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Editorial

This special issue of *Animal Studies Journal*, ‘Critical Animal Studies in the Asia-Pacific: class, culture, gender and identity’, is guest-edited by Colin Salter. The collection addresses aspects of human-animal relations from a range of angles including cultural studies, film and television, and ecofeminist philosophy. Contexts include Australia, Aotearoa-New Zealand, Hong Kong and Japan, including during the Pacific War. The individual articles are introduced in detail in the guest editor’s introductory essay which follows.

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage submissions for our first 2016 edition, on the subject of invertebrate communities (see the call for papers at <http://ro.uow.edu.au/asj/>) as well as on animal studies topics in general. Creative works and reviews may also be submitted. You can now follow *ASJ* at: <https://twitter.com/animalstudies1>

We would also like to announce that the Australian Animal Studies Group (AASG) has changed its name to the Australasian Animal Studies Association, Inc. (AASA): <http://animalstudies.org.au>. The change of name reflects the expansion of AASG which has, for over a decade, been dedicated to bringing together an ever growing community of animal studies scholars, scientists, creative artists and animal advocates.

One further announcement is a new book series launched by Sydney University Press – *Animal Publics*. Melissa Boyde and Fiona Probyn-Rapsey are the series editors and we welcome proposals: http://sydney.edu.au/sup/about/animal_publics.html

We hope you will enjoy this special issue of the journal.

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