

## Minutes for the 10h NKL network meeting December 9th 2020 on Zoom

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The activities planned for at the 9th NKL meeting in Ljubljana was revisited and reviewed, and new plans for the NKL years 2021-2022 was established. Areas we wish to discuss and potentially develop further was identified.

1. A short summary of the NKL-year of 2020. The corona-pandemic affected the NKL-network as follows:
  - a. The planned for in-person meetings for COST Action application work was cancel. As COST Action funds travel costs for conferences and STSM it did not make any sense to apply for money during the corona-pandemic, and we decided to not apply.
  - b. Because of the corona-pandemic the NKL-network organised 6 workshops in the spring (every second Thursday 9:00-11:00AM) and 3 workshops (every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 9:00-11:00 AM) in the autumn. Those who had participated in the workshops said they found them very useful. The workshops focused on usage of facial masks during the corona-pandemic. The workshops generated two texts: A data sett and a review article.
    - i. Martinelli et al. *The collection of narratives on face mask wearing written by members of scholarly association Navigating Knowledge Landscapes Network in May 2020* DOI: [10.17632/9s6fm7vdbc.1](https://doi.org/10.17632/9s6fm7vdbc.1)
    - ii. Martinelli et al "Face Masks During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Simple Protection Tool With Many Meanings"  
DOI: [10.3389/fpubh.2020.606635](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2020.606635)
  - c. In 2020, the NKL-network started its collaboration with the H2020 project Participatory Approaches to a New Ethical and Legal Framework for ICT ([www.panelfit.eu](http://www.panelfit.eu)). A joint webinar by PANELFIT and NKL was arranged

June 10h. A call for abstracts had been distributed, and participation was open and free of charge for all interested parties:

- i. *PANELFIT-NKL Network Webinar: The role of new technologies in the COVID crisis. June 10th 2020, 9.00 am -12.00 am.*  
<https://www.panelfit.eu/2020/05/15/panelfit-nkl-network-webinar-the-role-of-new-technologies-in-the-covid-crisis-june-10th-2020-9-00-am-12-00-am/>
  - d. The annual NKL-evens (It was the 4<sup>th</sup> annual NKL conference and the 2<sup>th</sup> NKL PhD-training event) was organised as planned for December 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Due to the corona-pandemic the events were on-line, thus the time for socialisation (coffee breaks, lunch, conference dinner) were missing.
    - i. The annual NKL conference was organised in collaboration with PANELFIT: *The 4th NKL Annual Conference. Life, knowledge and democracy during COVID-19. Call for abstract*  
<https://www.panelfit.eu/2020/10/26/the-4th-nkl-annual-conference-life-knowledge-and-democracy-during-covid-19-call-for-abstract>
  - e. The Special Issues *Mapping New Digital Landscapes*, for the *Information Communication and Society Journal (ICS)* Vol. 23 Issue 8 (2020) was published as scheduled July 3<sup>th</sup>:  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rics20/23/8?nav=toCList>
  - f. The e-version of the NKL anthology *Navigating Digital Health Landscapes A Multidisciplinary Analysis*, for the Palgrave MacMillan's series *Health, Technology and Society* was released in 2020. The hard back version was launched January 26<sup>th</sup> 2021:  
<https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9789811582059>
2. Comments and reflections in advance of the NKL year 2021 and 2022.
  - a. The NKL-webinars on facial masks was appreciated, useful and productive, and a new series of NKL webinar spring of 2021 was suggested.
    - i. Topic suggested: vaccination.
    - ii. Topic suggested: What was the impact of the virtual life of 2020?
    - iii. It was suggested that we identified sub-topics and established sub-groups to encourage more NKL members to participate in the webinars
  - b. No COST Action application will be sent in 2021 (at least not during the spring). It is still very uncertain how traveling will be in the time to come and COST Action is primarily a means to support mobility.
  - c. The collaboration with PANELFIT will continue in 2021, and invitations to attend PANELFIT webinar will be disseminated.
  - d. The 2021 annual NKL events will be organised in the autumn by Mid Sweden University (Jennie Olofsson and Elin Montelius. Anna Olofsson is also involved).
    - i. Due to the corona-pandemic also next years event will be an on-line event (unless things changes and the organisers decide otherwise)
    - ii. The event will include the 3<sup>th</sup> NKL PhD-training event, the 5<sup>th</sup> NKL annual conference, and the 11<sup>th</sup> NKL network meeting, and in this

order. When the PhD-training event is the first day, the PhD-students can do a report from the event on the next day's NKL conference (as they did in Ljubljana 2019), which was much appreciated by the PhD-students as well as the participants of the NKL conference. The NKL network meeting will be a third half day, and as a final day, make it possible to reflection upon the event as a whole. The date for the event is no set. We discussed September, but it might be later, it depends on the corona pandemic and the organisers.

- e. The 2022 annual NKL events will be organised by Barbara Prainsack in Vienna in May (tentatively 4h, 5th and 6th of May 2022).
  - i. We decided to move the annual events to the spring (as it was the very first time, spring of 2017) to ensure that it is easy to socialise outdoors when we meet. (The 2018 event in Zagreb, 2019 event in Ljubljana, and the 2020 on-line events were all in December).
- f. Suggestions that needs follow up:
  - i. The CMJ-stream Knowledge Landscapes need a replacement. An interesting suggestion (Franc Mali) was the STS journal Science and Technology Studies (from the EASST network).
  - ii. The NKL network has been collaborating with Society for Risk Analysis Europe (SRA). We discussed organising a session at their annual meeting that had been postponed to 2021. Even if we have not followed up on this (it was very short notice), we will continue to discuss and see how to follow up on initiated NKL collaborations.
  - iii. To support the development of NKL-research application it was suggested that we create a database of NKL-members competence. Who and how to do this was not decided.
  - iv. It was suggested that pictures was added to the NKL member list of the NKL homepage.
  - v. It was discussed whether or not to establish a NKL blog.