

## The 13th NKL Network Meeting

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### Participants:

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**Chair:** Anna Lydia Svalastog

**Minutes:** Ivana Damnjanović

### Agenda

1. *Decide who is to write the minutes*
  - Ivana Damnjanović agreed to write the minutes.
2. *May the agenda be accepted, or are there comments or additional questions or themes to be inserted?*
  - The agenda was accepted.
3. *May the minutes from last NKL member meeting be accepted (available on the NKL homepage <http://knowledge-landscapes.hiim.hr/index.php/events/>)*
  - Minutes from the last NKL member meeting were accepted.
4. *Updates on NKL activities*
  - The vaccination papers
    - i. **Christina, Srećko et al.:** Vanja and Christina are the first authors, Srećko is the last and corresponding author. Srećko informed us that the pre-print is out, the paper is currently under review, one review is done but there are some troubles in finding the second reviewer. The reviewer should be an expert in public health, but not from the countries contributing to the data-set. Additionally, the process is complicated by the fact that the whole group of journals including the one where the paper is submitted being sold to Elsevier, which could lead to unforeseen delays.
    - ii. **Maruška et al.:** Maruška is the first author. Paper was rejected by the *Public understanding of science*, but reviewers gave useful and thorough comments. The second journal considered for submission was *Public Health*, but the permitted wordcount is much lower so significant changes were needed. Some more work should be done with the tables, and Ann Svensson is working on it. The paper should

be submitted to BMC Public Health next week. Zoran suggested MDPI Vaccines (IF 4.9) as another possibility for later submission.

- The food and nutrition webinar series
    - i. **Anna Lydia, Joachim, Ivana, Franc:** we are working on the first draft of conceptual paper on the dark sides of food and nutrition in a digital society, still in search of theoretical framework. Tentative deadline for submission is September 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. *Updates applications and discuss if and how to proceed with what*
- **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions** <https://marie-sklodowska-curie-actions.ec.europa.eu/actions/doctoral-networks> : this issue was left undecided for now since there is concern if there are enough PhD student involved with the network at this point.
  - **COST Action open call October 25<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 12:00 (noon)** <https://www.cost.eu/funding/open-call-a-simple-one-step-application-process/> : Anna Lydia proposed that we should apply but with a completely new proposal with new conceptualization and aim, and proposed to perhaps use webinars for that. The issues are how to do comparative research in Europe and emphasize the need for contextual approach. Srećko informed us that the new COST actions are announced and that most of them are open so some of the NKL members can join. Getting the COST Action is still a lottery, in his opinion, but the problem may be arguing how the action impacts society and how to engage the companies. Zoran reminded us what the criteria for COST action review are. Lucia believes that the last call was too theoretical and that the next one should be more practical. Zoran added that we should find the right person for writing the proposal, and suggested to perhaps approach someone from the UK.
  - ERC grants [https://www.hezelburcht.com/en/grants/?utm\\_term=erc%20grants&utm\\_campaign=%5BEU%5D+Search+-+Generiek+-+Subsidies+-+ERC&utm\\_source=adwords&utm\\_medium=ppc&hsa\\_acc=3582313129&hsa\\_cam=2030534295&hsa\\_grp=114828339519&hsa\\_ad=599526812842&hsa\\_src=g&hsa\\_tgt=kwd-320541796739&hsa\\_kw=erc%20grants&hsa\\_mt=b&hsa\\_net=adwords&hsa\\_ver=3&gclid=CjwKCAjwgqejBhBAEiwAuWHioG6ATRbfE3lZaSLagUXHmxAl9VLnXiNewrQDhKBVDc\\_iYIHM38-gxoCx7sQAVD\\_BwE](https://www.hezelburcht.com/en/grants/?utm_term=erc%20grants&utm_campaign=%5BEU%5D+Search+-+Generiek+-+Subsidies+-+ERC&utm_source=adwords&utm_medium=ppc&hsa_acc=3582313129&hsa_cam=2030534295&hsa_grp=114828339519&hsa_ad=599526812842&hsa_src=g&hsa_tgt=kwd-320541796739&hsa_kw=erc%20grants&hsa_mt=b&hsa_net=adwords&hsa_ver=3&gclid=CjwKCAjwgqejBhBAEiwAuWHioG6ATRbfE3lZaSLagUXHmxAl9VLnXiNewrQDhKBVDc_iYIHM38-gxoCx7sQAVD_BwE) : this issue is left to be decided at a later date.
6. *Updates on Special Issues and if and how to proceed*
- Issue for *Science and Technology* was planned but the papers didn't arrive. Anna Lydia offered recapitulation of previous special issues, and suggested that the new one should be conceptualized properly. Zoran has the call for abstract, but the journals are still under consideration. It was suggested to look into possibility of cooperation with a Slovenian journal Social Science Forum (Družboslovne razprave).
7. *Do we want to further develop (sub-)themes from the webinars of 2020 (facial masks), 2021 (COVID-19 vaccination), 2022 (food and nutrition)?*
- There was no clear decision on this, although the topics are already discussed in the paper proposals.

8. *Do we want to use the webinars-series as a pilot for research collaboration and to develop joint research project(s)?*
- Srećko thinks that questionnaires for members should be about topics for future papers. Anna Lydia suggested that the webinar materials are difficult to use for publications, and that further work is needed especially for social science journals. Srećko believes that the webinars are a good use of the network, but that methodology could and should be improved. Maruška thinks that clearer research topics are needed or studies done for longer period. Anna Lydia suggested that for comparative perspective 2020-2022 questionnaires should be used as a pilot, but then 4-6 countries should be picked up to compare and do more thorough work. Further discussion is needed on how to proceed.
9. *Do we want to organize a webinar-series during the autumn of 2023 and spring of 2024?*
- Webinars should be organized when current 2-3 articles are accepted and there is an agreement on how to proceed, so probably in the autumn.
10. *Next year's annual NKL conference and NKL member meeting*
- Ivana promised to explore possibility to organize the next conference at the Faculty of Political Science in Belgrade. Tentative topic is Crisis, Disaster, and Knowledge. Anna Lydia suggested to include Jennie Olofsson since she has done some work on crisis before.
11. *Additional questions or topics?*
- There were no additional questions.
  - It was suggested by Ivana that perhaps issue of monopolies could be used for COST action, webinars or research application. Maruška suggested digital society and the public administration/service as one possible topic.
  - Joachim noted that this year's conference was recorded for the first time, but because of privacy and consent issues recordings will be available only for internal use.
12. *Ending of meeting*