

ESSD

European Society for Social Drug Research
33rd Annual Conference
6th – 8th October 2022
in Vienna / Austria

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 two years of virtual meetings due to COVID-19, we are confident about organising this year's conference as a face-to-face meeting in Vienna. We will, of course, let you know if the situation changes and we have to return to Zoom.

➤ ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

ESSD members and other researchers who wish to attend the 33rd Annual Conference are invited to **submit abstracts** of their conference papers **no later than 23 June 2022**. Abstracts (see themes and details below) should be sent as a Word file to essd2022@gmail.com. If you wish to attend the conference without giving a presentation, please send us an e-mail. For any correspondence, please, use the above e-mail address.

➤ CONFERENCE DATES

Thursday, 6 October 2022 at 9:00 am CET – Saturday, 8 October 2022 at 14:00 pm CET

➤ 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. All conference participants will receive a free copy of the latest ESSD publication. You can find more information on the financial policy of the ESSD here: <http://www.essd-research.eu/about.html>.

➤ CONFERENCE VENUE

The annual ESSD conferences always take place in close collaboration with **local organisers**; this year's local organisers are **Alfred Uhl** (Sigmund Freud Private University, SFU and Austrian National Public Health Institute, GÖG), **Meropi Tzanetakis** (University of Innsbruck) and **Ulrike Kobra** (organisational support). The **venue** is located at the **Gumpendorfer Str. 63B, 1060 Vienna** in the rooms of the "IG Architektur" (www.ig-architektur.at, <http://www.ig-architektur.at/raumderigarchitektur.html>). Further information regarding the conference venue, accommodation etc. will follow.

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. DRUGS AND DRUG MARKETS IN A CHANGING EUROPE

Organisation, maintenance and structure of drug markets: demand and supply • Digital drug distribution and cultures of illicit drug markets • Impacts of supply control and law enforcement measures • Governance by

and of online drug markets • Role of digital technologies in influencing drug trends and drug policies • Challenges due to migration, Ukraine war, right/left polarisation, digital society, fake-news/misinformation

2. 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

3. NEW TRENDS IN DRUG USE

Preferably qualitative research on 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

4. 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

5. 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 on the stigmatization of users • Innovative or controversial interventions in drug policy

ABSTRACT LAYOUT

1. Theme (from the list above)
2. Title of the paper
3. Author(s): name(s), qualification(s), affiliation(s), portrait photo
4. Contact details: full postal address, telephone, e-mail address(es)
5. Structured abstract of no more than 400 words including objectives, methodology, significant results and conclusions
6. Technical equipment required for the presentation
7. Please submit your abstract as a Word file using the template attached. This template will allow the conference organisers to assemble the book of abstracts without further reformatting and communication needs such as requests for additional information! Thanks in advance.
8. A photo of the presenter(s) to be included in the book of abstracts is appreciated but is not mandatory.

ABSTRACT REVIEW PROCESS

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.

Notification of acceptance and rejection will be sent out via e-mail no later than 30 July 2022!