



Call for Papers

2nd Frans de Waal Special Issue

The journal *Behaviour* invites submissions for the 2nd special issue dedicated to the legacy of Frans de Waal (1948–2024), the Dutch primatologist and ethologist whose groundbreaking research on primate social behaviour, empathy, and intelligence transformed our understanding of morality, cooperation, and the evolutionary roots of kindness and fairness.

This 2nd annual special issue celebrates de Waal's enduring impact on the fields of ethology, primatology, and comparative psychology. This issue will contain an Opinion article by the winner of the Frans de Waal PhD Dissertation Prize, presented at the Cognition, Behavior & Evolution Network (CBEN) 2026 preconference in Leiden, the Netherlands. This year, the Frans de Waal Lecture was delivered by Elisabetta Palagi, who will also contribute to the special issue.

Types of Contributions

We welcome a diverse range of submissions, including:

- Reviews or meta-analyses synthesizing current research in primatology, ethology, or related fields
- Opinion or perspective papers reflecting on your PhD work or broader theoretical questions
- Empirical studies presenting novel data on animal behaviour, cognition, or sociality
- Anecdotal observations or short communications that provide insight into primate or animal behaviour

Contributors are encouraged to choose the format that best fits their research and ideas. Peer review will be conducted anonymously and collaboratively to accelerate the process.

Submission Procedure

Submission deadline: 1 June 2026

Final acceptance deadline: 15 November 2026

Expected publication: January 2027 (Open Access)

Submit your article [here](#) choosing “2nd Frans de Waal special issue” from the pull down menu. Instructions for Authors can be found [here](#).

Celebrate the legacy of Frans de Waal by sharing your research, insights, and perspectives with the international community of animal behaviour and cognition scholars.