

# GREIFSWALDER NETZWERK MEDICAL HUMANITIES

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## MEDICAL HUMANITIES: DEFINITION & STATUS QUO

### DEFINITION (LEAGUE OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES, LERU)

*"The 'medical humanities' include an interdisciplinary field of humanities, social science and the arts, and provide insight into the human condition, development, suffering, personhood, our responsibility to each other as well as how social conditions and social institutions influence health and wellbeing and the effects of medical care. They also offer a historical perspective on medical practice."* ([https://www.leru.org/files/LERU-Note\\_Essential-SSH-Research-for-SCI-Health-demographic-change-and-wellbeing\\_2013-March.pdf](https://www.leru.org/files/LERU-Note_Essential-SSH-Research-for-SCI-Health-demographic-change-and-wellbeing_2013-March.pdf), Page 4)

### STATUS QUO

- ❖ Worldwide: Medical Humanities have been established for decades (e.g., in the USA)
- ❖ Germany: some activities in the last 10 years (e.g., Berlin, Nürnberg, Bonn, Bielefeld, Bochum), but no systematic approaches
- ❖ Greifswald: Health State Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, One Health Research, Greifswalder Netzwerk Medical Humanities

## NETWORK ACTIVITIES

### PROPOSALS

- ❖ Four proposals submitted, rejected (Prof. Dr. Salloch/Dr. Schäfer, 2017; Prof. Marx/Prof. Ulbricht, 2021/2022; Prof. Ulbricht/ apl. Prof. Freyer-Adam/ Dr. Ullrich, 2023/2024)
- ❖ Two proposals submitted (Dr. Kim/ in cooperation with Dr. Schäfer, 2023; Dr. Ullrich/ in cooperation with Dr. Schäfer, 2024)
- ❖ Proposal for a Conference on Medical Humanities at WiKo (11/2025)
- ❖ Further proposals planned

### TEACHING

- ❖ SoSe 2019: Interdisciplinary Seminar on *"Medical Psychology"*
- ❖ SoSe 2022: Studium universale, Topic: *"Health"*
- ❖ WiSe 2023/2024: Interactive thematic series on *"Medical Humanities"*
- ❖ SoSe 2024: Teaching activities focusing on *"Gender Medicine"* (InkE, Wahlfach, IZfG)
- ❖ SoSe 2024: Lecture series on *"Medical Ethics"*

### NETWORK MEETINGS

- Topics are, e.g.,
- ❖ Communication in medicine (setting, stakeholders,...)
  - ❖ Social discourses
  - ❖ Acceptance of preventive measures
  - ❖ Methodological issues (e.g., qualitative methods, triangulation of quantitative & qualitative methods)
  - ❖ Research day (planned for 2024)
  - ❖ ... and more

## GREIFSWALDER NETZWERK MEDICAL HUMANITIES

### WHO ARE WE?

- ❖ Greifswalder Netzwerk Medical Humanities founded in 2019
- ❖ Open platform for interdisciplinary and interprofessional exchange
- ❖ Topics and concepts of medicine and medical sciences from various perspectives and methodologies
- ❖ 30 members from different scientific disciplines from the University Greifswald and the University Medicine Greifswald

### AIMS OF THE NETWORK

1. Interdisciplinary interactions between research and education
2. Reflection, criticism, and dealing with the ambiguity of health and illness
3. Scientific communication strategies for Medical Humanities in Greifswald
4. Sustainable structures for Medical Humanities in Greifswald

## NETWORK COOPERATIONS



One Health Research in Greifswald



TEMICARE Telemedicine-Integrated German-Polish Paediatric Cancer Centre in the Euroregion Pomerania

InkE Inclusive Excellence in Medicine – systematic integration of sex and gender aspects into prevention and health promotion



Scientific Network Linguistics & Medicine

Scientific Network Working Wonders with Words

For some of the projects involved in the Network see **Posters A1 – A7**

Networking with **external partners**

### Interprofessional Network: All faculties of the University of Greifswald represented

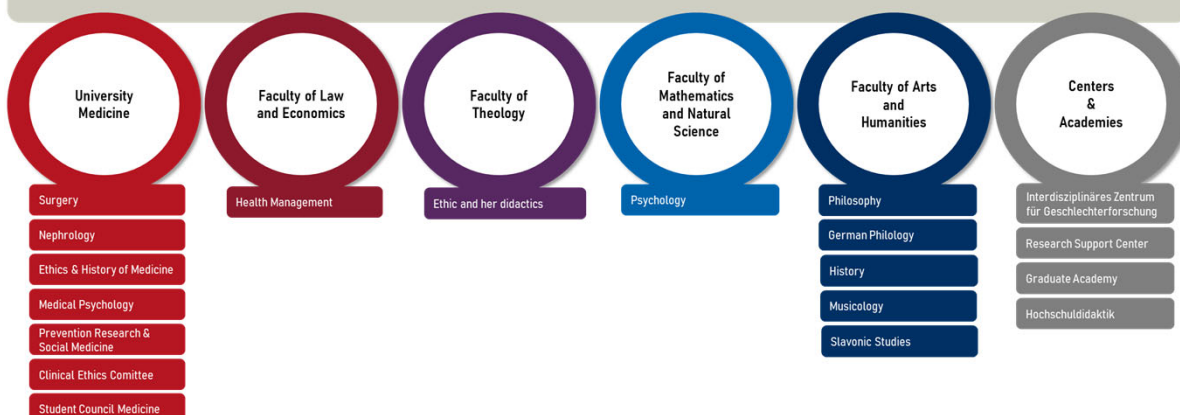


FIGURE 2. Members of the Greifswalder Netzwerk Medical Humanities (10/2023)



FIGURE 1. Overview of faculties and departments at the UG and UMG involved in the Greifswalder Netzwerk Medical Humanities (04/2024)