

PROGRAMME
CRITICAL DRUG STUDIES SEMINAR

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KRAKÓW, POLAND

Drugged Sociology in the Semi-Periphery: Psychoactive Substances, Governance, and Resistance in Central and Eastern Europe

This seminar launches a new initiative to strengthen critical drug studies in Poland and the CEE region. Organized by the Critical Drug Studies Group (an interdisciplinary research network), the Institute of Sociology at Jagiellonian University, and the Department of Cultural Studies at the University of Opole, this event responds to the persistent gap in social science research on drugs in semi-peripheral contexts.

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SESSION 1: 9.00-11.00

Care and Coercion in Drugged Systems

CHAIR: Justyna Struzik

OAT in Poland: *Is there room for personal autonomy and rights-based care within existing laws and practices?* Katarzyna Urbaniak

Lethal intersections: *Sex work, drug use and the carceral governance,* Agata Dziuban

Assessing Challenges with Polish Health System Access among Forcibly Displaced Ukrainian

Migrants Who Use Opioids, Iwona Bielska, Estera Wieczorek, Konrad Pędziwiatr, Michał Wanke

Analysis of the legislative strategy in the perspective of changing social attitudes towards drugs in Poland from the 1980s until today, Joanna Wójcik

SESSION 2: 11.30-13.30

Patterns, Technologies, and Self-Governing Subjects

CHAIR: Zuzanna Sadowska

Dealing with vendors. *Hybridity of digital drug supply in Poland,* Piotr Siuda, Michał Wanke

Patterns of Codeine Use and Identity Formation: *A Qualitative Literature Review,* Maja Piotrowska

The Place and Functions of Partyworking in the Polish Context, Agata Osowska

Layered Stigma and Silent Struggles: *Gender, Criminalization, and Drug Use Among Women in Central Asia,* Kasia Kowalczyk

SESSION 3: 14.30-16.30

Framing, Thinking and (un)Doing Drugs

CHAIR: Jakub Czerw

Squeezing Addiction into the Juice, Michał Bujalski, Justyna Klingemann

Prohibited Methodologies: *Body and Ethics,* Zuzanna Sadowska

Between Care and Control: *Medicalization, Lived Experience, and Opioid Use in Poland's Restrictive Regime,* Justyna Struzik

"People on stims are more pleasant, less aggressive, less focused on getting to know a partner for the night [...] than people who are drunk...". The ambiguous position of drugs in shaping women's safety in techno clubs, Olga Załęska

SESSION 4: 17.00-19.00

Drug Genealogies, Imaginaries and Resistance

CHAIR: Michał Wanke


ANTI-history of substitution treatment patient associations: *In search of the voice of the marginalized,* Jakub Czerw

The Third Way? *Yugoslavia and the Global Drugs Imaginary during the Cold War,* Mat Savelli

Literary Narratives of Individuals with Substance Use in the Context of the Polish Treatment System During the Political Transition, Julia Dobranowska

"It is Worth Living for this Moment Alone." **Pleasure, Power, and Drug User Infrapolitics in Egor Radov's Short Fiction,** Ryan Hoaglund

After the seminar, join us for an informal workshop on the Special Issue of Polish Sociological Review!

 19:30-21:00

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Let's chat about the special issue in a relaxed and cozy atmosphere. See you there!