

CALL FOR OUTLINES FOR CHAPTERS IN THE 2023/24 ESSD BOOK

The European Society for Social Drug Research (ESSD) wishes to continue a fruitful tradition and, as in previous years, will publish a *peer-reviewed* edited collection. Inspired by the presentations and discussions at the 2023 annual ESSD conference in Copenhagen, the theme of the book is:

Stigma

Despite the extensive scientific literature already produced on social and self-stigma, given its centrality among drug use topics, new insights are always welcome. As symbolic representations are particularly relevant to shape quotidian activities and relationships within societies, stigma is a key element to understand both the causes and the consequences of substance use. Social drug research is especially suited to revealing stigma dynamics as it provides the tools to understand the processes through which stigma exerts its influence. This call for book chapters is an opportunity to share innovative theoretical perspectives, results, methods and/or settings around the topic of stigma and drugs.

We are interested in chapters on empirical studies, theory and critical reflections related to one or more of the following topics, or other areas related to stigma, and their implications for policy, research, and/or practice:

- The role of stigma in regulating social life: given the persistent nature of stigma, what functions may it be playing within social interactions in various settings; why and how can one substance be differentially perceived depending on the social group using it;
- Stigma and drug use trends: what changes can we find in stigma dynamics towards drug use when we address the “New Psychoactive Substances” or the “Psychedelics Renaissance”; how does stigma varies over time in a given society according to drug use trends; what are the social and cultural determinants for changes in stigma over time in a given society;
- The structural determinants and effects of stigma: how does stigma impact drug policy, research, and care; how is stigma being addressed by drug policy, research, and care; how do social and self-stigma interact; how can drug policy changes contribute to stigmatisation or de-stigmatisation of drug use and users;
- Working with people who use drugs: how does stigma against clients affects those who provide care to them; stigma among professionals who work with people who use drugs (PWUD) against their clients; experiences of stigma as a drug professional; challenges of managing stigma while working as a peer; stigma and funding for care provision to PWUD;

- Stigma and drug markets: how do drug markets manage stigma dynamics; how do drugs markets take advantage of stigma; stigma among people who sell and who buy drugs; stigma and legal or semi-legal drug markets;
- Stigma and the digital era: how do new technologies interact with stigma against drug use and PWUD; the digital world as a tool to manage stigma by PWUD and people who sell drugs;
- Stigma and research: how can research contribute to de-stigmatisation agendas; to what extent should ethical or political de-stigmatisation agendas shape research aims, methodologies, analysis and language; what role does research activism has (or should have) in contemporary drug research; stigma experienced by drug researchers.

Submissions do not have to be based on papers presented in Copenhagen; this call is open to all (ESSD members and non-members) so please **feel free to distribute widely** around your networks.

Qualitative and cross-national studies are particularly welcome. All chapters should include a European dimension.

The editors will be: Marta Pinto, James Morgan, and Tom Decorte.

The book will be published by Pabst Science Publishers (www.pabst-publishers.de).

OUTLINES FOR CHAPTERS

Those who are interested in writing a chapter for the book are kindly requested to write an **outline** of **600 – 800 words**, including:

- Title of the manuscript
- Author(s): a maximum of three.
- 3-5 key words
- Sections, with brief summary of content per section
- When applicable: method(s) and data to be used
- Theoretical framework
- European dimension

Outlines should be written in **UK English** in a **size 12 Ariel font**. They should be **double-spaced** with ample margins.

Please send your outline no later than **Sunday, December 3rd, 2023** to essd.research@UGent.be

Outlines will be discussed and commented on in a meeting of the ESSD board in December 2022. Applicants will receive decisions, comments and suggestions for improvement no later than **January 13th, 2024**.

CONDITIONS

All outlines are subject to editorial review and are received with the explicit understanding that they are not under simultaneous consideration by any other publication.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR OUTLINES

Please set the language you are writing in to **English (United Kingdom)**: this means 'behaviour', 'organisation' and 'realised', for example, NOT 'behavior', 'organization' and 'realized'. Quotes and references using English (United States) should of course be left as they are. Before submission, you must have your outline **proof-read** by a native English speaker, preferably one who is familiar with academic writing. If you do not have access to a native speaker, please use one of the professional services (for example, <http://www.proof-reading-service.com/> which costs approximately 16 Euro per 1,000 words).

Avoid the words 'abuse' and 'misuse' in relation to drug use. Use 'drug use', 'problematic drug use' and 'dependent drug use.' If you use the term 'problematic drug use', there should be a clear definition.

Outlines in poor English will be returned to the author for proof reading.