

LEAGUE FOR PASTORAL PEOPLES
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Annual Report 2023



International Activities

January

- On 5th January, Ilse Köhler-Rollefson's book *"Hoofprints on the Land: How traditional Herding and Grazing can restore the soil and bring Animal Agriculture back in balance with the Earth"* was launched at the [Oxford Real Farming Conference](#), billed as the 'largest gathering of the agroecological movement on the planet, dedicated to transforming food & farming systems for good'. A panel took place in the main hall, with Saverio Krätli, Hanwant Singh Rathore and Zuriñe Alba Iglesias González in the Oxford Town Hall with subsequent book signings.



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- On 7th January, the publisher Chelsea Green organized an evening event at the Reference Point in London entitled *Back to Your Roots: Food and Farming to Feed the World and Regenerate the Planet* in which Ilse Köhler-Rollefson joined Vandana Shiva and Andy Cato. <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/advaya/819815>.



- *Hoofprints on the Land* was also highlighted in two sessions at the Jaipur Literature Festival. On 19th January, Ilse Köhler-Rollefson was on a panel entitled **Nomads**, with Antony Sattin and moderated by Yashaswini Chandra <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWhI260K8w8> and on 21st January with Vandana Shiva in a session on **Earth Democracy Seeds, Ecological Agriculture and Beyond**. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H84sD7Y5Kug>

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Earth Democracy Seeds, Ecological Agriculture and Beyond | Vandana Shiva & Ilse Köhler-Rollefson

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February

- 14th February LPP organized an online meeting in preparation of the International Year of Camelids (IYC) with participants from South America and representatives of FAO.
- 24th February Ilse Köhler-Rollefson gave an Online Presentation about Camel Dairy in a Workshop organized by the Indian Institute of Rural Management in Anand.

March

- At the invitation of Vandana Shiva, Ilse Köhler-Rollefson participated in a meeting of Diverse Women for Diversity held at Navdanya in Dehradun (India).
- On 6th March she had a one-to-one meeting with the German Ambassador to India, Dr. Philipp Ackermann and presented him the book “Hoofprints on the land”
- On 10th March, we organized the second Online Meeting for preparation of IYC
- From 13 until 20th March Ilse Köhler-Rollefson was on a book tour in the UK. This began with a presentation on the International Year of Camelids during the Oxford Desert Conference, followed by presentations at the University College in London, the Coventry Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, and the Schumacher College in Dartington. On her return from the UK, she met with Dr. Sabine Dorloechter-Sulser of Misereor in Cologne.
- On 23rd March Zoom Info event for LPP members and partners with Augusta de Lisi (Nomadic Nutrition) and Federico Delise (LPPS Volunteer) about the International Year of Camelids 2024.

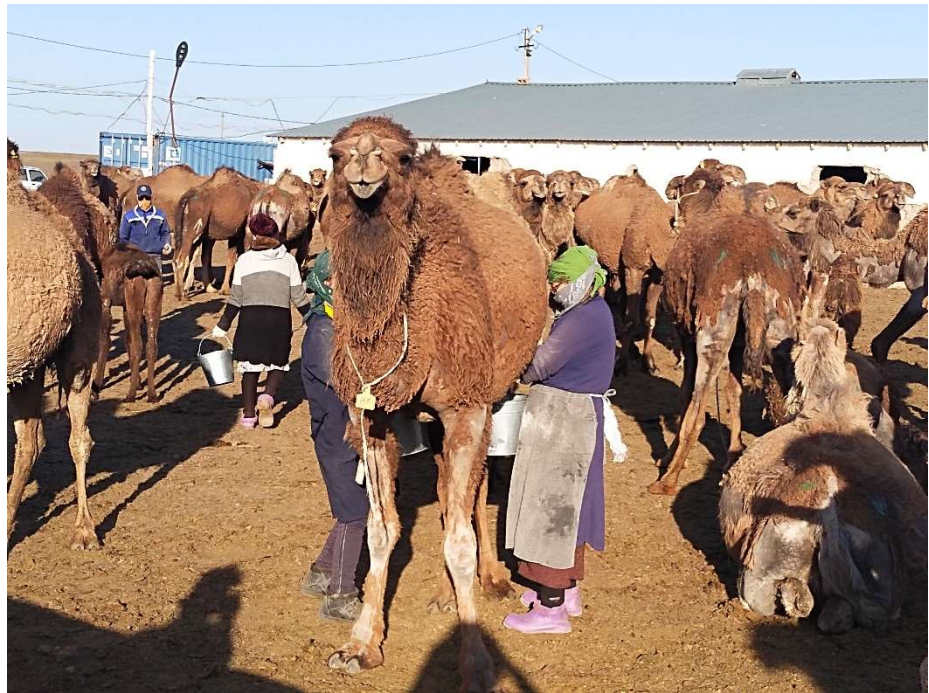
April

- On 17th April, Ilse Köhler-Rollefson presented a copy of *Hoofprints on the Land* to H.H. the Maharaja of Jodhpur and informed him about the upcoming International Year of camelids. He subsequently arranged a meeting for her with the curator of the Mehrangarh Fort Museum to discuss a possible exhibition on the role of camels in the Kingdom of Marwar.
- 19th April Zoom-Meeting about Accounting for Pastoralists-studies with Paul Mundy, Francesca Pasetti, Marina Castro (Portugal) and Despina Karatosidi (Greece).



May

- 4-7th May Ilse Köhler-Rollefson and Hanwant Singh Rathore held meetings and discussions with camel milk scientists and producers in Almaty, Kazakhstan, and visited two camel farms and sanatoria.



- 12th May - Presentation about Pastoralism at Sustainable EWE Mass Symposium at University of Massachusetts in Amherst
- 30th May – We organised the 4th Meeting of the Informal IYC Working Group.

July

- 6th July - 5th and Final Meeting of the Informal IYC Working Group
- 12-14th July - Participation in International Conference on the Environment in Alwar (Rajasthan/India) – Presentation on Camel Sanctuaries
- 20th July Participation in official the Steering Committee Meeting for the IYC at FAO
- 24th July Meeting to discuss the IYC and the Promotion of the IGAD Camel Strategy in collaboration with Jacob Wanyama from Kenya

Sustainable EWE Mass
REIMAGINING OUR CAMPUS LANDS

Speaker Symposium
Following the Spring Graze!

Hear experts from around the world discuss the role of grazing animals in land management, art, climate resiliency, and sustainable agriculture!

DAY 1: Thursday May 11, 2023 4:00-6:00pm	DAY 2: Friday May 12, 2023 4:00-6:00pm
<p>Host of Forum: Katie Peltier, Director of the Center for Sustainable Land Use</p> <p>Panel of speakers: Bianca Arredondo, Director of the Center for Sustainable Land Use Nancy Winship, Milkmaid, Artist, University of Massachusetts Lowell Nicole Brown, Assistant Professor of Geology, Middlebury College Walker Denny, Director of the Center for Sustainable Land Use</p>	<p>Host of Forum: Katie Peltier, Director of the Center for Sustainable Land Use</p> <p>Panel of speakers: Ilse Köhler-Rollefson, Director of the Center for Sustainable Land Use Haven Kiers, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture, MIT Jessica Carver, Executive Director of the Center for Sustainable Land Use Danielle Peltier, Assistant Professor of Geology, Middlebury College</p>

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Spring Grazing is May 11 and 12, 2023, 11am-3pm in UMass Campus between the Fine Arts Center and Landberg School of Management

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August

- Various Zoom meetings with FAO to produce video for their series ‘Local heroes’ about the work of Camel Charisma for the IYC. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4NciQqa0iQU>
- 16th August – Invited presentation by Ilse Köhler-Rollefson at Jaipur Tourism meet – about *Tourism and Reviving Raika Camel Culture*.
- 23rd August: Zoom meeting with Practical Action about new edition of the Camel Manual.

September

- 8th September - Presentation: “Pastoralism and Biodiversity” at the Multistakeholder Meeting to discuss Wildlife Conservation in the Thar, in Manvar (India)
- 14th September Meeting with Abdul Raziq and Augusta Delisi in Dubai about the local developments with respect to camels.
- 15th September - Meeting with Martin van Almsick of Al Nassma camel milk chocolates
- 24-27 September - IKR participation and panellist in International Livestock Transformation Conference, together with BMG representative and others. Also presence at GASL Guiding Group Meeting at FAO/Rome and meeting with Pastoral Knowledge Hub.

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October

- 10-13th October International workshop on Animal Breeding and Social Networks in Sadri, organized by Matthieu Salpeteur, with Saverio Krätli, Chanda Nimbkar and others.

November

- 26-29 November Ilse Köhler-Rollefson in Riyadh for Gourmand Awards, for presentation in IYC.



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Support for LPPS

In 2023, we continued our support for LPPS by enacting the free distribution of 5 liters of camel milk per day to tribal children and poor people with health problems.

Activities in Germany

13 th July - Event with Presentations and discussions “Why grazing is the future – and what it means for nature conservation and food security” in collaboration with Initiative Domäne Oberfeld e.V. at the Hofgut Oberfeld in Darmstadt, with conservation shepherd Reiner Stürz,

Evelyn Mathias (about her study of German pastoralism at <https://www.pastoralpeoples.org/documents/the-role-of-pastoralism-in-germany/>), in the presence of Juliane Bräunig and Günther Czerkus.

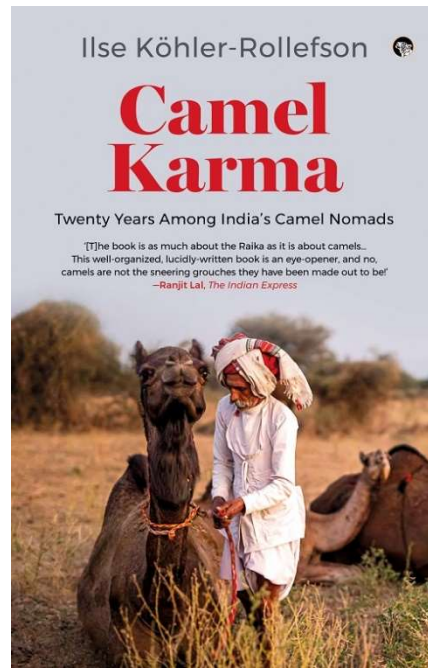
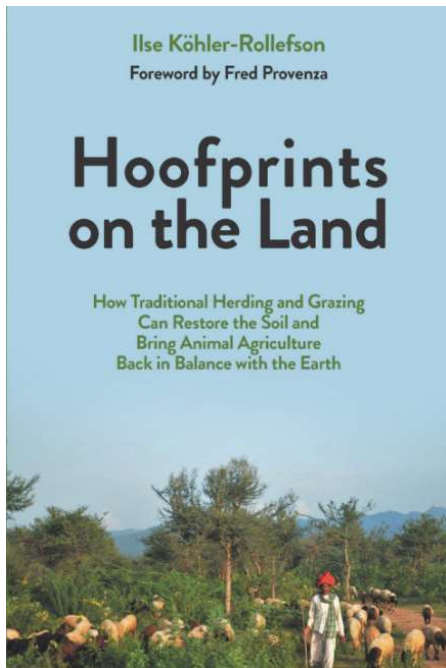


Publications 2023

Books

Hoofprints on the Land. How traditional herding and grazing can restore the soil and bring animal agriculture back in Balance with the Earth. Published by Chelsea Green in London and USA. <https://www.chelseagreen.com/product/hoofprints-on-the-land>.

Camel Karma. The second edition of this book by Ilse Köhler-Rollefson that was originally published in 2014, was brought out by Speaking Tiger Press, India. https://speakingtigerbooks.com/product/camel-karma/?srsltid=AfmBOoqvJK7ob-4yafcnZ6QZ4rnB_2z0MT911oJP0vHN3LAHJfRPJRqt



An extract was published by Scroll

<https://scroll.in/article/1059401/who-are-the-camel-nomad-raikas-of-rajasthan-what-is-the-communitys-place-in-modern-india>

Maps

- *World map of camelids* by Paul Mundy <https://www.pastoralpeoples.org/world-map-of-camelids/>
- *Camelids around the world* (Poster) published in 2024) <http://www.pastoralpeoples.org/documents/camelids-around-the-world/>
- *Pastoralist Map* by Paul Mundy – is an on-going project to which a significant number of pastoralist groups were added. <https://www.pastoralpeoples.org/pastoralist-map/>

Studies

- *Accounting for Pastoralists in Mozambique* (in English and Portugese) by Jacob Wanyama (edited and lay-outed by Paul Mundy) <http://www.pastoralpeoples.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Accounting4pastoralists-MZ.pdf>

Articles

Camel Hair: Rough, Tough, but full of Character. Global Inch #10

<https://globalinch.org/article/camel-hair-rough-tough-but-full-of-character/5>

Rescuing Camels not a Solution. Mongabay.

<https://india.mongabay.com/2023/06/commentaryrescuing-camels-not-a-solution-rajasthan-needs-sanctuaries-for-its-state-animal/>

Studies

Mathias, E., G. Czerkus, and A. Schenk. 2022. **The role of pastoralism in Germany.** League for Pastoral Peoples and Endogenous Livestock Development, Ober-Ramstad.

<https://www.pastoralpeoples.org/documents/the-role-of-pastoralism-in-germany/>

Blogs

The International Year of Camelids 2024: How can it benefit camel pastoralists?

<https://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=1609>

World Biodiversity Day and Pastoralists

<https://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=1630>

For ‘Livestock Transformation’ we need to transform Animal Science...and move away from ‘efficiency’ as sole guiding principle

<https://www.ilse-koehler-rollefson.com/?p=1639>

Podcasts

Sustainable Dish, with James Connolly – March 14th

<https://sustainabledish.com/podcasts/sustainable-dish-episode-238/>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/ilse-kohler-rollefson-on-the-wisdom-of/id906522054?i=1000604082167>

The Poor Prole’s Almanach

Pastoralism & the Living Past with Ilse Köhler-Rollefson

<https://music.amazon.com/podcasts/16802565-0178-4711-93b4-014e1fa372ab/episodes/639cc0d7-066e-4250-a07a-d194d665d338/the-poor-prole%E2%80%99s-almanac-pastoralism-the-living-past-with-ilse-kohler-rollefson>

Roots and Ruminants

Traditional Herding and Grazing

<https://rootsruminants.buzzsprout.com/1615480/episodes/12275676-ilse-kohler-rollefson-traditional-herding-and-grazing>

HT Smartcast

Books and Authors. Lessons from Rajasthan's Camel Herders

<https://www.htsmartcast.com/society-culture-podcasts/books-and-authors/lessons-from-rajsthans-camel-herders/>

Quivira Coalition. Episode 139: Herding Animals for Land -- and Human –Health

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BivS4UDaew>

About LPP

LPP is registered as a non-profit, tax-exempt organization under German law. Donations are tax-deductible.

Financial

The League's income in 2023 was about € 79.854,49 and expenditures amounted to € 84.481,79. Details are given below. (The accounts of the Misereor funded project were audited by a professional chartered accountant from Heidelberg)

Euros	Funds at end of 2022	Income 2023	Expenditure 2023	Income – Expenditure 2023	Funds at end of 2023
Society	53.938,10	30.174,26	31.569,84	-1.395,58	52.542,52
Projects	26.218,40	49.680,23	52.911,95	-3.231,72	22.986,68
Total	80.156,50	79.854,49	84.481,79	-4.627,30	75.529,20

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Mission

LPP provides technical support, advisory services and advocacy for pastoral societies and other small-scale livestock keepers to help them pursue their own vision of development and to stand their ground in the face of unfavourable policy environments and alienation of their pasture grounds. LPP is also a resource organization for holistic and people-centred livestock development and promotes the concept of endogenous livestock development relying on indigenous knowledge and institutions, local animal genetic resources and feed. The well-being of domesticated animals is a secondary but important focus of its work.

Background

LPP was established in 1992 by a small group of veterinary and other concerned professionals confronted with the crisis situation of camel pastoralists in Rajasthan. Efforts to alleviate their situation set into motion a mutual learning process and a series of measures such as action research, projects related to animal health (including ethnoveterinary approaches) and marketing, as well as training and capacity-building. This has resulted in the establishment of the independent local organization Lokhit Pashu-Palak Sansthan (LPPS) which now represents a key partner and provides infrastructural support for activities in India.

Philosophy

Taking our cues from pastoralists, we believe in the interconnectedness between the well-being of people and their domesticated animals. By conceptualizing animals as machines, industrialized animal production systems sever one of the few remaining links between humans and the natural world. We regard animals as fellow creatures on this planet and not as subjects. The ultimate goal of our effort is human well-being.

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Registration

LPP was registered as a non-profit society at the Darmstadt County Court (VR2337) on 15 March 1993.

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- Misereor
- BC3 Basque Centre for Climate Change
- University of Helsinki

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