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and theoretical tools, including but not limited to those derived from these methods are interpreted? How might these insights enrich qualitative research on diagnostic instruments, treatment systems, government policies, legal processes, health promotion and popular culture? Building on CDP’s three previous conferences, which have opened up questions of how drugs are problematised; how the complexity of drug use might be addressed; and how drug use might be understood as event, assemblage or phenomenon, we now seek submissions for presentations that critically explore and debate the issues posed when we approach science, policy, treatment, law and other practices as constituting the realities they seek to address.

We welcome research from those working in anthropology, cultural studies, epidemiology, history, public policy, sociology, and related disciplines. We also encourage the innovative use of methods, concepts and theoretical tools, including but not limited to those associated with the ontological turn.

Possible topics include consideration of the realities constituted in or by:
- Prohibition and international drug conventions
- Mandated treatment
- Drug courts
- Alcohol and other drug policy
- Education/health promotion in schools and universities
- Harm reduction services and measures
- Neuroscientific approaches to drug effects and addiction
- Monitoring/surveillance systems
- Research on drug trends
- Quantitative measures of alcohol and other drug use
- Qualitative concepts of subjectivity, agency, affect and identity
- Post-qualitative research methods
- Consumer accounts and narratives of drug use, addiction, and recovery
- Medical and other forms of diagnosis/assessment
- Treatment models and practices
- Youth and other drug services
- Social media websites and apps
- Popular culture enactments of drug use

Other relevant topics welcome.

CONFERENCE CONVENORS
Hosted by Contemporary Drug Problems, the National Institute for Health and Welfare (Helsinki, Finland), the National Drug Research Institute (Curtin University, Australia), the Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research (Aarhus University, Denmark), the Centre for Population Health (Burning Institute, Australia), and the Department of Science and Technology Studies (University of Twente, Netherlands), this conference will bring together leading international researchers in drug use and addiction studies from a range of research disciplines and methods — both qualitative and quantitative.

Delegates are invited to submit abstracts of approximately 300 words to cdp@curtin.edu.au by 1 March, 2017. Participation is limited and preference will be given to abstracts that address the conference theme. Abstracts will be reviewed by the conference committee and delegates will be notified of the outcome of their submission in late March, 2017.

CONFERENCE PUBLICATION Following the conference, Contemporary Drug Problems will publish a special issue featuring selected papers from the conference. The journal publishes peer-reviewed social science research on alcohol and other psychoactive drugs, licit and illicit. The orientation of Contemporary Drug Problems is multidisciplinary and international. It is open to any research article that contributes to social, cultural, historical or epidemiological knowledge and theory concerning drug use and related problems. Further information on the journal can be found at http://cdx.sagepub.com/.

FURTHER INFORMATION Future announcements will carry details of accommodation options, conference registration costs and other information for delegates. All queries should be directed to cdp@curtin.edu.au. The call for abstracts will be available on the main conference website.

SATELLITE WORKSHOP: ‘MAKING SENSE OF POLYDRUG USE: CHALLENGES AND RESPONSES’
A satellite workshop on polydrug use, hosted by the Finnish National Institute for Health and Welfare, will be held on Tuesday 22 August, 2017 at Paasitorni. Guest speakers include Aileen O’Gorman (UK) and François Lamy (USA). Participation in the workshop is free. For further details, please contact Pekka Hakkarainen at pekka.hakkarainen@thl.fi or Kati Kataja at kati.kataja@thl.fi. The call for abstracts will be available soon on the main conference website.