

## **Knowledge in Medicine -Questions in Medical Epistemology**

PhD-course/Seminar, Helsinki, Finland

**Aim:** To introduce central questions in medical epistemology.

**Target group:** 1) PhD students in medicine and health sciences, 2) Anyone interested

**Time:** June 9-11, 2011

**Venue:** House of Sciences, Kirkkokatu 6, Helsinki, Finland

**Director of the course:** Docent Pekka Louhiala, Hjelt institute, University of Helsinki

**Organisers:** Nordic Network for Philosophy of Medicine and Medical Ethics, Finnish Society for Philosophy of Medicine, Doctoral Programs in Public Health

**Volume:** 2 credits: lectures + learning diary + exercise. Instructions about the exercise are sent in advance. (It is possible to participate without completing a learning diary and the exercise).

### **Preliminary programme:**

*Thursday, June 9*

17.00-17.15 Introduction – Doc. P. Louhiala

17.15-18.15 Current trends in the epistemology of science – Dr. Jaakko Kuorikoski

18.15-19.15 Medical epistemology: forms of rationality in health care – Prof. B.Hofmann

*Friday, June 10*

09.00-10.00 Identification and classification of diseases: ontological and epistemic problems - Prof. L. Nordenfeldt

10.00-11.00 Medical epistemology – epistemology of practice? Prof. S.Pihlström

11.00-11.30 Coffee

11.30-12.30 Knowledge in the natural sciences - Prof. M. Sintonen

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-14.30 Knowledge in a clinical encounter – Prof. M. Leiman

14.30-15.30 Knowledge in the medical humanities – Prof. H.M. Evans

15.30-16.00 Coffee

16.00-17.00 Statistical knowledge and clinical knowledge – Dr. J. Nummenmaa

*Saturday, June 11*

09.00-10.30 Exercise: medicine and philosophy on the map of sciences – Doc. P. Louhiala

10.30-11.00 Coffee

11.00-12.00 Social formation of medical knowledge – Prof. P. Alanen

12.00-12.15 Closing remarks – Dr. R. Puustinen

12.15- Lunch and departure

## General information

**Enquiries and registration:** by May 26 to [pekka.louhiala@helsinki.fi](mailto:pekka.louhiala@helsinki.fi)

**Registration Fee:** The seminar is free for members of the Nordic Network for Philosophy of Medicine and Medical Ethics, Finnish Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Doctoral Programs in Public Health as well as undergraduate students. For others, the fee is 50 €.

**Travel:** By air: several airlines fly to Helsinki. By sea: ferries from Tallinn and Stockholm. Approximately twelve grants are available for junior members of the Nordic Network for Philosophy of Medicine and Medical Ethics (please contact Prof. [lennart.nordenfelt@liu.se](mailto:lennart.nordenfelt@liu.se) )

**Accommodation** in Helsinki has to be arranged by the participants themselves. There are several possibilities in all price classes. The centre of Helsinki is small and many hotels are within walking distance from the House of Sciences.