

**CONTEMPORARY DRUG PROBLEMS CONFERENCE**  
**BEYOND THE BUZZWORD: PROBLEMATISING 'DRUGS'**  
**OCTOBER 3-5, 2011, PRATO, ITALY**

**DAY 1: MONDAY 3 OCTOBER**

9.00 – 9.15	<b>Conference opening</b>	
9.15 – 10.00	<b>Plenary 1</b> Robin Room — Alternative terms for problematising alcohol and drugs: Their conceptual and social implications	
10.00 – 10.30	Morning tea	Morning tea
10.30 – 12.15	<b>Session 1:1 Drugs in pop culture</b> <b>1.</b> Rebecca Tiger — Rock bottom: Celebrity gossip blogs and the moral order of addiction <b>2.</b> Atte Oksanen — Dope Stars Inc.: Affect and addiction in celebrity rehab reality television shows <b>3.</b> David Boothroyd — Narco-cultural studies and the possible futures of 'drugs research' <b>4.</b> Andrea Langlois — Contaminated spaces: The construction of stigma and drug use in the media	
12.15 – 1.15	Lunch	Lunch
1.15 – 3.00	<b>Session 1:2 Problematising policy</b> <b>1.</b> Peter d'Abbs — Alcohol policy as boundary maintenance <b>2.</b> Kenneth Tupper — Discourses & drugs: How language impacts policies and practices that address psychoactive substance use <b>3.</b> John O'Brien — Booming and crashing: Psychoactive substances in Ireland 1995-2010 <b>4.</b> Franca Beccaria — Changes in the conceptualisation of 'alcohol problems' in Italy from the 1970s	<b>Session 1:3 After essence</b> <b>1.</b> David Moore — The ontological politics of knowledge production: Qualitative research in the multidisciplinary drug field <b>2.</b> Peta Malins — An ethico-aesthetic paradigm: Researching drugs with Deleuze and Guattari <b>3.</b> Angus Bancroft — Memory, embodied cognition and intoxication problems <b>4.</b> Kane Race — Pleasure as an event: Drug practice as experimentality
3.00 – 3.30	Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea
3.30 – 5.00	<b>Session 1:4 The substance of stigma</b> <b>1.</b> Suzanne Fraser — Beyond the 'potsherd': Problematisations of injecting drug use and their role in shaping hepatitis C <b>2.</b> Nicola Thomson — Exploring the construction of the 'methamphetamine problem' in Australia <b>3.</b> Simon Flacks — Experiences of stigma and discrimination among young 'problem' substance users in London	<b>Session 1:5 Gendering drug use</b> <b>1.</b> Fiona Martin — Pleasure and pain: Women drug users and the question of agency <b>2.</b> Heid Nøkleby — Transforming bodies: The use of anabolic steroids among male drug addicts <b>3.</b> Paula Mayock — The risk environment of heroin initiation: Gender and power dynamics in the stories of young women
7.00	<b>Conference dinner – venue to be confirmed</b>	

**DRAFT PROGRAM – SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## DAY 2: TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER

9.15 – 10.00	<b>Plenary 2</b> Helen Keane — Addiction and its Others: Diagnosing problems and non-problems in the DSM	
10.00 – 10.30	Morning tea	Morning tea
10.30 – 12.15	<b>Session 2:1 Governing addiction</b> <b>1.</b> Kerstin Stenius & Johan Edman — Redescription of addiction: How the introduction of drug related problems into Finnish (1961) and Swedish (1982) treatment legislation changed the concept of addiction and abusers <b>2.</b> Craig Fry — Addiction and moral agency: Drug user accounts of the impact of addiction on agency, identity and capacities for choice and control <b>3.</b> Mutsumi Karasaki — The problem with ‘addiction’: How addiction is understood in the alcohol and other drug sector in Victoria, Australia <b>4.</b> Jan Blomqvist — A new diseasing of substance use problems in Sweden? Notes on a governmental report	
12.15 – 1.15	Lunch <b>1.00 – 1.15 Book launch:</b> Robin Room will launch <i>The Drug Effect: Health, Crime and Society</i> , edited by Suzanne Fraser & David Moore (Cambridge University Press).	Lunch
1.15 – 3.00	<b>Session 2:2 Consumer versus official discourses</b> <b>1.</b> Robyn Dwyer — Enacting speed and ice: Drug users’ and service providers’ experiences and understandings of methamphetamine <b>2.</b> Katherine McLean — ‘This is not a political agenda’: How contemporary harm reduction may silence the social <b>3.</b> Esben Houborg — Towards a cosmopolitical drug policy? <b>4.</b> Anna Waldstein — ‘Cannabis culture’ and the pursuit of healing: An exploration of non-problematic users’ perceptions, experiences and local knowledge	<b>Session 2:3 Exploring youth</b> <b>1.</b> Amy Pennay — Responding to stigma: Embracing ‘messy’ ecstasy intoxication <b>2.</b> Margaret Peirera — Governing drug use among young people <b>3.</b> Andrej Kirbis — Youth substance use and gender: A study of students in eight post-Yugoslav entities <b>4.</b> David Murray — Young people in custody
3.00 – 3.30	Afternoon tea	Afternoon tea
3.30 – 5.00	<b>Session 2:4 From the pharmacy</b> <b>1.</b> Mark Asbridge — The OxyContin crisis: Problematisation and responsabilisation strategies in addiction, pain and general medicine journals <b>2.</b> Gilbert Quintero — Problematising ‘drugs’ and ‘users’: A cultural assessment of recreational pharmaceutical use among young adults in the US <b>3.</b> Mark Elam – Smoking problematised as nico-rette versus nico-wrong: The Swedish experience	<b>Session 2:5 Drugs and pleasure</b> <b>1.</b> Karenza Moore & Fiona Measham — GBL: The neglected ‘legal high’ <b>2.</b> Marco Borria — The raw pleasures of trashed dancing: Accounts of after-hour clubbing in London, UK <b>3.</b> Geoffrey Hunt — ‘A cool little buzz’: Intoxication, ethnicity and Asian American youth

### DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER

9.00 – 10.45	<b>Session 3:1 Addiction in public discourse</b> <b>1.</b> Caroline Clark — Alcoholism in nineteenth-century Melbourne: Who and what were treated? <b>2.</b> Samantha King — Prescription painkillers: What's the problem? <b>3.</b> Richard Hammersley — The invention and evolution of the disease concept of addiction: Tracing an historiography of the ideation of substance dependency <b>4.</b> Brendan Quinn — 'But I don't need treatment': Why Australia's current treatment options might not be accessed by methamphetamine users	<b>Session 3:2 Regulating drugs</b> <b>1.</b> Gernot Klantschnig — Making West Africa's first drug problem: The colonial state, doctors and soldiers on alcohol and Indian hemp, c.1900-1967 <b>2.</b> Alice Fortini — Illegal drugs and security: A non-Western perspective on the militarisation of drug supply reduction interventions <b>3.</b> Matthew Nesvet — Rethinking opiate dependence: Production, consumption, and the making of disease <b>4.</b> Beatriz Caiuby Labate — Reflections on the international process of regulation of ayahuasca
10.45 – 11.00	Morning tea	Morning tea
11.00 – 12.45	<b>Session 3:3 Thinking through harm reduction</b> <b>1.</b> Christopher Smith — Problematising 'public' health: Harm reduction as anarchist practice <b>2.</b> Meredith Kayess — Re-calibrating problematisations of 'street-based drug injecting addiction': Hybridity, harm minimisation discourses, and the Sydney Medically Supervised Injecting Centre <b>3.</b> Catriona Rooke — Incorporating harm reduction into English tobacco control policy <b>4.</b> Stephen Parkin — Colliding interventions: The problematising of public injecting drug use	<b>Session 3:4 Disciplining drugs</b> <b>1.</b> Mark Stoove — Tales of twisted morality and human rights: Cultural theory of risk in framing the debate on prison needle exchange programs in Australia <b>2.</b> Elaine Hyshka — Social control and coercion in addiction treatment: Client and provider perspectives <b>3.</b> Richard Huggins — The Drugs Intervention Programme: Systemic responses to drug use and 'drug harms' in the risk society <b>4.</b> Mona Lynch & Marisa Omori — The changing 'crack offender' in American federal criminal law
12.45 – 1.00	<b>Conference close</b>	