The ‘Me’ and the ‘We’ in Precision Medicine

16-17 May 2024
Carlsberg Museum, Valby Langgade 1, 2500 Copenhagen

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For decades, precision medicine has been an anticipation holding great promises and constituting a space of ‘not yet’. While great promises keep being articulated, precision medicine is no longer only an anticipation. Genomic technologies are at the centre of different ways of personalizing and ‘precisioning’ healthcare, shaping medical infrastructures, transnational collaborations, research, clinical practices, and the lives and bodies of patients and citizens. This conference will explore the very workings of precision medicine at the intersection of local healthcare systems, transnational data economies, and pressing questions of sustainability of healthcare systems and environmental resources.

The conference will mark the completion of the MeInWe project (2017-2024). It will be an opportunity for us to present and critically review what we and our colleagues have accomplished in the field, while reconnecting and celebrating collaborations. The conference will also include conversations on the future of social studies of precision medicine and genomic technologies.
PROGRAM

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12.00-13.00: Registration and light lunch

13.00-13.10: Welcome (Mette N. Svendsen)

13.10-14.10: Keynote 1: Professor Stefan Timmermans, UCLA, the USA

*How do Patients Make Sense of Genetic Testing Results? A Lifeworld Perspective*

14.10-14.25: Coffee break

14.25-14.35: Introduction to MeInWe (Mette N. Svendsen)

14.35-15.45: Highlights from the MeInWe team

*Ten short presentations*

15.45-16.00: Coffee break

16.00-17.00: Keynote 2: Professor Susan Erikson, Simon Frazer University, Canada

*Eschewing the Many for the One: A Provocation on One-Off Health Cures and Planetary Solutions*

17.00-18.00: Reception
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09.30-11.00: Session 1: Paper presentations

Paper presenters:

Senior Research Fellow Julia Swallow, University of Edinburgh Medical School: Potentiality and Material Patienthood in Genomic Cancer Medicine.

Professor Sophie Day, Goldsmith, University of London: People Like You.

Associate Professor Amy Hinterberger, University of Washington: Rethinking inclusivity for personalized medicine in organoid research.

Postdoc Janneke Kuiper, KU Leuven: Navigating the uncertainties of next-generation sequencing in the genetics clinic.

11.00-11.15: Break

11.15-12.45: Session 2: Paper presentations

Paper presenters:

Professor Heidrun Åm, NTNU: Politics of belonging in constructing health data spaces: Border work and the stickiness of fragmentation.

Associate Professor Henriette Langstrup, University of Copenhagen: Digital health citizenship – invited and uninvited participation in healthcare.

Professor Paul Martin, University of Sheffield: Why is the pharmaceutical industry investing in precision medicine?

University researcher Heta Tarkkala, University of Helsinki: Genome Finland.

12.45-13.45: Lunch, including guided tour at the Carlsberg Museum

13.45-15.00: Round table: where are we heading?

In this closing round table, we invite reflections on future critical studies of ethical, existential, and political dimensions of genomics and personalized medicine.

Round table participants:

Professor Anne Kerr, University of Glasgow
Docent Karoliina Snell, University of Helsinki
Director Cathrine Bourgain, Inserm
Post doc Luca Chiapperino, University of Lausanne
Professor Klaus Høyer, University of Copenhagen

15.00-15.15 Conference ending and thanks