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*Thinking with the animal*

Ethology has always been dominated by a realist-Cartesian paradigm that considered the animal as a machine with a determinate behaviour, which could be broken down into elementary reactions and entirely determined by a scientific theory. It is nowadays at stake the possibility of a bi-constructivist approach to think the animal as an active and intelligent subject of culture, the knowledge of which is always limited, and to give new legitimacy to the practical knowledge of breeders and trainers.