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Animal Politics and The Rise of Vegan Nationalism in Israel: A Critical Examination of the "Animal Nationalism" Framework

In Israel, the animal rights movement gained significant momentum in the 2010s, leading to the mainstreaming of veganism. This societal shift is characterized by the depoliticization of veganism, the rise of right-wing vegans, and the emergence of figures who use animal rights to assert the superiority of the Israeli state. This talk frames these developments as the rise of vegan nationalism in Israel, analyzing them from political, economic, and ideological perspectives. By situating this phenomenon within the concept of vegan nationalism, the talk critically engages with the existing "animal nationalism" framework in critical animal studies. It examines

how the politics of animal rights, the inclusion of vegans, anthropocentrism in the context of war, the hegemonic human-animal binary, and the dehumanization of individuals in the war on terror demonstrate the complex and overlapping ways in which human-animal boundaries are mobilized in the war on terror.



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