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A zoosemiotic approach to human-ape relationships in hybrid environments

Zoosemiotics can be defined as the discipline that intersects semiotics (the study of signs) and ethology. In a broader and more contemporary sense, zoosemiotics is concerned with the study of signification, communication, and representation within and across animal species. In our talk, we are going to explore how humans and apes construct meanings in hybrid environments and how species-specific sign systems are mutually changed through social interactions. Accessing the world of other living beings is one of the challenges that need to be addressed when dealing with such a topic. The *umwelt* model, developed by the Baltic-German biologist Jakob von Uexküll, offers a possible solution. The model allows researchers to take an emic perspective and (partially) access other species' phenomenological and semiotic world. While the concept of *umwelt* has not been specifically designed for the analysis of (social) communication, we have expanded its usage and adapted it to the study of interspecific communication. Understanding human-animal relationships in hybrid environments has several implications for the welfare of captive animals; thus, we propose a few points to consider when dealing with such a complex semiotic phenomenon without falling too deeply into the trap of anthropomorphism.

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