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**The Frightened Sheep and the Mouse's Tail:
Philosophy of Animals in the Islamic World**

It's commonly assumed that serious philosophical reflection on the sophistication and moral status of animals began fairly recently, especially with the rise of Darwinism and utilitarianism in the 19th century. In fact though, philosophers of various premodern traditions, from Greece to India and China, already had much to say about animals from a philosophical point of view. In the Islamic world in particular we find extensive work on zoology and also some texts that touch on the question of how humans should treat animals. In this lecture we will look at the relationship between these two sides of the discussion of animals in Arabic texts: scientific and ethical.



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