

# INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF DRUG POLICY

## Call for Papers for a Special Issue

### Drug Use and Drugs Policy in Africa

We are pleased to invite outline abstracts (300 words maximum) for contributions to a forthcoming special issue of the *International Journal of Drug Policy* with a focus on **drug use and drugs policy in Africa**. The *International Journal of Drug Policy* is published monthly as of 2015, has an Impact Factor of 2.47, and is ranked in the top five academic journals in substance use (See: [www.ijdp.org](http://www.ijdp.org)).

We invite the following types of contribution:

- Research papers based on empirical research (~3,500 words)
- Social research papers based on empirical or theoretical research (~5,000, and exceptionally, 8,000 words)
- Review papers, particularly systematic reviews (~4,000 words)
- Policy analysis (~4,000 words) ○ Commentaries (~3,500 words)

At this stage of the call, we are interesting in considering abstracts for papers in any field of drug use (including alcohol and tobacco) and/or drugs policy in African settings. We are also specifically interested in the following:

- Sociological and anthropological research studies investigating the social, cultural and political contexts of drug use, drugs policy and drugs research
- Epidemiological, modelling, evaluation, and multi-variable statistical analyses investigating the patterns and harms of drug use, and/or the impacts of drugs policy or intervention (including in relation to intervention coverage and cost)
- Implementation science on the feasibility, development and delivery of interventions
- Heroin epidemics, the diffusion and harms of injecting drug use, and the risks, prevention and treatment of HIV and viral hepatitis
- The role and development of social and structural intervention approaches to reducing drug-related harm and in approaches to addiction treatment

This special issue will also be **linked to selected papers submitted and presented at the *International Society for the Study of Drug Policy Conference***, in Ghent, Belgium, May 20-22, 2015. You may also therefore submit your same abstract to the conference (deadline: January 15, 2015): [www.issdp2015.ugent.be](http://www.issdp2015.ugent.be).

Once published, this special issue will be made available in print and online, and will also be made available for free access download for a limited period.

The deadline for outline abstracts is **15 January 2015**, but abstracts ***can be submitted at any time from now***.

All selected authors will be invited to submit their papers to the journal for peer review by **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**.

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