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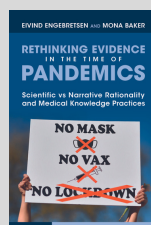
PROFESSOR

As a scholar in medical humanities, my expertise lies in the **social epistemology** of medical knowledge, focusing on its creation, application, documentation, evaluation, and dissemination in society. I have collaborated with the French-Bulgarian philosopher Julia Kristeva to develop a novel **translational medical humanities** approach, which puts human experience and dialogue at the centre of knowledge translation. This interdisciplinary field was ignited by an international conference in Oslo in 2018 and was expanded through the project "The Body in Translation" funded by the Centre for Advanced Study at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters.

This novel approach has gained international recognition, influencing researchers worldwide and resulting in a report on culture and health, commissioned by the World Health Organization. My latest book, co-authored with Mona Baker, contributes to this area by offering **a narrative framework** for understanding knowledge translation in situations of crisis.

I have further developed and institutionalized this viewpoint by embracing **a teaching approach for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** that is grounded in the principles of translational medical humanities. This approach is the cornerstone of the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare Education (SHE), a Centre of Excellence funded by the Norwegian Government, and is detailed in a recent Lancet publication. Currently, I am engaged in three Lancet Commissions, offering my expertise in this evolving field.

Key publications:



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QUALIFICATIONS

- A triple qualified professor (in health science, social science and the humanities) (2011-)
- PhD (2006) and MA (2001) in intellectual history, research training with Julia Kristeva (Univ Paris VII) and Jacques Derrida (EHESS).
- An academic leader, currently Dean of the European University Alliance Circle U. (2023-) and previously Vice-Dean at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo (2019-2022)
- > €20M research income as Principal Investigator
- > 200 publications, incl. 7 books

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