



## **Social and legal studies of addiction concepts**

### **RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM**

1pm: Introduction and welcome - A/PROF HELEN KEANE (Chair)

SESSION 1: SSAC/NDRI Postgraduate studies in addiction concepts

- How do Australian Drug Courts frame addiction? A Victorian case study  
ELIANA SARMIENTO (PhD student)
- Concepts of addiction among marginalised young people  
LIZ NORMAND (PhD student)
- Constituting addiction in China's drug policy: A case study of compulsory drug detention  
JUDY CHANG (MPhil student)
- Identity work? Constituting the recovering addict in alcohol and other drug treatment  
RENAE FOMIATTI (PhD student)

2.00pm: *AFTERNOON TEA*

2.30pm: SESSION 2: Researching social and legal addiction concepts

- Telling stories, making selves: A critical analysis of addiction biographies  
KIRAN PIENAAR
- Producing continuity and change in drug consumption in the dynamic spaces of daily life  
ELLA DILKES-FRAYNE
- Enacting addiction in screening and diagnostic tools  
ROBYN DWYER
- Addiction veridiction and the emerging role of lawyers as addiction 'quasi-experts'  
KATE SEEAR

3.50pm: *SHORT BREAK*

4.00pm: SESSION 3: Emerging issues and future directions for critical social sciences of addiction

- Thinking 'addiction': Critique and composition  
SUZANNE FRASER
- OPEN DISCUSSION – Facilitated by A/Prof Helen Keane

Close and thanks - A/PROF HELEN KEANE & PROF SUZANNE FRASER

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5.00pm: *Lives of Substance* website launch (see next page for details)



**livesofsubstance.org**

***Please join us to launch this ground breaking new website  
5pm Friday October 7***

What is 'addiction'? How do people experience it? What challenges do they face and how do they cope and thrive? These are some of the questions behind Australia's first dedicated website presenting carefully researched personal experiences of alcohol or other drug addiction, dependence or habit. *Lives of Substance* aims to support people who take drugs, inform the public about their many different life experiences, and act as an information and training resource for professionals. In doing so it offers new perspectives on people often stigmatised and discriminated against.

**Launched by Kate Holden (author of *In My Skin*) and Jenny Kelsall (Executive Officer, Harm Reduction Victoria), with Professor Suzanne Fraser and Dr Kiran Pienaar.**

#### **KATE HOLDEN**

Australian writer Kate Holden is the author of two books: *In My Skin* (2005), an acclaimed drug use memoir which describes a life affected by heroin addiction, and a follow-up book titled *The Romantic: Italian Nights and Days* (2010). Kate wrote a long-running fortnightly column for *The Age* newspaper in Melbourne, and does a variety of freelance writing including short stories, essays and reviews. Her short stories have appeared in several anthologies such as *Readings and Writings* (Readings), *Thanks for the Mammaries* (Penguin) and *The Big Issue*, and her reviews and essays have been published in a range of newspapers and magazines including *Australian Book Review*, *Australian Author* and *New Woman*. Kate is regularly invited to speak at writers' festivals, libraries and events, and really enjoys the opportunity to discuss her writing and meet readers.

#### **JENNY KELSALL**

Jenny Kelsall is the Executive Officer at Harm Reduction Victoria (HRV), Victoria's peer-based drug user organisation. A passionate advocate for harm reduction approaches to drug use and to drug law reform, Jenny has worked on a wide range of peer-based research and education initiatives across Australia and Asia in the areas of HIV, viral hepatitis and injecting drug use. She has contributed to many innovative programs aimed at preventing the transmission of HIV and viral hepatitis, and promoting safer drug use. Before joining HRV, Jenny was based at the Burnet Institute in the Epidemiology and Social Research Unit, and the Centre for Harm Reduction, where her work focussed on blood-borne viruses and injecting drug use.

#### **PROFESSOR SUZANNE FRASER**

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#### **DR KIRAN PIENAAR**

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