

ESSD

European Society for Social Drug Research
29th Annual Conference
4-6 October 2018
Budapest, Hungary

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 29th Annual Conference are invited to submit abstracts of their conference papers no later than **15th May, 2018**.

Abstracts (see themes and details below) should be sent in **Word format** to essd2018@ppk.elte.hu

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 European/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 TRENDS IN LEGAL AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

Preferably qualitative research (not only prevalence rates) on legal and/or illegal drug use (but not only alcohol and/or tobacco) • 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 pharmaceutical drugs by those for whom they are not prescribed) • Patterns of use and using careers of polydrug users whose repertoires comprise both legal and illegal drugs • NPS use as an alternative or in addition to illicit drugs • Moving on from NPS • Performance enhancing drugs: e.g. 'study drugs' such as modafinil (Provigil) and methylphenidate (Ritalin) • Detailed/critical work on specific 'new' substances such as purple lean/drunk, sizzurp • Patterns of use and using careers among population groups characterised by, for example, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, etc.

2. MARKETS: HOW DO PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS 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 • cannabis social clubs • Illicit markets for licit drugs

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 • Methods of researching drug users

5. RESEARCH ON INNOVATIONS IN DRUG POLICY AND RESPONSES

Evaluation of changes in drug policy, e.g. decriminalisation • 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 • Cannabis markets, changing cannabis policies, and the role of civil society in cannabis debates across Europe • Legislative/policy changes regarding NPS affecting availability and/or use

6. REGIONAL SPECIFICS OF SUBSTANCE USE

Drug use in central Europe • How Brexit may affect drug markets and drug cultures in UK/EU • Links between drug markets and (other) organised crime, security and terrorism • Links between migration and drugs (use and distribution) • Local and national cocaine markets (users, suppliers) in the context of a global market and open borders within the EU

ABSTRACT LAYOUT

1. Max. 1,5 pages
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 and conclusions
7. Technical equipment required for the presentation
8. 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, no 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 30th June 2018.

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 organisers will be Prof. Zsolt Demetrovics, Director of Institute of Psychology, Eötvös Loránd University (demetrovics.zsolt@ppk.elte.hu), Dr. Katalin Felvinczi, Vice Dean For International Affairs And Grants (katalin.felvinczi@ppk.elte.hu), and Dr. Zsuzsa Kaló, senior lecturer at the Counselling Psychology Department and Qualitative Psychology Research Group (kalo.zsuzsa@ppk.elte.hu)

The venue is located at the Faculty of Education and Psychology, Eötvös Loránd University Kazinczy Building (KAZY) Kazinczy utca 23–27., Budapest, 1075 Hungary
<https://www.ppk.elte.hu/en>

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

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