The 3rd Navigating Knowledge Landscapes' International Conference, Ljubljana, December 5th, 2019

Call for abstracts

Knowing that we don’t know
Knowledge and ignorance in relation to health and biomedicine in the digital society.

The Navigating Knowledge Landscapes (NKL) network has engaged extensively in questions regarding health and biomedicine in the digital society: digital health platforms, information overload, ethical regulations and legislation in relation to health records and databases, bio-banks as well as the autonomy of individual citizens (Svalastog, Allgair and Gajovic [eds.] 2018). Drawing on these findings, focus for the upcoming international conference in Ljubljana, 2019, is on how to navigate in and through landscapes of ignorance, i.e. the lacunas in and of current knowledge production. Ignorance is integral to knowledge as it emerges as part and parcel of knowledge production. Similar to knowledge, ignorance is also integrated in power relations, and as such, it is often the product of governmentality. Within the rapid distribution of health and biomedical information and knowledge, ignorance inevitably follows in its wake. Hence, it reveals a paradox of modern (digital) societies in that growth of information also expand the realm of ignorance (Gross, 2010). Juxtaposing knowledge/ignorance as an analytical framework, the intention is also to problematize their status as binaries. In doing so, this conference seeks to investigate the known unknowns, i.e. things that we know that we do not know.

Discussing the concept of known unknowns in relation to health and biomedicine in the digital society, this conference addresses particularly:

- Ethics and gender
- Technology, physicality, and embodiments
- (False?) binaries such as sex/gender, men/women, patient/medical expertise, knowledge/ignorance, health/disease, virtual/real, online/offline
- The double-edged nature of emerging health technologies in digital society: medical treatment or enhancement of human capacities?

Participants are also welcome to submit abstracts that cover other topics related to known unknowns as well.

Location: Faculty of Social Sciences, Kardeljeva Ploščad 5, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
NKL Network Meeting, Ljubljana, December 6th, 2019

The meeting is dedicated to NKL Network members. For information about the NKL Network and list of members, please visit: http://knowledge-landscapes.hiim.hr/

To apply for membership, please send an e-mail to Anna Lydia Svalastog: anna.l.svalastog@hiof.no

**Location:** The Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (ZRC), Novi trg 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
Practical information

The organizers:

Navigating Knowledge Landscapes Network

http://knowledge-landscapes.hiim.hr/

The Faculty for Social Sciences (FDV), University of Ljubljana

https://www.fdv.uni-lj.si/

The Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (ZRC)

https://www.zrc-sazu.si/

Local organizing committee:

Franc Mali, Maruša Narodni, Jennie Olofsson, Jana Šimenc, Renata Šribar

Registrations, abstracts and deadlines:

There is no registration fee. There is no financial support to attend this event.

To register, send an e-mail to jennie.olofsson@fdv.uni-lj.si and marusa.narodni@fdv.uni-lj.si

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 2019-05-17. Please send the title and the abstract (max 250 words) to jennie.olofsson@fdv.uni-lj.si and marusa.narodni@fdv.uni-lj.si.

The deadline for acceptance of abstracts is 2019-05-31.

The deadline for registration is 2019-06-14.

Upon registering, please let us know if you also intend to attend the NKL Network Meeting during the second day.

Accommodation:

Participants are asked to arrange their own accommodation. The local organizers will provide information regarding suitable hotels in Ljubljana.