

# ESSD

European Society for Social Drug Research  
34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
in Copenhagen / Denmark

## 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 ([www.essd-research.eu](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. After 2 years of virtual meetings due to COVID-19, we successfully returned to our traditional in-person conference format in Vienna 2022 and look forward to another in-person event in Copenhagen in 2023. We will, of course, let you know if the situation changes and we have to return to Zoom.

### ➤ ABSTRACTS

ESSD members and other researchers who wish to attend the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference are invited to **submit abstracts** of their conference papers **no later than 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2023**. Abstracts (see themes and details below) should be sent as a word file to [ESSD2023@crf.au.dk](mailto:ESSD2023@crf.au.dk). If you wish to attend the conference without giving a presentation, please inform us. For any correspondence, please, use the above e-mail address.

### ➤ CONFERENCE FEE

**The standard fee is 100 euro**. ESSD Board members and students (bachelor, master and PhD students) pay a **reduced rate of 50 euro**. This fee is used only to support and ensure the output of the annual conference, and you can find more information on the financial policy of the ESSD here: <http://www.essd-research.eu/about.html>. All conference participants will receive a free copy of the latest ESSD publication.

### ➤ CONFERENCE VENUE

The annual ESSD conferences always take place in close collaboration with **local organisers**; this year's local organisers will be **Thomas Friis Sogaard** (Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research, Aarhus University), **Jonas Strandholdt Bach** (Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research, Aarhus University) and **Annette Bang Rasmussen** (organisational support).

The **venue** is located at **Campus Emdrup (DPU, Aarhus University in Copenhagen)** in the room 7210-A222 Festsal. The address is: **Tuborgvej 164, 2400 Copenhagen** (<https://dpu.au.dk/en/>). From the venue, in Emdrup, there is easy subway connection to the city centre. Further information regarding the conference venue, accommodation etc. will be announced shortly via e-mail and at <http://www.essd-research.eu>

### ➤ DATE, START and END TIME

Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 9:00am CET – Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 14:00 pm CET.

## CONFERENCE THEMES

Presentations should preferably include a European dimension (such as reporting on research or issues from more than one European country and 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 will last for 10-15 minutes, followed by ample time for jointly discussing the presentations of each session. The conference language is English.

The accepted abstracts need to conform to one or more of the following **themes**:

## 1. DRUG-RELATED IMPLICATIONS OF COVID-19

Drug market dynamics in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic • Changes in patterns of drug use and distribution due to the COVID-19 pandemic • Drug research methodologies in the COVID-19 era • Drug services' challenges due to COVID-19 • post-COVID phenomena and developments

## 2. NEW TRENDS IN DRUG USE

New trends in drug use and users (incl. transnational dimension, not only prevalence rates) • Social norms and context surrounding legal drugs and how these might be relevant to illegal drugs • The illegal use of legal drugs • Poly-drug use • The latest trends in NPS use • Performance enhancing drugs • Patterns of use and using careers among diverse population groups

## 3. DRUG MARKETS

Organisation, maintenance and structure of drug markets: demand and supply • Drug distribution and cultures of illicit drug markets • Impacts of supply control and law enforcement measures • Governance by and of drug markets • Coordination practices in drug markets • Development and comparison of drug prices • Evolution of digital drug markets • Role of digital technologies in influencing drug trends and drug policies

## 4. DRUG POLICY: THEORIES, CONCEPTS AND RESEARCH

Innovative theories or concepts for drug policy • Evaluation of drug policy approaches • Comparative drug policy analysis • Legislative/policy changes affecting availability and/or use • Critical reflections on drug demand and supply interventions and the stigmatisation of users • Innovative or controversial interventions in drug policy

## 5. METHODS AND ETHICS

Innovative and mixed methods • Reflexivity in drug research • Sampling, representativeness and bias • Non-representational methods in drug research • Online vs. offline methods • Researching vulnerable populations • Ethical challenges in drug research

### ABSTRACT LAYOUT

1. Max. 1,5 A4 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), portrait photo
5. Contact details: full postal address, telephone, email address(es)
6. Abstract (**not more than 400 words**), including objectives, methodology, significant results and conclusions
7. Technical equipment required for the presentation
8. Word format using a template. This template should be applied to allow the book of abstracts to be assembled without complicated reformatting and communication needs such as requests for additional information!
9. A photo of the presenter(s) to be included in the book of abstracts is appreciated but is not mandatory

### ABSTRACT REVIEW

Abstracts will be reviewed using the following criteria:

- Overall quality
- 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 will be communicated by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**