



Inter-GLAM, *Global perspectives on addictions and drug markets*  
Thematic track in Lisbon Addictions 2022

I-G-sponsored Major session: The globalised illicit drug market

Thursday, 24 November 2022 (Day 2) - 13.20 – 14.50

Main Stage

Type of session: Major Session



Short description/Session abstract:

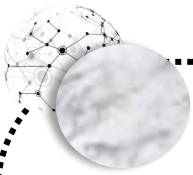
The globalised illicit drug market is marked by resilience, as evidenced by its ability to withstand intentional and unexpected disruption. This panel discussion will explore different aspects of the globalised drug trade and its social impact. The panel discussion will include four presentations by renowned international experts, followed by a structured discussion, drawing out key messages for understanding market-related challenges and highlighting new opportunities for improving future responses.

Session chair

**Roumen Sedefov**

Head of unit, Risks to public safety and security, EMCDDA





## Presentations:

### Peter Reuter

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland, USA



- Presentation title: ***How Robust and Innovative are Illegal Drug Markets?***
- Abstract: No institution has yet created the capacity to forecast drug markets' response to economic development or political instability. Studies of, for example, drug prevalence or drug-related health problems, have failed to find any consistent predictors or indeed evidence of the effectiveness of most policy interventions. I conclude with suggestions for how to strengthen understanding of the consequences of supply reduction interventions.

### Marieke Liem,

Institute of Security and Global Affairs, Leiden University, The Netherlands



- Presentation title: ***To what extent can drug violence indicators tell us something about underlying drug market activity?***
- Abstract: Drugs and violence can be linked in various ways: directly as a result of ingestion, or indirectly: in the context of crimes committed to sustaining drug use. In this presentation, we take a closer look at patterns of drug-related violence in Western Europe.

### David Mansfield

Independent Socio-economist



- Presentation title: ***Drug Markets in Afghanistan***
- Abstract: The presentation will address the following questions and topics: How does drug policy influence the lives, livelihood, and help-seeking of people who use drugs? Elaboration with some case examples/case studies. Narrative personal experience.

### Tuesday Reitano

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- Presentation title: ***The geography of drug markets and hotspots of violence***
- Abstract: The presentation will draw on the GI-TOCs recent paper showing the intersections between insecurity and illicit economies in West Africa, and key findings of our observatories in the Balkans and for the Ukraine in highlighting how drug markets interact with other illicit markets, profiting from and creating reservoirs of violence, and how criminal networks cooperate and shift territories in order to ensure continued supply.