

2026 Narrative Conference

Aarhus, Denmark, 4-6 June 2026

Please note that the program is subject to change. Participants are advised to consult the most up-to-date version available on the official conference website.

Wednesday, June 3

3:15-5:00 pm Public lecture by Arthur Frank
5:30-6:30 pm Dinner (bring-your-own)
7:00 pm Welcome Reception at Vandrehallen and Registration

Thursday, June 4

8:00-8:30 am Coffee, Tea, Croissants and Registration
8:30-8:45 am Welcome Speech
8:45-10:15 am Contemporary Narrative Theory Panel I:
Chair, Dan Punday (Mississippi State University)
Yonina Hoffmann (United States Merchant Marine Academy)
Cody Mejeur (University at Buffalo)
Jill Walker Rettberg (University of Bergen)
10:30-12:00 am Session A
12:15-1:15 pm Pedagogy Lunch
1:30-3:00 pm Session B
3:15-4:45 pm Session C
5:00-6:00 pm Keynote speaker: Signe Ulbjerg (KØN – Gender Museum Denmark)
6:15-7:45 pm Newcomers' Dinner
8:00-10:00 pm Opening Reception at Kunsthal Aarhus

Friday, June 5

8:00-8:45 am Coffee, Tea and Croissants
8:45-10:15 am Contemporary Narrative Theory Panel II:
Chair, Maria Mäkelä (Tampere University)
Alistair Miskimmon (Queen's University Belfast)
Matti Hyvärinen (Tampere University)
Tanya Serisier (Birkbeck, University of London)
10:30-12:00 am Session D
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch
1:00-2:30 pm Session E
2:45-4:15 pm Session F
4:30-6:00 pm Session G
6:15-7:15 pm Keynote speaker: Sharon Marcus (Columbia University)

Saturday, June 6

8:00-8:45 am Coffee, Tea and Croissants
8:45-10:15 am Session H
10:30-12:00 am Session I
12:00-1:00 pm Lunch
1:00-2:30 pm Lifetime Achievement Award Session
2:45-4:15 pm Session J
4:30-6:00 pm Session k
6:15-8:00 pm Awards Dinner
8:00-midnight Narrative Dance