

# Lunch Lecture



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Philosophicum II  
Room 02.102

## Metagnosis: Changing Knowledge, Changing Applications



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This talk offers an introduction to Narrative Medicine, as well as the concept of *metagnosis* as the revelation of a longstanding condition. This can occur when an individual is diagnosed with a condition such as ADHD or Asperger Syndrome which was previously present, but undiagnosed; it can also happen when diagnostic boundaries shift. How do these experiences change our knowledge? We will also discuss broader applications of the concept, and ways in which it illuminates the principles and practices of Narrative Medicine.

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