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A VICTORIAN PARLIAMENT OF ANIMALS: OR, THE BIOCULTURAL AS IMPERIAL POLITICAL FORM



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CAS Professor of History Antoinette Burton draws on the Victorian “parliament of animals” archive to ask what is at stake in devising new approaches to histories of empire which acknowledge that the biocultural was a recurrent imperial political form—one that shaped how readers a century and a half ago consumed imperial dominion and that contributed to the ways they might have made sense of its animal aspect.