

APCEL SEMINAR

Legal and policy frameworks as tools for compassion: Strengthening animal protection in Singapore.

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20 May 2025 (Tuesday), 1 to 2 pm

Seminar Room 5-4, Block B (Level 5), NUS Law, Bukit Timah Campus

Abstract

This sharing will reflect on two decades of work by the Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (ACRES), which involved efforts to strengthen the legal protection of animals (wild and farmed) through community action, humane education, rescues, policy advocacy, and collaborative partnerships with government agencies and civil society. These reflections will be shared through the lens of Anbu, and her own journey with ACRES, from volunteer to co-CEO (and beyond).

In this session, Anbu will explore how legal and policy instruments can be pivotal tools in advancing animal welfare. The session will highlight key campaigns, challenges in enforcement, and the evolving engagement landscapes, including ACRES' role in advocating for improved standards, influencing policy, and increasing recognition of animal sentience and welfare domains in national frameworks. Anbu will also reflect on how her lessons from NUS's Master of Environmental Management (MEM) programme, particularly Environmental Law, helped shaped these efforts by ACRES.

Biography



Anbarasi (Anbu) Boopal started volunteering with ACRES in 2006 while studying at NUS leading to over 20 years of experience in wildlife rescues and animal protection issues. In April 2025, she is concluding her service from the Co-CEO role overseeing the humane education, fundraising, animal crime investigation and the campaigns at ACRES. Aside vegan food and watching chickens, her interests include empowering individuals on ways to help animals directly, and addressing the root causes of issues through advocacy work and systems level changes.

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Registration closed on 16 May

Lunch is provided for registered attendees.