

**37<sup>th</sup> EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH CARE**  
**13 – 16 August 2025**

**Bioethics and philosophy of medicine after COVID**

PROGRAMME (DRAFT 15 MAY)

<b>Wednesday, 13 August</b>	<b>VENUE:</b> UNIVERSITY PLACE BUILDING MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY 176 OXFORD RD
16.00-18.00	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
18.00-18.15	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> SPEAKERS: ANA BOROVECKI (DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL MEDICINE AND ORGANIZATION OF HEALTH CARE, UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB, CROATIA) – PRESIDENT ESPMH ... ROOM:
18.15-19.45	<b>Plenary session:</b> JACOB STEGENGA (DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, UK) TITLE: “Assessing Effectiveness” <i>Chair:</i> ROOM:
20.00	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> VENUE:





<div> <div>Thursday 14 August (afternoon)</div> <div> VENUE: UNIVERSITYY PLACE BUILDING, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY </div> </div>	
14.00-15.00	<div> <div> <div>Special session 2.8</div> <div>ROOM:</div> </div> <div> <div>Young Scholar Award Winners</div> <div>Chair: Péter Kakuk</div> </div> <div> <p>The European Society for Philosophy of Medicine and Healthcare (ESPMH) is annually granting two awards for young scholars for scientific contributions addressing ethical, epistemological, or other philosophical issues related to medicine and healthcare. Submissions must be single-authored, original, unpublished works. The first-place award includes €2,000, and the second-place award €1,500 (both intended to support travel and accommodation costs for attending).</p> <p>This year’s awards have been granted to <b>Thomas Donaldson</b> (first award), and <b>Byron Hyde</b> (second award).</p> <div> <div>Contributions</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thomas Donaldson (Centre for Social Ethics and Policy, University of Manchester, UK): “ Autonomy, virtue, the doctor-patient relationship, and requests for intensive care treatment for patients with a low chance of survival.”</li> <li>Byron Hyde (Bristol Medical School, University of Bristol, UK): “ Lying Increases Trust in Medicine ”</li> </ul> </div> </div> </div>



**Friday  
15 August  
(morning)**

**VENUE:**  
UNIVERSITY PLACE BUILDING, MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

**Session 3.8**

ROOM:

**Workshop:**  
**Philosophy of medicine – the past, present and future**

*Chair: Søren Holm*

**Topic:** The book series Philosophy & Medicine originally established by H. Tristram Engelhardt and Stuart Spicker and published by Springer published its first volume 50 years ago in 1975. During these 50 years some have claimed that the philosophy of medicine does not exist (as an academic field), some have argued that it has been completely supplanted by medical ethics/bioethics, whereas others have counterargued that philosophy of medicine is in rude health and still delivering important philosophical input to our understanding of medicine as a science and practice.

This interactive workshop will survey the past of philosophy of medicine and discuss its relevance for the future.

During the workshop we will thus discuss the following issues:

1. What are the topics for the future?
2. What are the preconditions for a sustainable development of philosophy of medicine, and for impact on medical science and practice?

**Contributions**

- Bjørn Hofmann (Department of Health Sciences, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway):  
“Health, disease and diagnosis”
- Fredrik Svenaeus (Centre for Studies in Practical Knowledge, Södertörn University, Sweden):  
“The past and future of phenomenology”
- Thomas Schramme (Department of Philosophy, University of Liverpool, UK):  
“Philosophy and medicine”
- Søren Holm (Centre for Social Ethics and Policy, University of Manchester, UK):  
“Does the philosophy of medicine exist?”



