Special Issue

Elephant Culture

Message from the Guest Editor

Elephants (including the African savanna elephant, African forest elephant, and Asian elephant) are highly intelligent social animals, known for their complex social structures, long-term memory, and sophisticated problem-solving abilities.

This Special Issue aims to accumulate a case for culture in elephants across a range of social learning strategies and topics. Social learning strategies include vertical strategies, from parent to offspring; oblique strategies, from older to younger, often unrelated individuals; and horizontal strategies, between individuals of the same age group or even between species. Our proposed topics include landscape navigation; parenting and reproductive behavior; mating behaviors; foraging and food acquisition; communication; cognition; play or skill building; behaviors learned from humans; and other socially-learned behaviors. We welcome original research articles, reviews, case studies, or communications on any of the topics above. If you are interested or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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