

# INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF DRUG POLICY

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### SPECIAL ISSUE: GLOBAL PATTERNS OF DOMESTIC CANNABIS CULTIVATION

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The traditional model of the global cannabis drug trade has been of cultivation in developing world countries (such as Morocco, Mexico, Afghanistan, Lebanon...), with consumer nations of the industrialised west importing the drug. The reality of the global cannabis market has been different for some time now. A number of western developed nations have well-established patterns of domestic cultivation and many more have seen a recent trend of import substitution. Although international trafficking is still a major part of the global cannabis market, more and more countries are finding at least part of their domestic consumption is met by domestic cultivation. Along with the emergence (or, at least, recognition) of domestic cultivation in an increasing number of countries there has been an increase in research into this phenomenon - the people and methods involved in cultivation, the explanatory factors behind import substitution, and the way this has shaped national and international cannabis markets. This special issue aims to critically examine and advance research on differences in the characteristics, motivations, cultivation methods and organisational structures of those individuals and groups involved in cannabis cultivation, as well as the factors that may help to explain these differences (different national contexts, but also different methodologies or samples). It also aims to consider developments in policing, policy and other responses to cannabis cultivation.

Abstracts (not to exceed 350 words) are invited for contributions to a forthcoming special issue of the *International Journal of Drug Policy* (<http://www.journals.elsevier.com/international-journal-of-drug-policy>).

We encourage submissions that address the following topics, though we welcome submissions on other topics related to the theme:

- Explore internationally comparative data on cannabis cultivation in different countries (e.g. differences in the mechanics and organisation of cultivation and in the motivation, demographic profiles and opinions of cultivators)
- theorize and develop models to address the question of variance in patterns of domestic cultivation in the western world; and relate that to contextual differences (e.g. different policies, cultures and economic conditions of different countries and regions).
- examine how patterns of domestic cannabis cultivation vary across subgroups of cannabis growers in individual countries (e.g. building new typologies of cannabis growers, adding to the typologies that have already

- been developed; “medical” versus “recreational” growers, criminal involvement of different types of growers, etc.);
- investigate how patterns of cannabis cultivation affect cannabis users’ pattern of consumption;
  - examine the impacts of cannabis (or more general drug) policies on cannabis cultivation; deterrence of and risk perceptions among cannabis cultivators
  - examine growers’ views on cannabis policies.

Qualitative, quantitative, mixed-methods, and historical research are welcome. Papers must discuss the implications of their findings for policy.

We invite six types of contributions (NB: in rare circumstances word limits may be exceeded with permission from the editors):

- **Research papers:** Research papers are usually based on original empirical analyses, but may also be discursive critical essays. These papers are usually between 3,000 and 5,000 words.
- **Research methods papers:** These papers explore methodological innovations in the field and are usually between 3,000 and 5,000 words.
- **Commentary:** These papers explore in depth a particular topic or issue for debate, and may also include evidence and analysis. The Editor may invite expert responses to commentaries for publication in the same issue. Commentaries are usually between 2,500 and 4,000 words.
- **Viewpoint:** Short comments and opinion pieces of up to 1,200 words which raise an issue for discussion, or comprise a case report on an issue relevant to research, policy, or practice.
- **Policy or historical analysis:** These are focused specifically around contemporary or historical analyses of policies and their impacts, and are usually between 3,000 and 5,000 words.
- **Review:** These papers seek to review systematically a particular area of research, intervention, or policy. Reviews are usually between 4,000 and 8,000 words.

Abstracts should be emailed to [tom.decorte@ugent.be](mailto:tom.decorte@ugent.be) and to [potterg@lsbu.ac.uk](mailto:potterg@lsbu.ac.uk) by May 31. The email subject heading should read “IJDP Special Issue”. The editors will inform authors by June 30 whether to proceed to full submission. If selected, complete manuscripts will be due October 15. All manuscripts are subject to the normal IJDP peer review process. The special issue will be published in 2014.