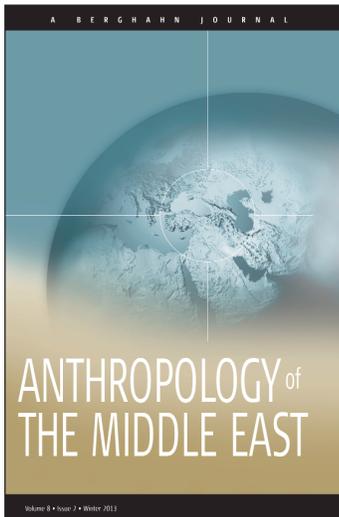




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In this special issue we would like to examine the variety of human relationships with domestic and non-domestic animals within different communities of the Middle East. Ethnographic studies, historical and literary texts, myths or religious beliefs all could nourish the depth of our understanding in a long-term perspective, while modern forms of relationship can reflect not only new practices, but also innovative modalities of social change. Both questions of 'animal condition' and 'animal status' have played a central role within the large spectra of human-animal relationships in several countries and a wide range of public opinions. This is one of the questions we would like to raise in the framework of this special issue.

Contributions that shed light on human-animal relationships, including indigenous customs as well as institutional, jurisdictional and political aspects will be particularly appreciated. Examples might be the increasing importance of pets (especially dogs) in urban areas, attested by the mushrooming of pet clinics and advertisements; the importance of camels for their meat as opposed to their value as beasts for transportation; the training of draft animals for contests revitalising old games such as chowgan and entering the global scene of sports; the importance of bees for rural and pastoral nomads as a source of income; investments in ostriches as a source of food, feather, oil. All these and many other topics are important matters of anthropological concern to be collected in this volume of *AME*.

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