

Call for papers

Ranges of proximity: approaching narratives in medicine

Nordic network for narratives in medicine, Lund, 3–4 October 2022

The past two years, our lives have been impacted by physical and social distancing – on a local as much as on an international scale – and emotional, professional, ethical, and societal aspects of life have all been influenced. For the coming network meeting, *Nordic network for narratives in medicine* invites papers exploring and discussing ranges of proximity in relation to narratives in medicine. How do modes of closeness and distance, understood on a literal as well as a metaphorical level, come to play in the understanding of suffering, illness, healing, empathy, and care? Do these new ranges of proximity provoke us to rethink and reflect upon narratives in medicine, the many-sided relations in healthcare, and the role and use of stories?

Nordic network for narratives in medicine welcomes papers from scholars and practitioners from a wide range of disciplines and specialties within the humanities, social sciences, medicine and healthcare, and beyond. The joint interest is narratives and narrative understanding within the context of health and illness, as expressed in the arts as well as in human interaction, from different scholarly perspectives.

For the network meeting we invite papers on the theme of “ranges of proximity” studied within many different areas, including:

- Portrayals, themes, and discourses pertaining to illness, suffering, healing, and healthcare in various media, art forms, and other settings
- Narrative interventions in a healthcare context
- Narrative medicine in educational settings
- The role of new disciplines and new technology in narrative medicine
- The limits of and pitfalls in narrative medicine

Please send an abstract of max 200 words to Åsa Thormählen asa.thormahlen@med.lu.se by **May 11th, 2022**. Each presenter is allotted 15 minutes, followed by a short discussion.

We encourage presentations in any Scandinavian language or in English.

You are also very welcome to participate in the conference without presenting. Sign up by **August 25th, 2022**, by sending an e-mail to: asa.thormahlen@med.lu.se.

Participation in the conference is free.

Keynote speakers:

- **Fredrik Svenaeus**, professor of philosophy at Södertörn University.
- **Linda Nesby**, professor of Scandinavian literature, University of Tromsø.
- **Rita Charon**, Professor and Founding Chair of the Department of Medical Humanities and Ethics and Professor of Medicine, Columbia University, will give her *Sandblom prize lecture* October 4th adjacent to the network meeting, and all are welcome!