

ESSD

European Society for Social Drug Research
34th Annual Conference
28th – 30th September 2023
in Copenhagen / Denmark

CALL FOR PAPERS

The ESSD was founded in 1990 to promote social science approaches to drugs research, with special reference to the situation in Europe (www.essd-research.eu). The society holds an annual conference providing scope for collaboration and co-operation among researchers working in the drugs field. After 2 years of virtual meetings due to COVID-19, we successfully returned to our traditional in-person conference format in Vienna 2022 and look forward to another in-person event in Copenhagen in 2023. We will, of course, let you know if the situation changes and we have to return to Zoom.

➤ ABSTRACTS

ESSD members and other researchers who wish to attend the 34th Annual Conference are invited to **submit abstracts** of their conference papers **no later than 16th of June 2023**. Abstracts (see themes and details below) should be sent as a word file to ESSD2023@crf.au.dk. If you wish to attend the conference without giving a presentation, please inform us. For any correspondence, please, use the above e-mail address.

➤ CONFERENCE FEE

The standard fee is 100 euro. ESSD Board members and students (bachelor, master and PhD students) pay a **reduced rate of 50 euro**. This fee is used only to support and ensure the output of the annual conference, and you can find more information on the financial policy of the ESSD here: <http://www.essd-research.eu/about.html>. All conference participants will receive a free copy of the latest ESSD publication.

➤ CONFERENCE VENUE

The annual ESSD conferences always take place in close collaboration with **local organisers**; this year's local organisers will be **Thomas Friis Sogaard** (Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research, Aarhus University), **Jonas Strandholdt Bach** (Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research, Aarhus University) and **Annette Bang Rasmussen** (organisational support).

The **venue** is located at **Campus Emdrup (DPU, Aarhus University in Copenhagen)** in the room 7210-A222 Festsal. The address is: **Tuborgvej 164, 2400 Copenhagen** (<https://dpu.au.dk/en/>). From the venue, in Emdrup, there is easy subway connection to the city centre. Further information regarding the conference venue, accommodation etc. will be announced shortly via e-mail and at <http://www.essd-research.eu>

➤ DATE, START and END TIME

Thursday, 28th September 2023 at 9:00am CET – Saturday, 30th October 2023 at 14:00 pm CET.

CONFERENCE THEMES

Presentations should preferably include a European dimension (such as reporting on research or issues from more than one European country and comparisons between data from European studies), and/or theoretical analysis that draws inferences from the local to the global. Presentations restricted to the description of interventions or (local) policies will not be accepted. **Qualitative** studies are particularly welcome. Each presentation will last for 10-15 minutes, followed by ample time for jointly discussing the presentations of each session. The conference language is English.

The accepted abstracts need to conform to one or more of the following **themes**:

1. DRUG-RELATED IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19

Drug market dynamics in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic • Changes in patterns of drug use and distribution due to the COVID-19 pandemic • Drug research methodologies in the COVID-19 era • Drug services' challenges due to COVID-19 • post-COVID phenomena and developments

2. NEW TRENDS IN DRUG USE

New trends in drug use and users (incl. transnational dimension, not only prevalence rates) • Social norms and context surrounding legal drugs and how these might be relevant to illegal drugs • The illegal use of legal drugs • Poly-drug use • The latest trends in NPS use • Performance enhancing drugs • Patterns of use and using careers among diverse population groups

3. DRUG MARKETS

Organisation, maintenance and structure of drug markets: demand and supply • Drug distribution and cultures of illicit drug markets • Impacts of supply control and law enforcement measures • Governance by and of drug markets • Coordination practices in drug markets • Development and comparison of drug prices • Evolution of digital drug markets • Role of digital technologies in influencing drug trends and drug policies

4. DRUG POLICY: THEORIES, CONCEPTS AND RESEARCH

Innovative theories or concepts for drug policy • Evaluation of drug policy approaches • Comparative drug policy analysis • Legislative/policy changes affecting availability and/or use • Critical reflections on drug demand and supply interventions and the stigmatisation of users • Innovative or controversial interventions in drug policy

5. METHODS AND ETHICS

Innovative and mixed methods • Reflexivity in drug research • Sampling, representativeness and bias • Non-representational methods in drug research • Online vs. offline methods • Researching vulnerable populations • Ethical challenges in drug research

ABSTRACT LAYOUT

1. Max. 1,5 A4 page
2. Theme (from the list on the previous page)
3. Title of the paper
4. Author(s): name(s), qualification(s), job title(s), portrait photo
5. Contact details: full postal address, telephone, email address(es)
6. Abstract (**not more than 400 words**), including objectives, methodology, significant results and conclusions
7. Technical equipment required for the presentation
8. Word format using a template. This template should be applied to allow the book of abstracts to be assembled without complicated reformatting and communication needs such as requests for additional information!
9. A photo of the presenter(s) to be included in the book of abstracts is appreciated but is not mandatory

ABSTRACT REVIEW

Abstracts will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- Overall quality
- Relevance to the conference themes
- European dimension
- Theoretical reflections
- Added value with respect to earlier contributions at ESSD conferences

In general, not more than two presentations from members of the same institute or affiliation will be accepted.

Acceptance of papers will be communicated by 30th June 2023.