

# ESSD

European Society for Social Drug Research

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

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Frankfurt am Main, Germany

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference are invited to submit abstracts of their conference papers no later than **20 March, 2016**.

**Abstracts** (see themes and details below) should be sent to Bernd Werse ([werse@em.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:werse@em.uni-frankfurt.de)).

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. DRUG POLICIES AND POLITICS

Key influences on the drug policy making process • The impact of current national and European drug policies on different actors (e.g. cannabis policy: decriminalisation vs. repressive models; evaluation of harm reduction strategies, consequences of prohibition) • Prevention and harm reduction policies • The impact of drug policy discourses on patterns of use.

### 2. DYNAMICS IN USER POPULATIONS, DRUG-USING PATTERNS, BEHAVIOUR AND SETTINGS

Drug use and migration • New psychoactive substances (NPS): prevalence and drug-using patterns in different user groups, motivations for use, and settings of use • Changes in settings of drug use and among particular populations of users • Trends in poly-drug use combinations • Drug use over the life course: how do individual patterns of use change over time? • Trends in drug use and (possible) implications for policy and practice • Specific contexts of drug use among different user groups.

### 3. DRUG USE AND (PUBLIC) SPACE

Visibility of drug users in public: e.g. injecting drug users (IDUs) or cannabis smokers • Reactions of (local/regional) drug policy/regulatory policy to drug use in public • Effects of gentrification and other urban development issues on users' populations • Consequences of drug use and drug markets on neighbourhoods • Drug use patterns and meanings in closed settings (e.g., prisons) • Other (non-public) spaces of drug use.

### 4. DRUG MARKETS AND DRUG ECONOMIES

Organisation, maintenance and structure of drug markets: production and routes of supply (including sharing, gifting and social supply) • Different types of drug dealing activities by drug type and user population • Impacts of supply control and law enforcement measures • Financing drug-using lifestyles • Drug markets and power structures in prisons • Impact of online drug markets (see also "Drugs and the Internet")..

### 5. DRUGS AND THE INTERNET

Darknet and clearnet illicit drug markets: sellers, buyers, structures, trends • Role of online drug markets for drug discourses and drug distribution in general • Role of social media, discussion boards, Wikis etc. in influencing drug trends and drug policies • Online prevention and counselling.

### 6. THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES IN DRUG RESEARCH

Social theories and concepts for the analysis and understanding of drug use • Feminist approaches in social drug research • Concepts of drug use from non-social scientific backgrounds and their impact on practice and policy • Methodological practices in drug research: effectiveness and limitations • Online research methods (e.g., online interviewing, virtual ethnography, online focus groups) • Other new developments in data collection and analysis.

## 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

## 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 the end of April 2016.

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. Bernd Werse (Goethe University) and Prof. Dr. Heino Stöver (Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences). The venue is located at the Goethe University campus:

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Institut für Sozialpädagogik und Erwachsenenbildung  
Centre for Drug Research  
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Further information regarding the conference venue, accommodation etc. will be announced shortly at:  
[www.essd-research.eu](http://www.essd-research.eu)  
[www.uni-frankfurt.de/cdr](http://www.uni-frankfurt.de/cdr)

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**After the conference the peer-reviewed journal Drugs: education, prevention and policy (DEPP) will publish a special issue featuring selected papers.**

