Announcement from the Editors of
Scandinavian Journal of Public Health

Scandinavian Journal of Public Health welcomes a new Editor-in-Chief and five new Co-Editors

Editor-in-Chief Terje Andreas Eikemo is a Professor of Sociology in the Department of Sociology and Political Science at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in Trondheim.

The main focus of his research has been to explain socioeconomic differences in mental and physical health, chronic diseases and mortality within and between countries and regions.

He has examined the contributions of different welfare state arrangements and health systems to these inequalities at country-level, while at the individual level he has examined the contributions of smoking, alcohol, physical activity, diet, childhood conditions, working conditions, unemployment, housing conditions and various forms of health care utilization.

Eikemo has led several European health projects, such as the health inequalities module of the European Social Survey (round 7) and the Erasmus Medical Center Rotterdam affiliated EURO-GBD-SE project, which estimated the potential for reducing health inequalities in Europe. He is a member of the expert group in the field of social inequalities in health established by the Norwegian Directorate of Health and he is the vice president of the European Society for Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS).

Eikemo has authored and co-authored recent articles in journals such as Social Science & Medicine, European Sociological Review, Social Theory & Health, Sociology of Health & Illness, BMC Public Health, and Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.

Co-Editor Signe Smith Jervelund is an Associate Professor of Health Services Research at the Department of Public Health at University of Copenhagen and Research Director of Danish Research Research Centre for Migration, Ethnicity and Health (MESU).

Her scientific main interest lies within the field of health services research with a particular focus on access to, use and effects of healthcare by different population groups, including social and ethnic inequalities in health, and health policy in both a national and international comparative perspective. Former and current research projects include migrants’ access to and utilization of health care services in Europe and the U.S.; quality of care, intervention studies regarding healthcare-seeking behavior, comparative analyses of healthcare systems; asylum-seeking children’s mental health and access to health care in a Nordic comparative perspective; and coordination of preventive drug medication. Jervelund has been a co-founder of MESU, has been involved in several EU projects including mapping of registries and surveys to monitor the health of migrants and ethnic minorities in the EU, and is deputy project leader of a Nordic multi-disciplinary collaborative research project which is investigating the trajectories within health, education and labour market from childhood to young adulthood in refugees in the four Nordic countries in a comparative manner. Jervelund is Director of the Scientific Committee of Danish Public Health Society.

Co-Editor Sigrun Olafsdottir is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Iceland. Her research is at the intersection of medical, political and cultural sociology, and focuses on how broader individual arrangements, cultural traditions, and historical trajectories impact individual lives. For example, her research has examined: 1) How and why mental health has been medicalized in advanced, industrialized nations; 2) Cross-national variations in stigma of mental illness; and 3) How the welfare state and the health care system impact health and health inequalities. Her work has appeared in various journals, including *American Journal of Sociology, Annual Review of Sociology, European Sociological Review, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, and Social Science and Medicine*. Her research has been supported by agencies including the National Institutes of Health, The National Science Foundation, The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Icelandic Centre for Research. She is actively engaged in cross-national collaboration and is the Project Manager for Iceland in the *International Social Survey Programme (ISSP)*.

Co-Editor Marianna Virtanen is a Professor of Mental Health at the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health in Helsinki. Her research interests are largely in occupational health, particularly issues of the modern work life, such as precarious labour market position, socioeconomic position, and psychosocial factors at work and their associations with mental health and work disability. She is leading research projects on work disability associated with common chronic diseases and mental health of young people in Finland. She is also specialised in systematic reviews and meta-analyses.

Co-Editor Bjørn Heine Strand has a background in biostatistics, life-course epidemiology and ageing and holds a position as senior Scientist at The Norwegian Institute of Public Health (NIPH). He is associate professor at the University of Oslo, Department of community medicine and senior scientist at The Norwegian National Advisory Unit on Ageing and Health (Ageing and Health) where he is involved in projects related to dementia. The main focus of his research has been on social inequalities in health and ageing. Strand is leading the research group; The Tromsø Ageing Study, and is in charge of the data collection on physical function in the 7th data collection wave of the Tromsø Study. He is a member of the expert group on social inequalities in health established by the Norwegian Directorate of Health, and is on the board of The Norwegian Epidemiological Association and The Norwegian Association of Ageing Research.

Strand has been leading author on papers in top medical and epidemiological peer-reviewed journals such as *British Medical Journal, Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology, American Journal of Epidemiology* and *The International Journal of Cancer*.

Co-Editor Mats Målvist is an Associate Professor in the Department of Women’s and Children’s Health at Uppsala University.

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