

Call for Papers:

Drug use and associated harms among people in contact with the criminal justice systems

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Rationale and Objectives:

Drug use and its associated harms are substantially more prevalent among people in contact with the criminal justice systems including people living in prisons and those with a history of imprisonment. In many countries problematic drug use is primarily considered a criminal justice issue, rather than a health problem. In most countries, prison-based harm-reduction interventions e.g. opioid agonist treatment (OAT) and needle and syringe programs (NSP) are either unavailable, or in place with low coverage and quality. After release from prisons, many continue to use illicit drugs that increases the risk of reincarceration and premature death due to drug overdose. Socio-cultural issues including stigma and discrimination, poverty, and lack of access to healthcare services are among the factors that increase the above-mentioned risk.

With the contribution of 40 experts from 10 countries, in 2018 the book “Drug Use in Prisoners: Epidemiology, Implications, and Policy Responses” was published to cover various aspects of drug use and harms in prisons and after release. Four years later, the proposed special issue aims at collecting and disseminating the latest evidence on various aspects of drug use among people in contact with the criminal justice systems. These aspects include but not limited to:

- Epidemiology of drug use and harms
- Socio-cultural predictors
- Prevention
- Treatment
- Gender difference in the use and harms
- Dual diagnosis
- Related infectious diseases

Submission Process:

All submitted manuscripts should reflect research and scholarship that has been conducted in an ethical manner. The formatting and word count should carefully follow the guidelines:
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Please select “Drug use and associated harms among people in contact with the criminal justice systems” when submit the article.

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