

ESSD

European Society for Social Drug Research

28th Annual Conference
21 – 23 September 2017
Lisbon, Portugal

2nd 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 (<http://www.essd-research.eu>). The society holds an annual conference providing scope for collaboration and co-operation among researchers working in the drugs field. Participation at the annual conference is free of charge.

ESSD members and other researchers who wish to attend the 28th Annual Conference are invited to submit abstracts of their conference papers no later than **20th April 2017**

Abstracts (see themes and details below) should be sent to essdconference2017@gmail.com

Presentations should preferably include a **European dimension** (such as reporting on research or issues from more than one European country, 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 lasts for 15 minutes (time for discussion not included). The conference language is English.

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

1. NEW PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES (NPS)

Preferably qualitative research (not only prevalence rates) on NPS • Methods of researching NPS use and users • Comparative research on trends and patterns in NPS use (transnational, different groups) • Users' perceptions of the legal status of NPS • NPS use as an alternative or in addition to illicit drugs • Transnational similarities and differences in the legal status of NPS • Legislative/policy changes regarding NPS affecting availability and/or use.

2. MARKETS: HOW DO DRUG USERS GET THEIR DRUGS?

Social norms surrounding the acquisition of illicit drugs, including sharing and gifting • Connections and blurred lines between social supply and profit-oriented dealing • Open markets: street dealers and club dealers • Connections between 'real' markets and crypto-markets • Self-perceptions of social suppliers and dealers.

3. THEORIES AND CONCEPTS

Preferably critical approaches to classic theories or concepts used • Theories or concepts that may help exploring drug-related issues from innovative perspectives • Theories or concepts that can help in dealing with issues that are rarely considered by mainstream research in the drugs field. • Deconstructing 'classic' or mainstream theories or concepts used in the drug (or 'addiction') field.

4. METHODS AND ETHICS

Innovative and mixed methods • Researcher identity and reflexivity in drug research • Sampling and representativeness • Online vs. offline methods • Researching vulnerable populations • Ethical challenges in drug research.

5. LEGAL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

(Note: presentations should address both legal AND illegal drugs.)

Preferably qualitative research (not only prevalence rates) on illegal and legal drugs (such as alcohol, tobacco, nitrous oxide ('laughing gas'), prescription drugs, and khat) in European countries where it is not an illegal substance • Social norms and context surrounding legal drugs and how these might be relevant to illegal drugs • The illegal use of legal drugs (such as use by minors, and of prescription drugs by those for whom they are not prescribed) • Illicit markets for licit drugs • Patterns of use and using careers of polydrug users whose repertoires comprise both legal and illegal drugs.

6. RESEARCH ON INNOVATIONS IN DRUG POLICY AND RESPONSES

Evaluation of changes in drug policy, e.g. decriminalization • New challenges and pioneering or controversial strategies in prevention and harm reduction • Ground-breaking and inventive approaches to drug offences and/or drug related crime.

ABSTRACT LAYOUT

1. Max. 1,5 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)
5. Contact details: full postal address, telephone and fax numbers, email address
6. Abstract (not more than 400 words), including objectives, methodology, significant results
7. and conclusions
8. Technical equipment required for the presentation
9. Word format

ABSTRACT REVIEW

Abstracts will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- 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 and confirmation of attendance will be distributed by 26th May 2017.

Participants are very welcome to bring copies of their full papers and other material for distribution at the conference.

INFORMATION ON CONFERENCE VENUE AND HOTELS

The annual ESSD conferences always take place in close collaboration with local organisers; this year's local organiser will be Dr. Susana Henriques (Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology, CIES-IUL of the University Institute of Lisbon, ISCTE-IUL)

The venue is located at the University Institute of Lisbon / Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (ISCTE-IUL) campus:

Avenida das Forças Armadas

1649-026 Lisboa

Portugal

Campus: http://iscte-iul.pt/en/quem_somos/localizacao.aspx

CIES-IUL (<http://cies.iscte-iul.pt/en/index.jsp>)

ISCTE-IUL – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa (<http://www.iscte-iul.pt/en/home.aspx>)

Further information regarding the conference venue, accommodation etc. will be announced shortly at:

<http://www.essd-research.eu/en/>

<http://cies.iscte-iul.pt/en/index.jsp>

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