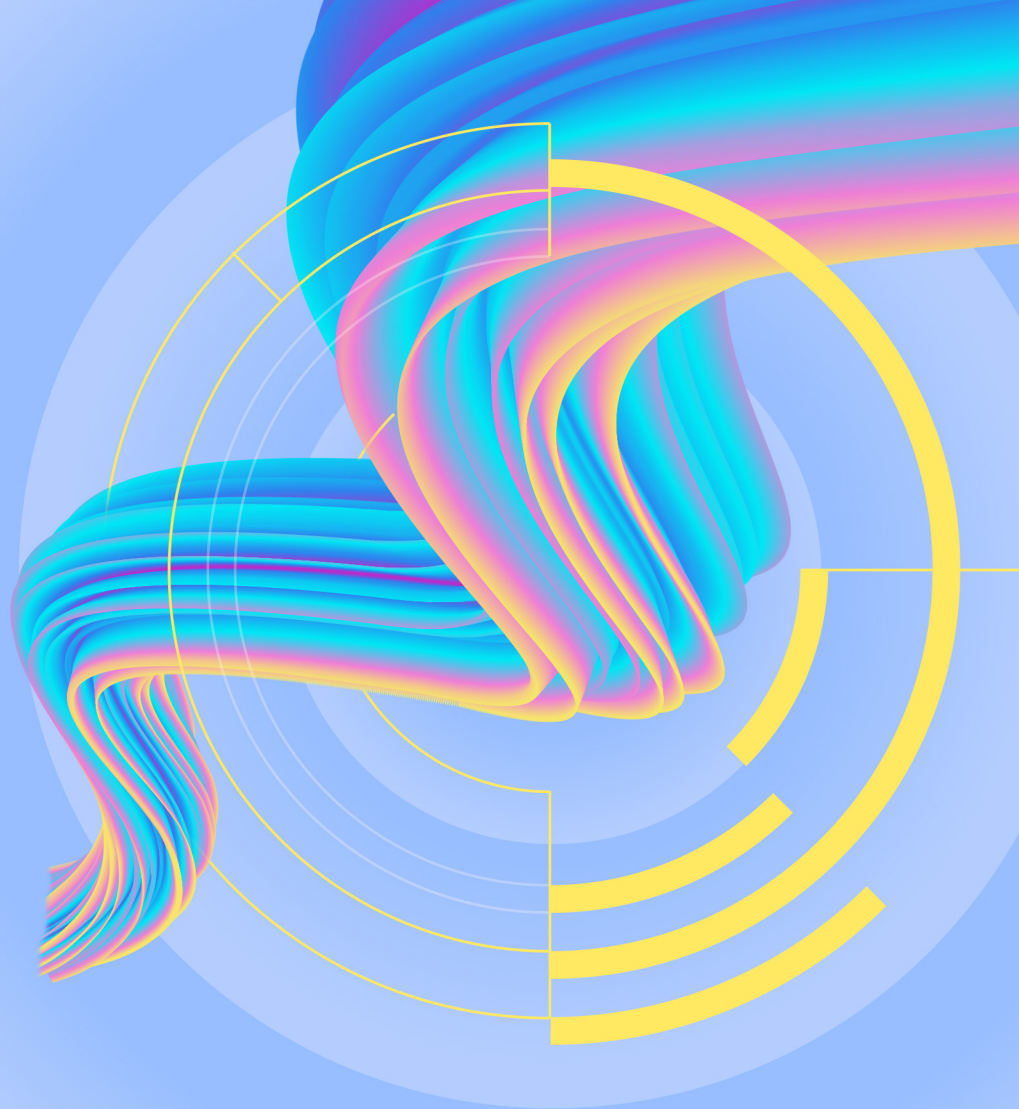




# European Society for Social Drug Research 36th Annual Conference

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## Programme



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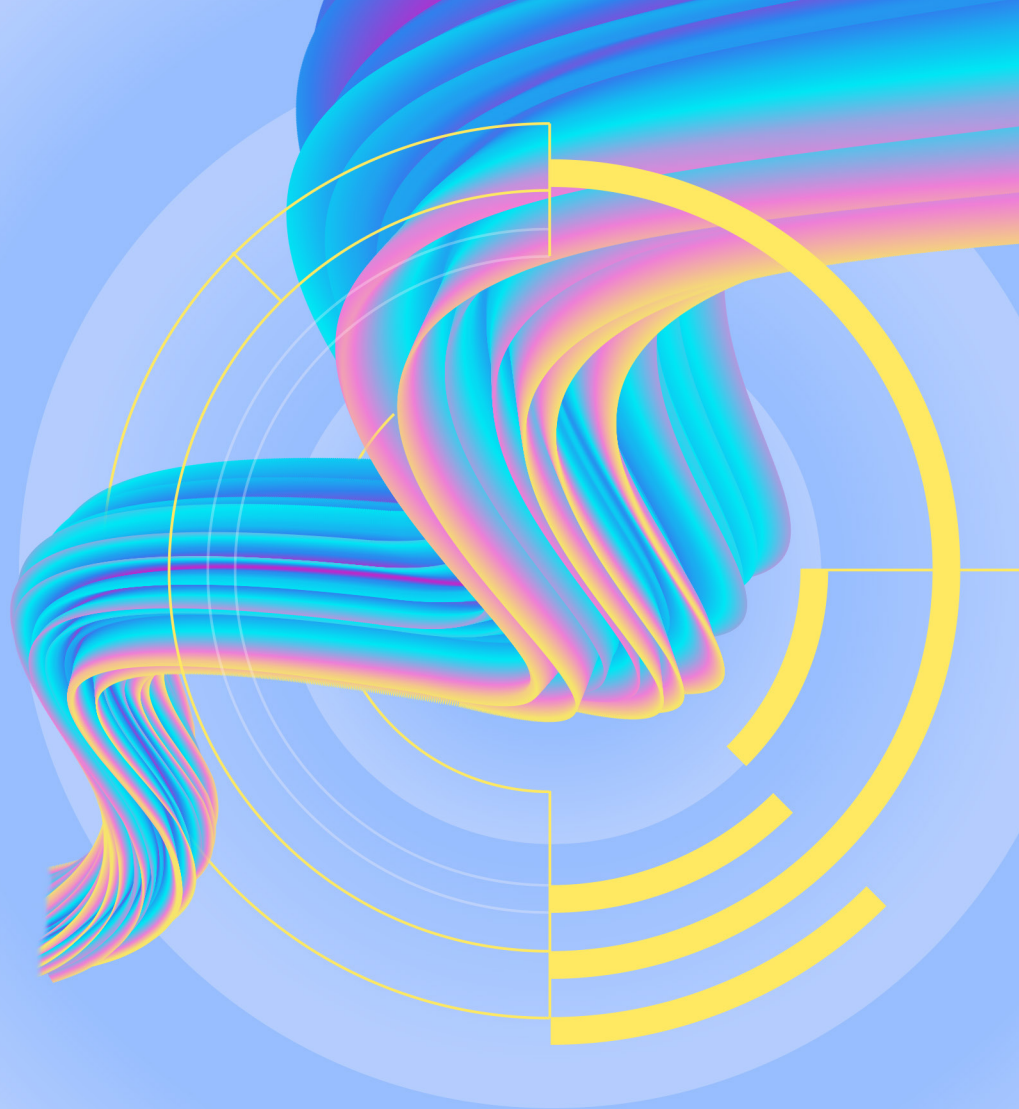
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| Tuesday, September 30 |                              | Meeting room BEZO (1st floor), Rytířská 31, Prague 1 |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 13:30–14:00          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

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| 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:<br>Women's Experiences in Drug Environments                                                                                                                           | Chair:<br>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:<br>Families Affected by Drug Use                                                                                                                                      | Chair:<br>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:<br>Market Trends and Harm Reduction                                                                                                        | Chair:<br>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:<br>Psychedelic Practices                                                                                                                                              | Chair:<br>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:<br>Needs Assessment and Access to Care                                                                                                                                | Chair:<br>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:<br>Pragulic                                                                                                                                                         | Meeting place to be announced during the conference |

| Thursday, October 2           |                                                                                                                                                                       | Lichtenstein Palace, U Sovových mlýnů 506/4 |                     |
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| 9:00–10:00                    | Session 6:<br>Changing Drug Policy                                                                                                                                    | Chair:<br>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:<br>Cannabis Markets                                                                                                                                        | Chair:<br>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:<br>New Trends in Drug Use                                                                                                                                  | Chair:<br>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:<br>European Society for Social Drug Research                                                                                                               | Chairs:<br>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:<br>Dilemmas in Research and Clinical Work                                                                                                                 | Chair:<br>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:<br>Drug Markets                                                                                                                                           | Chair:<br>Thomas Friis Sogaard              |                     |
| 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 |

| Friday, October 3                |                                                                                                                                   | Lichtenstein Palace, U Sovových mlýnů 506/4 |  |
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| 9:30–10:30                       | Session 12:<br>Drug-Related Pathways                                                                                              | Chair:<br>Alfred Uhl                        |  |
| Thomas Friis Sogaard             | Drug market exploitation and vulnerability: A six-nation comparison of its recognition and management in criminal justice systems |                                             |  |
| Ligia Parodi,<br>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:<br>Drugs in Contexts of Vulnerability                                                                                 | Chair:<br>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<br>of the Early Career Researcher Award                                                    | Chair:<br>Gary Potter                       |  |
| 12:45–13:00                      | Closing words and end of the conference                                                                                           |                                             |  |



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