

# Historicizing intelligence - Theory, methodology and historiography

*Workshop, 9 – 11 November,*

**Tuesday 9 November**

**University of Oslo, Blindern**

10:30 Welcome (Eilert Sundts hus, A, Auditorium 5)

*Jon Røyne Kyllingstad*

10:45 Session 1

Historiographical considerations, title TBA

*Svein Atle Skålevåg, comments by Susanne Bauer*

12:00 Lunch (Helga Spiseri, Helga Engs hus)

13:00 Session 2 (Helga Engs hus, meeting room 494)

Transnational, contextual and comparative studies of intelligence and intelligence tests, title TBA.

*Christian Ydesen, comments by Annette Mülberger*

14:30 Session 3

Tests as things, collections, technologies, texts, objects, instruments, practices, product

*Presented by Ageliki Lefkadiou, Solveig Marie Siem and Gard Paulsen*

16:00 Break

16:15 Summary and discussions

17:00 End

**Wednesday 10 November**  
**The University's Astronomical Observatory**  
Observatoriegata 1

10:00 Introduction and practical information  
*Gard Paulsen*

10: 15 Breakout sessions

Work package 1: Translating, adapting and diagnosing intellectual disability 1990–2020  
Project participants: *Jon Kyllingstad, Susanne Bauer and postdoctoral fellow*  
Advisory board:

Work package 2: Intelligence and mental ability testing in Norway 1897-2017: A long-term perspective on knowledge, objects and practices  
Project participants: *Ageliki Lefkadiou and Gard Paulsen*  
Advisory board: *Isak Emberland, Anette Mülberger*

Work package 3: Defining normality, diagnosing intellectual disability and allocating individual rights  
Project participants: *Linda Gröning, Svein Atle Skålevåg and Per Haave*  
Advisory board:

Work package 4: Psychometrics in Education 1945-2020: Subjection and/or liberation of the subject?  
*Fredrik Thue, Kim Helsvig and Kari Ludvigsen*  
Advisory board: *Thom Axelsson, Sverre Tveit and Christian Lundahl*

12:30 Lunch (at the observatory)

13:30 Summary of work packages, common concerns and summary from the breakout sessions  
*Summary by Jim Porter and Christian Ydesen*

15:00 Break

15:15 Summary session continues

17:00 End

19:00 Workshop dinner  
Telegrafan, Restaurant Bestorp, Kongens gate 21

**11 November**

**The University's Astronomical Observatory**

Observatoriegata 1

09:00 Introduction and practical information

*Ageliki Lefkadiou*

09:15 Session 1: Historizing what?

*Gard Paulsen*

What kind of histories and historizing facilitates understanding the use and legitimacy of intelligence tests today? Do historical approaches adequately address contemporary concerns? Can they? This session facilitates a discussion of these issues.

10:00 Break

10:15 Session 2: How, when and what to communicate

*Ageliki Lefkadiou and Jon Kyllingstad*

One stated goal of this project is to contribute to increased public awareness and dialogue on the societal implications of intelligence testing and the processes through which tests gain legitimacy and power, as well as on the historical contingencies related to intelligence concepts and the tools for measuring it. This session facilitates a discussion on how we may/will deal with this aspect of the project, including the relationship between research and communication with stakeholders and the general public.

12:30 Lunch (At the observatory)