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The Harm-Reduction School of Thought: Three Fractions

Harm reduction is seen as a policy community with fractions in dialogue with each other. Three fractions are identified and characterized: a professional "new public health" fraction; a drug-user mutual-help and identity movement fraction; and a global justice fraction opposing the war on drugs, seen as part of a global neo-liberal regime.

TUIKEA TAMMI

Cannabis Careers Reconsidered: Transitions and Trajectories of Committed Long-Term Users

Experienced Toronto cannabis users ages 18–55 were recruited to report on their careers of use in terms of five periods. Most of the 104 interviewed continued to use, but more moderately than in the past, with 70% reporting periods of abstinence and 57% reporting having consciously cut down.

ANDREW D. HATHAWAY

Crystal Methamphetamine Use Among Gay Men in Sydney

An ethnographic paper explores the boundaries and distinctions drawn by four gay men concerning their drug use, the roles of social exchange and intimacy in their injection practices, and the implications of the findings for risk reduction.

SEAN SLAVIN

Measuring Alcohol Consumption

The paper reviews different approaches to measuring alcohol consumption, emphasizing that the measure should be fitted to the research question. Different self-report measures do not yield very different results with a sufficiently long reporting period. Prospective diaries appear to give better results, but commonly cover only short periods. Much of the undercoverage of sales data may reflect exclusions from population sampling frames.

GERHARD GMELE AND JÜRGEN REHM
Alcohol Consumption and Homicides in Canada, 1959–1999

Time series analyses of annual data for Canadian provinces for 1950–1999 showed overall an effect of changes in alcohol consumption on changes in homicide comparable to that found previously for southern Europe. At the provincial level, the relationship was significant for Ontario and Alberta, borderline for British Columbia, but not significant for Quebec and other provinces.

INGEBORG ROSSOF

Alcohol Point-of-Purchase Advertising and Promotions: Prevalence, Content, and Targeting

Alcohol advertisements, promotions and warnings displayed in or outside 1,243 alcohol outlets in 10 urban California communities were counted and analyzed in terms of content and ethnic targeting. Nearly all stores (95%) had interior advertisements, particularly for beer, while 23% lacked the state-required warning sign.

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Books: Review/Commentary

Intoxicated Identities: Alcohol’s Power in Mexican History and Culture, by Tim Mitchell, reviewed by Robin Room.