

Virtual seminar on the International Perspectives on New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) 18th of June 2021

This seminar is offered within the context of SOLID project funded by DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service Exceed program) and implemented at the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences and across five Universities in Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan) and China (Shanghai). Our partners informed us about a significant structural change in the drug use consumption patterns in their countries. The experts are reporting a continuous decrease of the trafficking and consumption of opioids, such as opium and heroin, whereas the trafficking and consumption of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) (Central Asia) and methamphetamines (China) especially via internet/darknet is increasing. They are also reporting that the services to reduce the drug related harms and treatment centres have not enough knowledge and tools to deal with patients suffering from overdoses and health problems due to the consumption of NPS/Methamphetamines.

The seminar features a number of internationally renowned speakers as well as early career researchers, who will shed light on the use patterns, trafficking, monitoring, darknet, policy and research questions on the topic of NPS. As the main target audience, the seminar is oriented at the doctoral and postdoctoral researchers of the SOLID project, therefore will have a special focus discussion on the structural changes in the consumption patterns in Central Asian countries and China. The seminar is open for anyone interested in the topic. The presentations will last 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes discussion time. There will a larger discussion round at the of the seminar.

The registration to the event is free of charge.

The registration email account is: futterer@stud.fra-uas.de.

Friday – June 18, 2021

One day (virtual) session with experts from European countries, Central Asia and China to explain the current trends and measures to deal with these "new" clients in the prevention and treatment services. Lectures will last 20 min., and 10 minutes Q&A

Friday, June 18, 08.00-13.00

07.30 – 08.00

08.00 - 08.15

Opening

Words of welcome by Prof. Dr. Heino Stöver (Project Leader of SOLID project), Dr. Ingo Ilja Michels (International Scientific Coordinator of SOLID project), Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences,

Moderator: Dr. Aysel Sultan, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences

08.15 - 08.45

"Overview on NPS in Germany and Europe and the effects of these substances" by Dr. Bernd Werse, Goethe University, Frankfurt on Main, Germany

08.45 – 09.15

"Monitoring NPS in the Netherlands – the importance of the triangulation of data" by Daan van der Gouwe, Trimbos Institute, Utrecht, The Netherlands

5 minutes break

09.20 - 09.50

"New psychoactive substances: challenges for drug policy and public health" by Dr. Meropi Tzanetakis, University Vienna, Austria

09.50 - 10.20

"Usage of New Psychoactive Substances in the Republic of Kazakhstan" by Dr. Mariya Prilutskaya, Instructor of Branch of Semey Medical University Pavlodar, Kazakhstan

25 minutes break

10.45 - 11.15

"NPS in prisons" by Prof. Dr. Volker Auwärter, Institute for Forensic Medicine, University of Freiburg, Germany

11.15 – 11.45

"Evidence-based health interventions for youth using new psychoactive substances (NPS)" by Guzalkhon Zakhidova, The Republican Specialized Scientific-Practical Medical Center of Therapy and Rehabilitation, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

11.45 – 12.15

"Development of ATS/Metamphetamine use in China and treatment of dependents" by Dr. Jiang Du, Mental Health Centre, Jiaotong University of Medicine, Shanghai, PR China

12.15 - 12.45

Discussion

The presentations will be held in the English language and the recordings will be published on our website: <https://solid-exceed.org/>

We are inviting interested experts and students (of social sciences, social work and medicine) from the Central Asian countries and China and organize a webinar for this event.