

CALL FOR OUTLINES FOR CHAPTERS IN THE 2023 ESSD BOOK

The European Society for Social Drug Research (ESSD) wishes to continue a fruitful tradition and, as in previous years, will publish a *peer-reviewed book*.

Inspired by the presentations and discussions at the 2022 annual ESSD conference in Vienna, the theme of the book is:

Normalisation re-visited: Drugs in Europe in the 21st Century

The 'normalisation thesis' has become a much-used framing device in drug research since its development in the 1990s, particularly in relation to recreational drug use. But the term is often used uncritically or without definition. In this book we will look to interrogate the concept of normalisation as it applies to drug use, drug policy and drug research in Europe in the 21st Century.

We are interested in chapters on empirical studies, theory and critical reflections related to one or more of the following topics (or other areas related to normalisation):

- **Normalisation of drug use:** Defining and conceptualising 'normalisation'; Changing patterns and understandings of normalised drug use; Normalisation of 'soft' vs. 'hard' / 'recreational' vs. 'problematic' drug use; Normal(ised) drug use and normal(ised) drug users; relationships between normalisation, marginalisation and stigma; representations of drug use in media and popular culture; drug use as everyday practice; accommodation of drug use into everyday life.
- **Normalisation and drug dealing:** Social supply as the flip-side of normalised use; blurring the boundaries between use and supply; normalisation and drug markets (lower, middle and upper levels); normalisation of drug production.
- **Normalisation and drug policy:** Policy reactions to normalisation; normalisation as a component of drug policy; drug policy as an indicator of normalisation; de-normalisation as a component of drug policy; normalisation and policy goals: drug prevention vs. harm-reduction.
- **Normalisation and drug research:** Methodological challenges and opportunities; drug researchers and their drug use; participatory research; action research.
- **Normalisation and its flipside:** Potential re-stigmatisation of drug use and users; revitalisation of stereotypifications, shaming and morality in representations, policy approaches, and self-perceptions among drug users.

Qualitative and cross-national studies are particularly welcome. All chapters should include a European dimension.

The editors will be: James Morgan, Thomas Friis Søggaard and Alfred Uhl.

The book will be published by Pabst Science Publishers (www.pabst-publishers.de).

OUTLINES FOR CHAPTERS

Those who are interested in writing a chapter for the book are kindly requested to write an **outline** of **600 – 800 words**, including:

- Title of the manuscript
- Author(s): a maximum of three.
- 3-5 key words
- Sections, with brief summary of content per section
- When applicable: method(s) and data to be used
- Theoretical framework
- European dimension

Outlines should be written in **UK English** in a **size 12 Ariel font**. They should be **double-spaced** with ample margins.

Please send your outline no later than **Sunday, December 4th, 2022** to essd.research@UGent.be

Outlines will be discussed and commented on in a meeting of the ESSD board in December 2022. Applicants will receive decisions, comments and suggestions for improvement no later than **January 13th, 2023**.

CONDITIONS

All outlines are subject to editorial review and are received with the explicit understanding that they are not under simultaneous consideration by any other publication.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR OUTLINES

Please set the language you are writing in to **English (United Kingdom)**: this means 'behaviour', 'organisation' and 'realised', for example, NOT 'behavior', 'organization' and 'realized'. Quotes and references using English (United States) should of course be left as they are. Before submission, you must have your outline **proof-read** by a native English speaker, preferably one who is familiar with academic writing. If you do not have access to a native speaker, please use one of the professional services (for example, <http://www.proof-reading-service.com/> which costs approximately 16 Euro per 1,000 words).

Avoid the words 'abuse' and 'misuse' in relation to drug use. Use 'drug use', 'problematic drug use' and 'dependent drug use.' If you use the term 'problematic drug use', there should be a clear definition.

Outlines in poor English will be returned to the author for proofreading.