

15th NKL-member meeting, May 10th 2025, Zagreb University, Croatia
Minutes

Chair: Anna Lydia Svalastog

Members present: Anna Lydia Svalastog, Srećko Gajović, Zoran Todorović, Predrag Pale, Eunjoo Choi, Matjaž Vidmar, Dina Šimunić, Linn Sigrid Bratland, Espen Marius Foss, Ivana Damnjanović

Agenda

1. *Call to order*

Anna Lydia Svalastog called the meeting to order.

2. *Elect one person to write the minutes, and two additional persons to confirm and sign the minutes*

Ivana Damnjanović was elected to write the minutes, Zoran Todorović and Dina Šimunić to confirm and sign the minutes.

3. *Approval of the call and agenda of the meeting*

The call and agenda of the meeting were unanimously approved.

4. *Approval of the minutes from the 14th member meeting (minutes is available on the NKL homepage: <http://knowledge-landscapes.hiim.hr/index.php/events/>)*

The minutes from the 14th member meeting were unanimously approved.

5. *Information:*

a. Proceedings from the 8th NKL conference in Beograd. Information by Ivana Damnjanović.

Printed copies of the Book of Abstracts from the 8th NKL conference were distributed. The edited volume of the Proceedings is unfortunately delayed due to complicated situation in Serbia and University of Belgrade, but they are in progress and will be published and available in open access regime.

b. Initiated work on proceedings from the 6th- and 7th NKL conference (Vienna and Fulda), in agreement with the two organizers, Barbara Prainsack (the Vienna conference) and Joachim Allgaier (the Fulda conference). Information by Ivana Damnjanović.

Ivana Damnjanović initiated cooperation of the NKL network with Serbian academic journal *Science and Society*. The journal and its webpage are going through a major overhaul in the moment, but it is available for special issues, papers from the network members (either individually or within special sections), books of abstracts or conference proceedings as special issues. The journal is open access, free of charge. The first step in this cooperation will be a call for participants of the 6th and 7th NKL conferences, in agreement with the organizers. Barbara Prainsack agreed to serve as a reviewer, and Anna Lydia Svalastog, Zoran Todorović and Joachim Allgaier to edit the volume. Ivana Damnjanović will be the contact person and coordinator.

c. Respond on e-mail to the NKL UK-members by Anna Lydia Svalastog, following decision at the NKL member meeting 2024. Information by Matjaž Vidmar.

Anna Lydia Svalastog and Matjaž Vidmar informed the members that the UK group within the NKL network was not very active recently due to complications caused by BREXIT and other changes in circumstances. However, Matjaž will meet some of them at the conference in Edinburgh in June and inform them of the NKL activities. He also announced his intention to organize NKL conference in Scotland by 2030.

d. Information on the second vaccination hesitancy paper, submitted by Ann Svensson. Information by Anna Lydia Svalastog

Ann Svensson is in charge of the paper, which is not yet accepted for publication, but is still in the process.

- e. Information on the NordForsk application, with PI Ann Svensson. Information by Anna Lydia Svalastog

Several members of the NKL are involved in the project, with Ann Svensson as PI.

- f. Tentative contact with NILU, Norway, asking about research project collaboration (<https://nilu.com/>) Information by Anna Lydia Svalastog

There are opportunities for research project collaboration, Anna Lydia Svalastog will circulate the invitation through the network so members who are interested can contact them.

- g. Other information by NKL members.

Srećko Gajović informed the members that he was contacted by Norbert Buzás, NKL member from Hungary. He has developed a questionnaire on attitudes of diabetics regarding continuous blood sugar monitoring. Srećko will send an email to the network if someone is interested in translating and validating it in their countries.

Srećko Gajović also informed the members that the face-mask paper accumulated a large number of citations very quickly, and proposed doing something similar. Anna Lydia agreed but remarked that the data-set has to be properly developed and the methodology sound. Since the technique is basically auto-ethnography, she suggested putting sociologists and anthropologists at the front, given their expertise.

The consensus was that the group will try to develop new paper, design topic and methodology, and organize webinar about it.

6. *The 2026 NKL annual conference*

- a. Suggestion location: To organize the conference as a collaboration between Østfold University College in Norway and Högskolan Väst in Sweden (Ann Svensson).

This suggestion was unanimously accepted.

- b. Suggestion time: To organize the conference in May 2026, week 21 (starts with Monday 18th).

Suggested time was unanimously accepted (with the suggestion that exact dates should be announced as soon as possible).

- c. Suggestion format: Three days, starting with one day PhD-training event, one-and-a-half-day conference with NKL member meeting.

This suggestion was unanimously accepted, PhD training event pending on the number of PhD candidates interested in it.

- d. Suggestion proceedings: To ensure proceedings from the conference that includes the abstracts of the PhD-training event participants.

Ivana Damnjanović suggested that the book of abstract, and perhaps the proceedings, could be published in *Science and Society* journal, but the further steps will be arranged in the future.

7. *Homepage of the NKL network. The NKL-homepage is down quite often, and today neither the editor of the NKL homepage or the chair of the NKL network have access to IT-support when needed.*

- a. Suggestion: To move the NKL homepage to Østfold University College.

There is agreement that the website is outdated and unstable, but that updating it requires money. The issue was also raised that moving the homepage to Østfold University College would not necessarily solve the existing problems. Predrag Pale offered to explore the possibilities and costs for establishing a NKL website independent of other institutions.

8. *Application work*

- a. Is the network members interested in developing applications, for example research applications (EU, other), or network applications (Cost Action), or Marie Curie Actions (PhD and post-doctoral training)?

There is agreement that COST Action call became too competitive and that chances for being accepted are low, and that at this moment there seems not to be interest in Marie Curie Actions. Aside from applying for EU research funding, the network should consider other grants. Matjaž suggested focusing on grants provided by Norwegian government, given that the network has a number of members from Norway.

9. *Other topics*

There were no other topics for discussion

10. *End of meeting*

Ivana Damjanović