



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

## I-G Session – “Drug policy: socio-political influence, cultural diversity”

Wednesday, 23 November 2022 (Day 1) - 10.50am - 12.20pm  
Conference centre room 1.09 (Insights 1)



Type of session: Structured Session

### Short description/Session abstract:

Drug policy can impact different individuals and communities in different ways. This thematic session will explore drug policy from the perspectives of gender, sensitivity to youth, and people who use drugs. This special session will include presentations from three experts from different parts of the world. The presentation will be followed by a discussion and a question-and-answer session to further explore these themes and potential policy responses.

### Session co-chairs

#### **Abhishek Ghosh**

Associate Professor of Psychiatry & Addiction Psychiatry, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh, India



#### **Dijana Jerkovic**

Postdoctoral Scientific Assistant  
Department of Special Needs Education, Ghent University /  
Manager and Researcher, FENIQS-EU Project





Presentations:

### **Gabriele Fischer**

Associate Professor and Medical Director of the Addiction Clinic, Dept. of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, University of Vienna

- Presentation title: ***Gender-sensitive drug policy***
- Abstract: The presentation will address the following questions and topics: What impact does the drug and alcohol policy have on women? What does a gender-sensitive policy look like? Are there case examples of gender-sensitive policies? Is there any formal evaluation of those policy measures?



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### **Danya Fast**

Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine and Associate Member of the Department of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia

- Presentation title: ***Youth-centered drug policy***
- Abstract: The presentation will address the following questions and topics: Why are young people often left out of drug policy? What does youth-centered drug policy look like? Are there examples of youth-centered policies, programs, and practices from Vancouver, Canada, and elsewhere?



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### **Mat Southwell**

Project Executive at European Network of People who Use Drugs

- Presentation title: ***Perspectives of people who use drugs on drug policy***
- 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.

