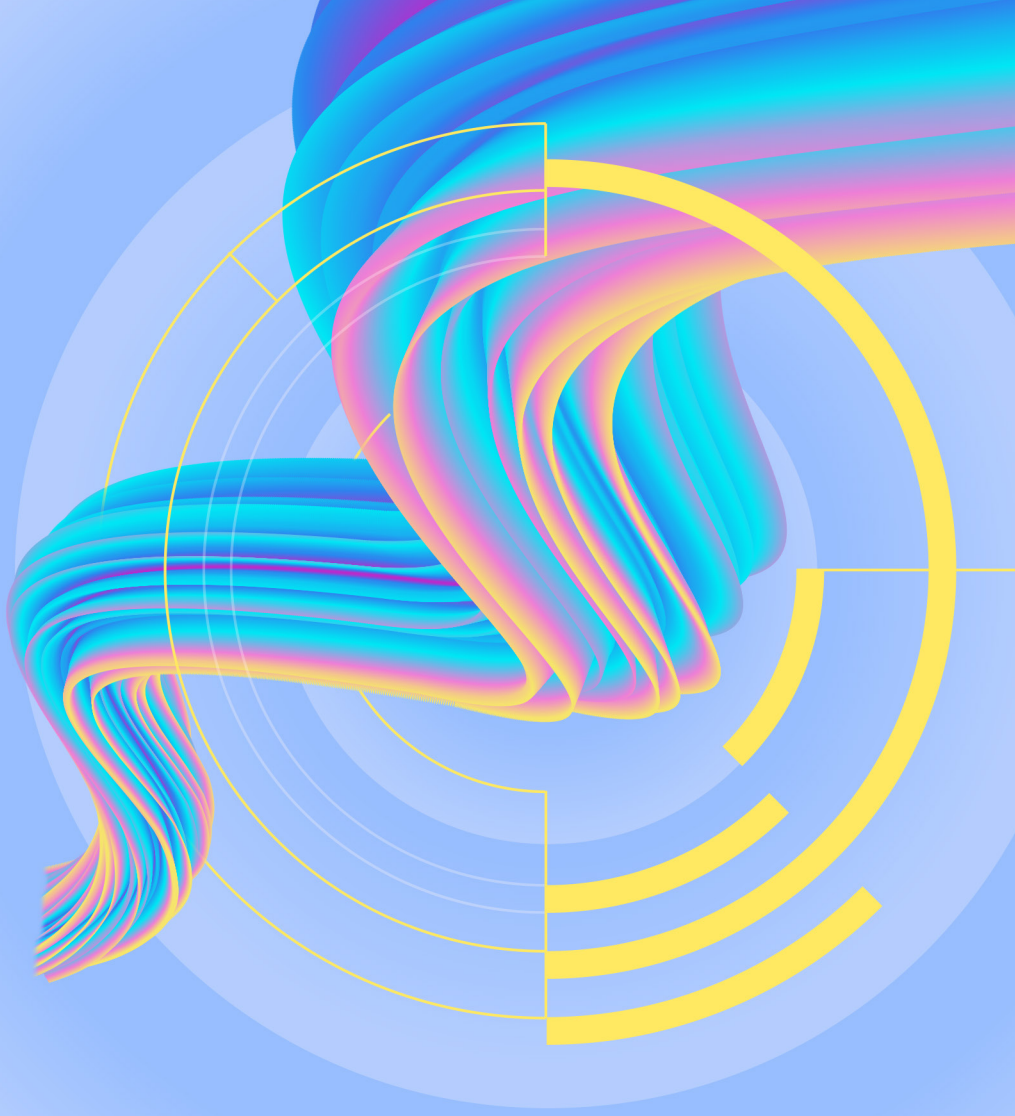


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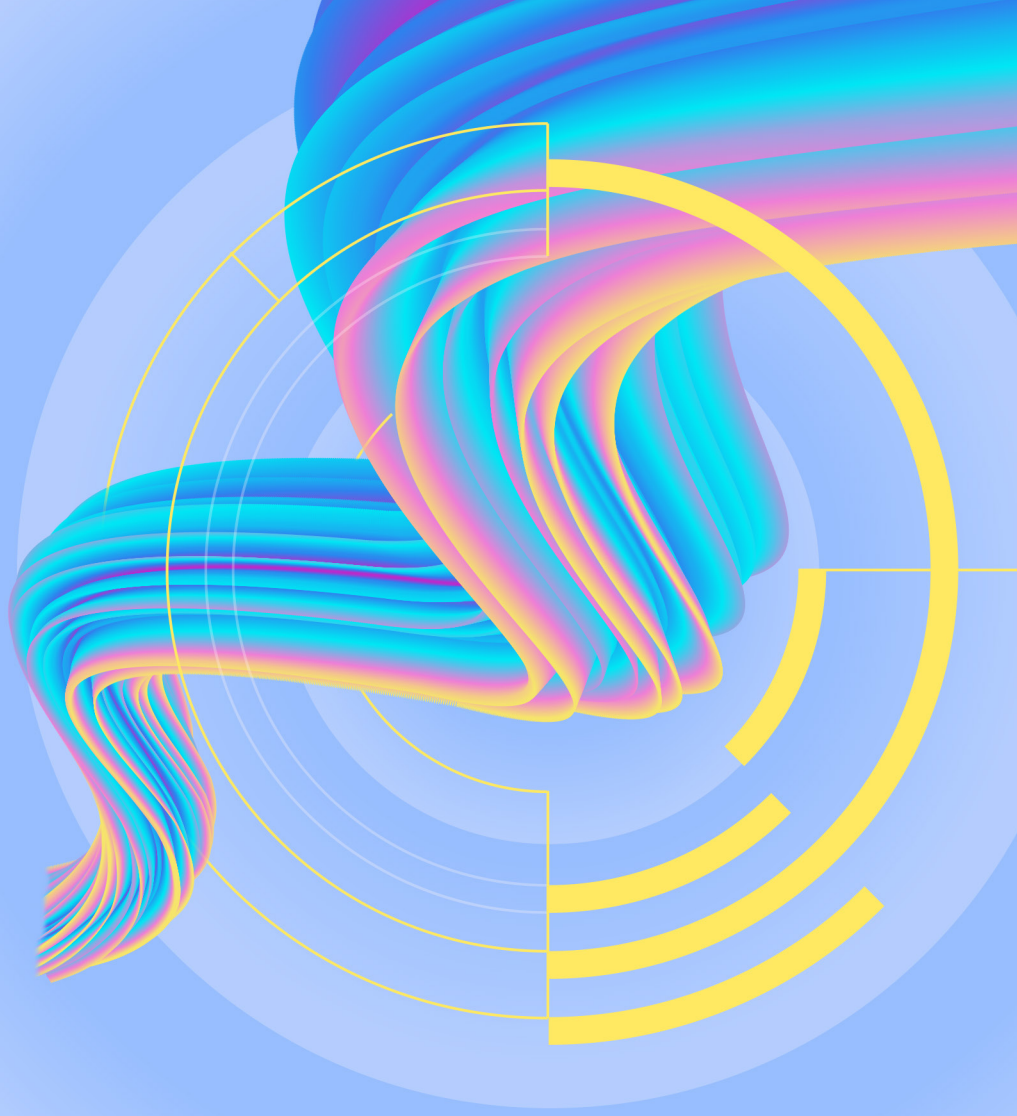
Tuesday, September 30	Meeting room BEZO (1st floor), Rytířská 31, Prague 1	
13:30–14:00	Workshop registration	
14:00–16:00	Pre-conference workshop	Facilitators: Torsten Kolind and Karen Duke
18:00	Get-together in a restaurant	Olympia Kolkovna Vítězná 619/7, Prague 5

Wednesday, October 1	Lichtenstein Palace, U Sovových mlýnů 506/4	
8:30–9:00	**Registration**	
9:00–9:45	**Conference welcome, general information, and housekeeping**	**Chairs: Gary Potter and Michaela Roubalová**
Kateřina Horáčková	Deputy Director of the Drug Policy Department, Government Office of the Czech Republic	
Petr Zeman	Director of the Institute of Criminology and Social Prevention	
Gary Potter	President of the ESSD	
9:45–10:45	**Session 1: Women's Experiences in Drug Environments**	**Chair: Zsuzsa Kaló**
Mette Kronbæk	How Do Female Victims Experience Violence and sexual abuse in drug environments - Experience A Lack of Social Justice In Their Everyday Life	
Sarah El Guendi	Sexual Violence and Belgian Criminal Law: Consent, Proof, and Drug-Facilitated Assault	
Linda Montanari	Women, drugs, prison. Profile and pathways of women incarcerated in Italy and in Portugal	
10:45–11:15	**Coffee Break**	
11:15–12:15	**Session 2: Families Affected by Drug Use**	**Chair: Kristiāna Bebre-Davies**
Emma Smith	"I don't think they realise being a parent is already difficult": Using Photovoice to understand the postpartum experience of women engaged with drug treatment during pregnancy	
Serena Garbolino, Marie Dos Santos	Rethinking Shelter Practices in Europe: An Ethnographic Study on Women Who Use Drugs, Motherhood, and Harm Reduction in a Post-Covid Context	
Aisling McLaughlin	A trauma-informed approach for children and parents living with parental drug use in Dublin, Republic of Ireland.	
12:15–13:15	**Lunch break**	
13:15–14:15	**Session 3: Drug Checking in Practice: Market Trends and Harm Reduction**	**Chair: James Morgan**
Teemu Kaskela	Qualitative analysis of the usefulness of the paraphernalia-based drug checking model	
Alexandra Karden	User Perspectives on Drug Checking in Vienna: A Qualitative Study on Harm Reduction Impact	
Maria Hunter	CK, Calvin Klein: A dangerous new fashion?	
14:15–14:30	**Break**	
14:30–15:30	**Session 4: Psychedelic Practices**	**Chair: Caroline Chatwin**
Kristina Čufar	Another Kind of Trip: Perspectives of Facilitators and Users of Unofficial Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy in Slovenia	
Evgenia Fotiou	Integration and Psychedelic Therapies	
Margarida Dias Lobato	Harm Reduction Practices in Psychedelics use: Perspectives on Healing	
15:30–16:00	**Coffee Break**	
16:00–17:00	**Session 5: Needs Assessment and Access to Care**	**Chair: Julie Harris**
Kryštof Hanzlík	Assessing the need for harm reduction services: A mixed methods approach	
Jonas Strandholdt Bach	Brittle relations – ageing drug and alcohol users and care services	
James Morgan	Lifestyle, heroin and assertive outreach: Helping people who use heroin to improve their health	
18:00	**Guided tour: Pragulic**	**Meeting place to be announced during the conference**

Thursday, October 2	Lichtenstein Palace, U Sovových mlýnů 506/4	
9:00–10:00	**Session 6: Changing Drug Policy**	**Chair: Tom Decorte**
Bernd Werse	The greening of Germany – results from an online survey on the effects of the partial legalisation of cannabis	
Mindaugas Lankauskas	Punishing Drug Users? A Sight at Lithuanian Drug Control Policy in a European Value-System Context	
Matyáš Lucký	Psychomodulatory Substances: The New Regulation of Psychoactive Substances in the Czech Republic	
10:00–10:30	**Coffee Break**	
10:30–11:30	**Session 7: Cannabis Markets**	**Chair: Bernd Werse**
Rob Ralphs	The risks associated with THC vaping products in an unregulated cannabis market	
Nina Žnidaršič	Social Dimensions of Illicit Cannabis Use Among Medical Patients: Exploring Access, Social Control, and Stigma in Everyday Life	
George Simpson	'The Cannasseurs': Contemporary Meanings of Substance Use and Style from the 'Dank of England'	
11:30–11:40	**Break**	
11:40–12:40	**Session 8: New Trends in Drug Use**	**Chair: Rob Ralphs**
Eva Devaney	University students, a new or renewed focus of drug policy? The Irish experience	
Lisa Williams, Victoria Beere	'A Side Order of Stigma': How and why people who use weight loss drugs keep it secret from others	
Cosimo Sidoti	"When I got lean the sun is shining": A global perspective on the worldwide spread of lean culture	
12:40–13:40	**Lunch break**	
13:40–14:20	**Session 9: European Society for Social Drug Research**	**Chairs: Gary Potter and Zsuzsa Kaló**
Zsuzsa Kaló	ESSD Oral History Project: Launch and First Results	
Gary Potter	ESSD info	
14:20–15:20	**Session 10: Dilemmas in Research and Clinical Work**	**Chair: Lisa Williams**
Alfred Uhl	The Illusion of Clinicians vs. the Illusion of Epidemiologists	
Zacharoula Kasseri	Studying the familiar: Emotions and challenges for qualitative researchers who have dual roles in the field of substance use treatment	
Luke Parkinson	"They tell me, and then I say, I'm not the right person to help you with this trauma" – The possibilities, limits and ethics of speech in child criminal exploitation	
15:20–15:50	**Coffee Break**	
15:50–16:35	**Session 11: Drug Markets**	**Chair: Thomas Friis Søgaard**
Ákos Szigeti	Technological features and power dynamics: a qualitative analysis across Western darknet drug markets	
Julie Harris	Exploring Systemic Drug-Related Intimidation in 'Post-Conflict' Northern Ireland	
19:00	**Dinner: Café Therapy**	**Školská 30, Praha 1**

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Friday, October 3	Lichtenstein Palace, U Sovových mlýnů 506/4	
9:30–10:30	**Session 12: Drug-Related Pathways**	**Chair: Alfred Uhl**
Thomas Friis Søgaard	Drug market exploitation and vulnerability: A six-nation comparison of its recognition and management in criminal justice systems	
Lígia Parodi, Linda Montanari	Co-Producing Drug Policy: Meaningful Participation of Women Who Use Drugs in Public Health and Human Rights Frameworks	
Thomas Solgård Svendsen	The same and different: Context, change and brighter futures in stories of long-term recovery in Norway and UK	
10:30–11:00	**Coffee Break**	
11:00–12:00	**Session 13: Drugs in Contexts of Vulnerability**	**Chair: Eva Devaney**
Ráhel Vermes	Self-Monitoring Barriers for Recreational Use	
Arturo Alvarez-Roldan	Family Networks and Indoor Cannabis Cultivation in a Marginalized Spanish District	
Michał Wanke	Transnational social worlds of drugs - exploring migration as context of use and stigma	
12:00–12:15	**Break**	
12:15–12:45	**Session 14: Announcement of the winner of the Early Career Researcher Award**	**Chair: Gary Potter**
12:45–13:00	**Closing words and end of the conference**	



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