



TWIST Session 9: Drug policy developments

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This TWIST Session is open to all Lisbon Addictions Conference participants

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Session Description:

Learning objective(s):

- To give an overview of the drug policy theory and its application in practice
- Based on case studies from the Czech Republic, to show the concept of “window of opportunity” and the role of new and old media in the drug policy
- To have a focused discussion on the applicability of the above in different political and cultural context/s

Scope/main topics covered:

- Drug Policy theory
- Roles of key players in the field
- Ethical issues for scientists and experts in drug policy making

Training/Learning formats:

- Two lectures (30 minutes each) followed with an interactive discussion

Learning outcome(s) (what should the trainee be able to do following the session?):

- To understand the relationships between different segments of drug policy in the liberal democracies, and globally
- To understand the specifics of the morally and politically sensitive issue of illegal drugs and the policies related to it
- To understand the concept of the “window of opportunity” when science can meet policy effectively, and to be able to use it in their everyday work

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SS29 (Health and social responses to drug problems), Plenary Session III – Boundaries of addiction, SS43 (Reconceptualizing etiology)