animal Sentience*, 23 (17).

Monsó, S. (2016): ‘The moral dimension of pre-reflective self-awareness.’ *Animal Sentience* 2016.121.

Conference proceedings:

Monsó, S. (2021): ‘Treating animals as the sort of thing they are: Commentary on Gary Varner’s *Personhood, Ethics, and Animal Cognition*’ in Schmidt-Petri, C. & Schefczyk, M. (eds.): *Utility, Progress, and Technology*, pp. 479–485. Karlsruhe: KIT Scientific.

Monsó, S. (2021): ‘Is predation necessarily amoral?’ in Siegetsleitner, A., Oberprantacher, A., Frick, M.-L. & Metschl, U. (eds.): *Crisis and Critique: Philosophical Analysis and Current Events*, pp. 367–384. Berlin: De Gruyter.

Benz-Schwarzburg, J., Andrews, K., Botero, M., Monsó, S., & Wrage, B. (2019): ‘Can animals be moral? Assessing conceptual challenges and ethical implications’ in Vinnari, E. & Vinnari, M. (eds.): *Sustainable Governance and Management of Food Systems: Ethical Perspectives*. Wageningen: Wageningen Academic Publishers.

Monsó, S. (2018): ‘Why insect sentience might not matter very much’ in Springer, S. & Grimm, H. (eds.): *Professionals in Food Chains: Ethics, Roles and Responsibilities*, pp: 375–380. Wageningen: Wageningen Academic Publishers.

Pali-Schöll, I., Monsó, S., Meinschmidt, P., Purschke, B., Hofstetter, G., Einhorn, L., Mothes-Luksch, N. Jensen-Jarolim, E., & Jäger, H. (2018): ‘Edible insects in food and feed - far from being well characterized. Step 1: a look at allergenicity and ethical aspects’ in Springer, S. & Grimm, H. (eds.): *Professionals in Food Chains: Ethics, Roles and Responsibilities*, pp: 520–525. Wageningen: Wageningen Academic Publishers.

Book reviews:

Monsó, S. (2019). Review of ‘Varieties of Empathy: Moral Psychology and Animal Ethics.’ *IJFAB: International Journal of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics*, 12 (2), 185–187.

Monsó, S. (2017). ‘To be rational, or not to be rational—that is the question. Review of Michael Tye’s *Tense Bees and Shell-Shocked Crabs: Are Animals Conscious?*’ *Metascience*, 26 (3), 487–491.

Outreach:

Monsó, S. 'Five best: Books on the animal kingdom' (2024), *Wall Street Journal*, October 18, 2024.

Monsó, S. 'Animals' understanding of death can teach us about our own' (2024), *TIME*, October 18, 2024.

Monsó, S. ‘La matanza y la traición’ (2023), epilogue for the book *Ánima* by photojournalist Ruth Montiel Arias.

Monsó, S. Response to the query ‘Do any animals, other than us, have an awareness of their own mortality?’, *New Scientist*, 12/02/2022.

Monsó, S. ‘¿Qué piensan los animales de la muerte?: por qué el duelo no es exclusivo de los seres humanos’, *El Español*, 15/9/2021.

Monsó, S. ‘What animals think of death’, *Aeon*, 14/09/2021.

Osuna-Mascaró, A. & Monsó, S. 'Los animales entienden la muerte más de lo que se pensaba,' *The Conversation*, 12/10/2020.

Andrews, K. & Monsó, S. 'Rats are us,' *Aeon*, 02/03/2020.

Monsó, S. 'Tierische Intelligenzen,' *Springerin* 1/2018, pp. 6–7.

Monsó, S. '¿Por qué se ríen los animales?', *El Español*, 27/05/2016,

Teaching experience:

SS 2022 / SS 2023 / SS 2024: 'Filosofía de la Mente Animal,' Master in Theoretical and Practical Philosophy, UNED.

SS 2021 / SS 2022 / SS 2023 / SS 2024: 'Filosofía de la Ciencia II,' BA in Philosophy, UNED.

SS 2021 / SS 2022 / SS 2023 / SS 2024: 'Ciencia, Tecnología y Género,' Master in Theoretical and Practical Philosophy, UNED.

SS 2021 / SS 2022 / SS 2023 / SS 2024: 'Mujeres en Ciencia y Tecnología,' Master in Gender Studies, UNED.

WS 2021 / WS 2022 / WS 2023 / WS 2024: 'Filosofía de la ciencia I,' BA in Philosophy, UNED.

WS 2021 / WS 2022 / WS 2023 / WS 2024: 'Filosofía de la ciencia,' Master in Theoretical and Practical Philosophy, UNED.

WS 2015 / WS 2016 / WS 2017 / WS 2018 / WS 2019 / WS 2020: 'Practical Course on Ethics and Human-Animal Studies,' Interdisciplinary Master on Human-Animal Interactions, Messerli Research Institute, Vienna.

SS 2017 / SS 2019 / SS 2020 / SS 2021: 'Current debates in Applied Animal Ethics,' Interdisciplinary Master on Human-Animal Interactions, Messerli Research Institute, Vienna.

SS 2017 / SS 2019 / SS 2020 / SS2021: 'Philosophy Journal Club,' Interdisciplinary Master on Human-Animal Interactions, Messerli Research Institute, Vienna.

SS 2018: '*Animal Liberation* and Its Critics,' undergraduate pro-seminar, University of Graz.

SS 2018: 'The Human-Animal Divide,' undergraduate course, University of Graz.

Third-party funding:

'Animals and the Concept of Death,' ca. €160,000, Lise Meitner project funded by the Austrian Science Fund (FWF).

'Morality in Animals: What It Means and Why It Matters,' ca. €400,000, Stand-Alone project funded by the FWF. Proposal co-authored with Judith Benz-Schwarzburg (PI).

Awards and scholarships:

Juan de la Cierva post-doctoral two-year research scholarship awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (2018) – Renounced because of incompatibilities with FWF Stand-Alone project.

Outstanding doctorate prize awarded by UNED (2017).

FPI pre-doctoral scholarship awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (2012-2016).

Research visit scholarship awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness for a three-month stay at University of Miami (2014).

Research visit scholarship awarded by the Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness for a three-month stay at the Messerli Research Institute (2016) – Renounced because of incompatibilities with pre-doctoral lectureship contract.

Cajamadrid scholarship for Erasmus students (2009-2010).

Erasmus scholarship awarded for a stay at Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (2009-2010).

Academic excellence scholarship awarded by the Community of Madrid (2006-2007 and 2009-2010).

Presentations:

Invited:

Participation in the roundtable ‘Animal Liberation Now: Looking back and looking forward as we near the 50th anniversary of Peter Singer's Animal Liberation,’ NYU, New York (November 2023).

‘Do animals understand death?,’ philosophy colloquium, Wesleyan University, Connecticut (November 2023).

‘For their own good? The unseen harms of disenfranchising farmed animals,’ EVORISE workshop ‘A tale of two kingdoms’, Lisbon (October 2023).

‘Humanos y animales: De la diferencia a la semejanza,’ Ciclo Pensamiento Político, Málaga (May 2023).

‘¿Entienden la muerte los animales?,’ Foro de Análisis, Sevilla (March 2023).

‘Tactful animals: How the study of touch can inform the animal morality debate,’ Animal Morality Conference, Vienna (February 2023).

‘El concepto de la muerte en los animales: Implicaciones éticas,’ Seminario Cognición y Sociología de la Moral, UAM – Cuajimalpa, Mexico City (November 2022).

‘Sentido y prosocialidad en la vida de los animales,’ Sexto Coloquio Internacional de Ciencias Cognitivas, CINCCO, Cuernavaca (November 2022).

‘¿Entienden la muerte los animales?’, Semana de las Humanidades, UAM – Cuajimalpa, Mexico City (November 2022).

‘Why death still harms animals who only half get it: Ethical implications of the minimal concept of death,’ Philosophy departmental colloquium, University of Warwick (October 2022).

‘Why death still harms animals who only half get it: Ethical implications of the minimal concept of death,’ Utrecht Lecture Series on Topics in Mind and Action, University of Utrecht (September 2022).

‘The concept of death in nonhuman animals,’ keynote talk at the Bioethics International Workshop held at the University of Granada (May 2022).

‘Playing possum: Animal thanatosis and the concept of death,’ online lecture for the Workshop on Animal Agency and Cognition, jointly hosted by Montreal’s Research Group on Environmental and Animal Ethics and Strasbourg’s Centre Européen d’Enseignement et de Recherche en Éthique (April 2022).

‘*Playing possum*: La tanatosis animal y el concepto de muerte,’ online lecture for the Seminario de la Red Iberoamericana de Filosofía de la Mente (February 2022).

‘¿Entienden la muerte los animales?,’ online lecture at the Second National Symposium on Animal Protection, Colombia (June 2021).

‘Animals and the concept of death,’ online lecture at the Death Salience Workshop, organised by UCL (June 2021).

‘Schrödinger’s possum: How animals experience and understand death,’ online lecture at LSE’s Conjectures and Refutations Seminar (May 2021).

‘Tactful animals: How the study of touch can inform the animal normativity debate,’ online contribution at the Evonorm Workshop Series (January 2021).

‘The concept of death and the ethics of killing animals,’ online guest lecture at an ASENT lab meeting, LSE (January 2021).

‘The concept of death and the ethics of killing animals,’ online guest lecture at the Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals 2020 Virtual Talk Series (November 2020).

‘¿Entienden la muerte los animales?,’ online guest lecture at the Seminar on Concepts, Language, and Cognition, National University of Córdoba, Argentina (October 2020).

‘The concept of death and the ethics of killing animals,’ online guest lecture at BOKU, Vienna (July 2020).

‘The concept of death and the ethics of killing animals,’ keynote talk at the Vetsuisse Public Health Conference, held at the University of Bern (November 2019).

‘Prosociality and meaning in the lives of animals’ at the conference Animal Minds and Animal Ethics: Across Species, Across Disciplines, held at the University of Veterinary Medicine Vienna (September 2019).

‘Is predation necessarily amoral?’ at the Ethics and Ecology workshop, 42nd International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg-am-Wechsel (August 2019).

‘Why we should care whether animals are moral’ (with Judith Benz-Schwarzburg) at the Arbeitskreis Mensch-Tier-Beziehung, Messerli Research Institute in Vienna (May 2018).

‘Animals and the concept of death,’ keynote talk at the VII Research Workshop on Philosophy of Biology and Cognitive Science, Complutense University of Madrid (May 2018).

‘Why we should care whether animals are moral’ at the meeting of the Society for the Philosophy of Animal Minds, to be held at the Eastern APA meeting in Savannah, Georgia (January 2018) — Cancelled on short notice due to adverse weather conditions.

‘Animal intelligences’ at the event on Hypernormal Hybrids hosted by the World-Information Institute in Vienna (November 2017).

‘Morality without mindreading’ at the Arbeitskreis Mensch-Tier Beziehung, Messerli Research Institute, Vienna (January 2017).

Contributed:

‘How to make comparative cognition less WEIRD’, at the X SEFA meeting, University of Santiago de Compostela (December 2022).

‘Conceptual repair for comparative psychology,’ poster at the Third Joint Conference of the ESPP and the SPP, University of Milan (July 2022).

‘Playing possum: Animal thanatosis and the concept of death’ at the X SLMFCE meeting, University of Salamanca (November 2021).

‘How to make comparative cognition less WEIRD’ (with K. Andrews), online talk as part of the symposium on ‘Comparative cognition and the human-animal divide,’ held at the 28th Conference of the European Society for Philosophy and Psychology (August 2021).

‘How to tell if animals can understand death’ at the Ninth SEFA meeting, University of Valencia (November 2019).

Participation in the panel ‘Can animals be moral? Conceptual challenges and ethical implications’ at the 2019 EurSafe Congress, University of Tampere (September 2019).

‘Must animal lives be meaningless?’ at the ‘Meaning in Life and the Meaning of Life’ conference, University of Graz (June 2019).

Commentary on Gary Varner’s *Personhood, Ethics, and Animal Cognition*, at the ISUS meeting in Karlsruhe (July 2018).

‘Why insect sentience might not matter very much’ at the 2018 EurSafe Congress, Messerli Research Institute, Vienna (June 2018).

‘The ethical importance of being a moral subject’ (with Annika Huber) at the conference ‘Ethical Theories and the Animal Issue: Between Science and Philosophy,’ University of Milan (June 2016).

‘Minimal morality: caring without mindreading’ at the XVII edition of the *Taller d’Investigació en Filosofia*, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Jan. 2015).

‘Morality and mindreading’ at the Philosophy of Mind workshop, University of Miami (Nov. 2014).

‘Two fallacies in animal cognition’ at the ‘De-Intellectualizing the Mind’ workshop, UNED, Madrid (July 2014).

‘Moral emotions in behaviour readers’ at the IV Research Workshop on Philosophy of Biology and Cognitive Science, University of Granada (April 2014).

‘Moral emotions without a theory of mind’ at the III Graduate Seminar on Philosophical Research, UNED, Madrid (March 2014).

‘Does empathy require a theory of mind?’ at the SIFA graduate conference (University of Cagliari) (September 2013).

‘Does empathy require a theory of mind?’ at the SEFA graduate conference (Carlos III University, Madrid) (September 2013).

‘Does empathy require a theory of mind?’ poster presentation at the ‘What is Cognition?’ workshop, Ruhr-Universität, Bochum (June 2013).

‘Science, responsibility, and animal suffering’ at the Graduate Seminar on the Philosophy of Science, UNED, Madrid (November 2012).

Participation in research projects:

2023 - : "Environmental practice and wild animal ethics in the context of climate crisis: a longtermist approach"

Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation project (PID2022-142980NB-I00)

Principal investigator: Oscar Horta

2022 - : "Normatividad y enfoque mecanístico en la filosofía de las ciencias biológicas y biomédicas (NORMABIOMED)"

Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation project (PID2021-128835NB-I00)

Principal investigator: Cristian Saborido

2019 - 2021: "Animals and the concept of death"

Lise Meitner project, funded by the FWF (M2518-G32)

Principal investigator: Susana Monsó

2018 - : "Morality in animals: What it means and why it matters"

Funded by the FWF (P31466-G32)

Principal investigator: Judith Benz-Schwarzburg

2017: "Socio-cognitive abilities of domestic pigs, their ethical implications and medical indicators of well-being"

Funded by the Messerli Foundation

Principal investigator: Ludwig Huber

2014-2017: “Normative inferences and interferences in scientific research”
Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness Research Project (FFI2014-57258-P)
Principal investigators: Jesús Zamora-Bonilla, David Teira

2012-2014: “Inferentialism as social epistemology”
Spanish Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness Research Project (FFI2011-23267)
Principal investigator: Jesús Zamora-Bonilla

Service to the profession:

Co-founder of the Philosophy of Animal Minds and Behavior Association (PAMBA).

Team member of SWIP-Analytic Spain.

Owner and curator of the Animal Cognition & Ethics mailing list (280+ subscribers).

Coordinator of the METIS seminar.

Adjunct secretary of the Faculty of Philosophy, UNED (Jan. 2023 – Nov. 2023).

Secretary of the Dept. of Logic, History and Philosophy of Science, UNED (Nov. 2023 –).

Press coverage:

What ants and orcas can teach us about death — Interview for The New York Times
(29/10/2024)

What do animals understand about death? — Review of *Playing Possum* in The New Yorker
(28/10/2024)

What do animals know about death? — Review of *Playing Possum* in The New York Times
(23/10/2024)

Animals' understanding of death — Interview for the American podcast Talk Nerdy
(21/10/2024)

Could animals possibly understand death? — Interview for the American radio programme
Think KERA (18/10/2024)

How do animals understand death? — Interview for the American radio programme Science
Friday (18/10/2024)

Dieren zijn soms in rouw om een dierbare — Mention in the Dutch news paper NRC
(16/10/2024)

The best of the academic presses for autumn 2024 — Mention in The New Statesman
(16/10/2024)

What we can learn from animals about death and mortality — Interview for Ars Technica
(16/10/2024)

Πώς πενθούν οι φάλαινες, πώς αντιλαμβάνονται τον θάνατο οι σκύλοι; — Interview for the Greek newspaper Kathimerini (15/10/2024)

Animals Know More About Death and Dying Than We Often Assume — Interview for Psychology Today (15/10/2024)

Playing Possum: How Animals Understand Death — Book review at The Inquisitive Biologist (13/10/2023)

Do animals understand death? — Interview for the Boston Globe (10/10/2024)

'Elephants show immense interest in corpses': Susana Monsó, the philosopher examining what animals know about death — Interview for The Observer, Sunday supplement of The Guardian (06/10/2024)

Do Animals Understand Death? The Latest Science Might Surprise You — Interview for the American magazine Gizmodo (30/09/2024)

Book Review - Playing Possum: How Animals Understand Death - Princeton University Press — Review in the American blog Travels with Birds (16/09/2024)

Μπορούν τα ζώα να κατανοήσουν τον θάνατο και πώς πενθούν; — Mention in the Greek magazine Neolaia (16/09/2024)

Cosa fanno gli animali della morte? — Mention in the Italian newspaper Il Post (16/09/2024)

Do animals know that they will die? — Mention in the American magazine The Atlantic (09/09/2024)

Mortal coils — Review of *Playing Possum* by Sy Montgomery for The American Scholar (03/09/2024)

Six new neuroscience books for fall—plus five titles you may have missed — Mention in the neuroscience magazine The Transmitter (26/08/2024)

Dans le cimetière des éléphants — Interview for the French magazine Epsilon (24/07/2024)

Thanatology: What Animals Think About Dying — Interview for the American podcast Food Chain (20/07/2024)

How animals grieve — Interview for the 1A show on the American National Public Radio (26/06/2024)

Los animales también tienen cultura — Interview for the Spanish magazine Muy Interesante (02/2024)

¿Saben los animales que van a morir? — Mention in the Spanish magazine Muy Interesante (27/11/2023)

Atmosféricos do día 20/11/2023 (minuto 35) — Interview for the Spanish radio Rádio Galega (20/11/23)

‘Ánima’: la Santa Compañía, la matanza del cerdo y los derechos animales — Mention in the Spanish newspaper Eldiario.es (07/10/2023)

Susana Monsó, filósofa: “Estudiar cómo viven los animales la muerte nos ayuda a naturalizar el duelo” — Interview for the Spanish newspaper El País (05/07/2023)

Do animals grieve? — Interview for the American podcast Unexplainable (Vox) (28/06/2023)

¿Es el ser humano el único animal que piensa? — Interview for the Spanish radio programme Punto de Enlace (RNE) (26/06/2023)

La muerte en el mundo animal — Interview for the Spanish national TV station La 2 (23/06/2023)

Is human intelligence overrated? — Interview for the Canadian radio CBC (22/06/2023)

Comportamiento e inteligencia animal — Interview for the Spanish radio programme A Hombros de Gigantes (RNE) (13/05/2023)

¿La moral nos diferencia de otros animales? — Mention in the Spanish magazine Muy Interesante (04/2023)

Pensar como las bestias: nuevas miradas sobre la inteligencia animal — Interview for the Spanish newspaper El País (16/04/2023)

Gli animali concepiscono la morte? Lo scopriamo con Susana Monsó e il suo «opossum di Schrödinger» — Interview for the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera (17/03/2023)

Ma quanto è buono (da morto) il padrone! — Mention in the Italian newspaper Il Sole (19/02/23)

Necrofobia, tanatosis y otros secretos animales — Interview for the Spanish podcast Lo que tú digas (08/02/23)

A minimal concept of death: A dialogue with Susana Monsó — Interview for the American podcast Converging Dialogues (10/11/2022)

Susana Monsó: How animals experience and understand death — Interview for the Portuguese podcast The Dissenter (24/10/2022)

Hay hormigas que van a su entierro: Así es el pésame en el reino animal — Interview for the Spanish magazine Viruji (21/10/2022)

Susana Monsó: «Los perros y los gatos nos tienen totalmente domesticados» — Interview for the Spanish magazine XLSemanal (25/09/2022)

La ballena que paseó a su bebé muerto por medio mundo — Mention in El Caballo de Nietzsche, the animal ethics blog of the Spanish newspaper elDiario.es (09/07/2022)

Directo 9 — Interview for the Spanish podcast Filosofía de Bolsillo (22/06/2022)

Lletraferida 30-05-2022 — Interview for the Spanish radio Matadepera Ràdio (30/05/2022)

¿Pueden ser morales el resto de animales? — Mention in the Spanish newspaper El País (28/05/2022)

“We are reflective animals – which comes with responsibility” — Interview for the Sentientism podcast (22/05/2022)

¿Entienden la muerte los animales? — Interview for the Spanish podcast El Dragón Invisible (15/05/2022)

Susana Monsó: «Nos da miedo aceptar que somos depredadores» — Interview for the Spanish magazine Zenda (10/05/2022)

Animal minds and animal morality — Interview (with Kristin Andrews) for the American podcast Many Minds (28/04/2022)

Musarañas — Interview for the Spanish podcast La Tecla Muerta (01/04/2022)

¿Tienen sentimientos las langostas, los cangrejos o los pulpos? — Interview for the Spanish newspaper El Correo (25/03/2022)

7 marzo 22 — Interview for the Mexican YouTube channel Cultivemos Bioética (07/03/2022)

Death is common in every species — Interview for the American podcast Tomorrow, Today (07/03/2022)

La thanatose, ou quand l’animal mime la mort pour tromper ses prédateurs — Mention in the French magazine Sciences et Avenir (19/02/2022)

Do animals understand what it means to die? — Interview for VICE magazine (02/02/2022)

Vegetarianismo: la dieta del futuro — Interview for the Spanish podcast Carne Cruda (24/01/2022)

Animals respond to death in many ways. Mourning might be one of them. — Interview for Discover Magazine (21/01/2022)

Entrevista a Susana Monsó: ¿Cómo se enfrentan los animales a la muerte? — Interview for the Spanish podcast Muy Interesante (04/01/2022)

Elephant fight club — Interview for the American podcast Water Cooler Talk (30/11/2021)

¿Entienden la muerte los animales? — Interview for the Spanish podcast Inaplicables (20/11/2021)

Holt volt, holt nem volt: a halál — Interview for the Hungarian magazine 168 Óra (31/10/2021)

‘Manche Tiere ahmen verwesende Leichen nach’ — Interview for the German newspaper Der Spiegel (30/10/2021)

Power and possums — Interview for the Australian national radio ABC (25/10/2021)

What can dogs, coyotes and opossums tell us about death? — Mention in the American blog Psychology Today (3/10/2021)

‘Playing possum’ shows animals know death — Mention in Nature’s newsletter Nature Briefing (21/09/2021)

Así pasan su duelo las madres primates cuando mueren sus bebés — Mention in the Spanish newspaper El Español (20/09/2021)

Cómo viven y entienden la muerte los animales — Interview for the Spanish radio Canal UNED (15/09/2021)

Experimentación con animales. El caso Vivotecnia y muchos más — Interview for the Spanish radio programme Carne Cruda (18/05/2021)

How does it feel to be a bee? The quest to understand animal sentience — Interview for Horizon, the EU magazine on research and innovation (16/02/2021)

Tánatos — Interview for the Spanish podcast Catástrofe Ultravioleta (01/12/2020)

No soy más listo porque no entreno — Interview for the Spanish magazine Muy Interesante (17/06/2020)

Animal ethics – mit Dr. Susana Monsó — Interview for the Austrian podcast Wuide Goas (05/05/2020)

Los animales también tienen conductas morales — Interview for the Mexican newspaper Diario de Yucatán (23/07/2019)

¿Tienen moral los animales? — Interview for the Spanish press agency EFE (picked up by the Spanish newspapers El Mundo and Público, among others) (02/07/2019)

Organisation of academic events:

Inaugural Meeting of the Philosophy of Animal Minds and Behavior Association, Madrid, 2023

Conference ‘Animal Minds & Animal Ethics: Across Species, Across Disciplines,’ Vienna, 2019

EurSafe Congress ‘Professionals in Food Chains: Ethics, Roles and Responsibilities,’ Vienna, 2018 (Local organising committee)

V Research Workshop on Philosophy of Biology and the Cognitive Sciences, UNED, Madrid, 2015 (Local organising committee)

European Network for the Philosophy of the Social Sciences Meeting (ENPOSS), Madrid, 2014 (Local organising committee)

‘De-Intellectualising the Mind’ workshop, UNED, Madrid, 2014

Refereeing:

Journals:

Animal Welfare, Behaviour, Biological Theory, Biology and Philosophy, British Journal for the Philosophy of Science, Environmental Ethics, Erkenntnis, Ethics and the Environment,

Evolutionary Anthropology, Food Ethics, Inquiry, Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics, Journal of Consciousness Studies, Journal of Ethics, Journal of Value Inquiry, Phenomenology and the Cognitive Sciences, Philosophical Explorations, Philosophical Psychology, Philosophy of Science, Physiology & Behavior, Politics and Animals, Social Theory and Practice, Synthese, The Journal of Ethics, Theoria, WIREs CogSci

Presses:

Bloomsbury, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Springer

Conferences:

Research Workshops in Philosophy of Biology and Cognitive Sciences (annual), EurSafe (annual)

Languages:

Spanish (mother tongue); English (fluent – C2 level); German (intermediate – B2 level).