Anticipating Drug Legalisation

An SPP Course


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The momentum of change in national and regional level drug policy requires public officials, development agencies, and corporate planners to anticipate an operating environment in which a range of narcotic drugs are legalized. Lessons learned from Uruguay and a number of U.S. states point to the importance of the business, security, health, and education sectors preparing for major shifts in legal and regulatory frameworks. Legalization and decriminalization redefine the traditional risks associated with working in drug consumption, production, and trafficking contexts and have implications for operating procedures, skill sets, budgets, and strategic assumptions. At the same time, drug policy reform processes create new and unanticipated challenges, such as shifts in patterns of organized crime and conflict, and new public health issues that need to be identified and mitigated.

This groundbreaking two-day course provides managers and strategic planners with the intellectual and analytical tools to enable predictive assessment of drug legalization on sector-specific programs and investments in a range of country contexts. The aim of the course is to provide a diversity of stakeholders with the skills and knowledge they need to identify and determine the impact of drug legalization on their activities.
14 May 2015

Understanding Drug Policy

The first day of the course will be interactive, drawing on participant experience and knowledge led by drug policy specialists Julia Buxton and Rick Lines. This sessions will contextualize the drivers of drug policy change, assess key actors and institutions in drug policy debates, and consider the processes through which drug policy reforms are realized.

An introductory session to ground context and current policy through discussion of the history, guiding principles, strategic objectives, and institutions of international drug control, and consideration of national and regional level policy responses. This session will highlight key information sources for drug policy analysis. We will conduct a practical exercise in which we ask participants to consider the legal and historical context in a chosen case study country.

Throughout the first day, we will discuss the performance of drug control legislation and institutions and evaluate the record of drug control and methodologies for assessing performance. We will also consider the unintended and negative consequences of drug control strategies and conduct a practical exercise in which we ask participants to assess the impact of drug control strategies in their case study countries/areas, highlighting success and setbacks in terms of national, regional, and international policy goals. We will also provide tools to analyse negative social, economic, and security consequences of drug policy application.

Another session will explore the drivers of change in drug policy and analyse the pressures to reform international conventions, institutions, and drug strategy. Assessment of change will extend to a mapping of actors, ideas, and institutions influential in devising and implementing reform options—from decriminalization to legalization, extending to the reallocation of ‘drug policy’ to other actors, institutions and treaty frameworks (such as development, health, trade). In a practical exercise we will ask participants to consider the relevance of drug reform lobbies in their case study countries, evaluate the possibilities for reform and assess variables limiting or influencing prospects for policy change.
The second day of the course will be delivered by Tom Wales, a consultant with the global analysis and advisory firm Oxford Analytica. The sessions will develop skills of strategic and policy-relevant analysis and enable participants to develop rigorous scenarios and analytical frameworks in anticipation of possible policy changes ahead.

On the second day, the course will shift to conducting planning, analysis, and projections for an environment of drug legalization, focusing initially on skills needed to critique existing assessments and assumptions, and to conduct alternative analysis. In the morning we will consider the challenges inherent in developing accurate scenarios including the risk of hazardous, overt, and unacknowledged projections, psychological traps, the risk of thin tail focus, and misuse of scenarios, and offer two simulations.

Developing accurate forecasts requires competent risk mapping and skills of trend analysis that are informed by relevant drug sensitive indicators. In the afternoon we will assess how risks, trends, vulnerabilities, and opportunities for advocacy, public sector, and private interests can be identified, mitigated, and exploited in the volatile and unpredictable context of drug policy reform, in particular focusing on index construction, tools for monitoring the political, social and regulatory environment, stakeholder analysis, and development of early warning systems.

A concluding session will assess the priorities and strategies for organizational management in response to drug policy reform, and the use of scenario planning in guiding strategic and institutional change.
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| 9:00–10:45   | Arrival of participants | Welcome  
**Wolfgang Reinicke**  
Introduction to the theme/s  
**Julia Buxton** | Predicting Policy Change  
Simulation I  
**Tom Wales** |   |
| 11:00–12:45  | Understanding Drug Policy  
**Julia Buxton and Rick Lines** | Simulation II  
**Tom Wales** |   |
| 13:30–15:15  | Evaluating the Drug Control Record  
**Julia Buxton and Rick Lines** | The Power and Perils of Futures Analysis  
Discussion and Vote on Drug Policy Scenario Topics  
Bounded Futures  
Work on Scenario I  
**Tom Wales** |   |
| 15:30–17:15  | Reform Trends  
**Julia Buxton and Rick Lines** | Work on Scenario II  
Preparing for Change  
**Tom Wales** |   |
| 17:30–19:00  | Boat tour and welcome reception |   |   |
| 19:30        |   |   | Farewell drinks |
**WEDNESDAY — 13 May**

Most participants will stay in the **IBIS Budapest Heroes’ Square** and the **Star Inn Hotel Budapest**.

**VENUES:**

**IBIS Budapest Heroes’ Square**
Dózsa György út 106
1068 Budapest
Tel: (+36 1) 269 5300

**Star Inn Hotel Budapest**
Dessewffy utca 36
1066 Hungary
Tel: (+36 1) 472 2020
The course will officially begin on Wednesday evening, 13 May, with a dinner reception on Ister Granum boat that leaves from Vigadó tér at 7:30 pm.

The dock number is not known yet. Our staff will pick you up from the School of Public Policy at 7 pm.

From IBIS Budapest Heroes Square to the School of Public Policy at CEU:

Please have the hotel reception call you a cab or take Metro line 1 (yellow line) from Heroes' Square (Hősök tere) to Deák Ferenc Square and walk 5 min to SPP.
From Star Inn Hotel Budapest to the School of Public Policy at CEU:

**MEETING POINT 7 PM:**

**CEU School of Public Policy**
Október 6 utca 7, 1051 Budapest
THURSDAY — 14 May

The course will take place on the first floor of CEU’s School of Public Policy. It will begin at 9:00 am; please arrive at the **CEU School of Public Policy at 8:45 am**.

There are restrooms on all floors. A drink automat is located on the first floor. Coffee breaks and lunches will be served in the same building where the sessions will be held. Smoking is strictly prohibited within five meters of all building entrances.

A multi-faith quiet lounge and prayer room can be accessed on the main CEU campus where participants can unwind and meditate. A room is designated for participants with young children, for quiet time or nursing.

The CEU Medical Center is open to participants with valid medical insurance. There are two qualified English-speaking doctors (male and female) who hold regular consultation hours.

European plugs (220V) are available at CEU.

Wifi is available on campus.

- **Network name:** CEU Guest
- **Password:** Budapest 1991
FRIDAY — 15 May

You are invited to join us for a farewell drink starting at 5:45 pm at Ötkert, just 5 minutes away from SPP.

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A NOTE ON HUNGARY

- **Capital city:** Budapest
- **Population:** ~ 9.9 million
- **Population of Budapest**
  - ~ 1.7 million (city)
  - ~ 3.3 million (including periphery)
- **Language:** Hungarian
- **Religion**
  54.5% Catholic, 19.5% Protestant, 0.2% other Christians, 0.1% orthodox Christian, 0.1% Judaism, 0.1% other.
- **Electric plug details:** European plug with two circular metal pins
- **Country Dialing Code**
  Hungary: 0036 or +36 (00361 or +361 – for Budapest)
  To dial Hungarian numbers from Hungary you can dial:
  06 + 1 xxx xxxx (Budapest), or
  for cellular phone: 06 + 2/3/7 + 0 + xxx xxxx.
- **Money**
  The Hungarian currency is the Forint (HUF).
  1 EUR = 300 HUF, 1 USD = 280 HUF
  You usually CANNOT pay in Euro or US dollars. You can change money at the airport or train stations, but change as little as possible there since exchange rates at this point are bad. It is preferable to instead use one of the many ATMs or cash points across the city.
- **Weather overview**
  May is characterized by abundant sunshine and the weather is generally warm during the day and at night. There is occasional rainfall at this time of year. Daily temperatures rise up to 20–25 degrees, The average maximum temperature is 19°C.
Safety

Budapest is a safe city but as with other popular tourist destinations you need to be vigilant. In particular three risks we wish you to avoid are:

- Do not pick a cab on the street, call a cab. A reliable company is CITY TAXI, at +36 1 211 1111. Make sure the meter is set at the pick up rate of 470 HUF before you begin any journey.

- Shops, bars and restaurants may give the wrong change as a result of frequent visitor confusion over the multiple zeros in the currency.

- For male participants: young women may approach you and ask to buy them drinks or offer to take you to clubs and bars. Male tourists who take them up on these offers will find that the women are in the employ of local bars and clubs, resulting in a hefty bill at the end of the night.

Public transport

Budapest has an excellent public transit system consisting of subways, buses, trolleys, trams, and electric commuter trains called HÉV. Tickets are available at all Metro stations from automated machines, and most stations also have cashiers at ticket windows. As the machines aren’t always reliable, you are best off buying tickets directly from the cashier. Tickets can also be bought at some newsstands, tram stops, and on some buses, but to be safe you are probably better off purchasing them at the Metro station and keeping a supply with you. Tickets can be bought individually, discounted in books of 10, or in the form of daily, weekly, or monthly passes. You need to validate your ticket before starting your trip on the Metro or immediately upon boarding a bus, tram, trolley, or commuter train. Insert the ticket into the machines at Metro station entrances and in the red or yellow boxes on trams, buses, and trolleys. The yellow boxes automatically stamp the ticket, but you must pull the black lever on the red boxes towards the ticket to punch it.
Tickets are valid for 60 minutes after they have been stamped or for 90 minutes on the night service. Passes and tickets are checked by inspectors at random and you will be fined HUF 6,000 on the spot if you cannot produce your pass or validated ticket. If fined, get a receipt, as foreigners are sometimes overcharged. Public transportation runs from 4:30 am until 11 pm and is both regular and frequent. Night trams and buses run on an abbreviated schedule. Schedules are posted at all stops and detailed system maps are posted in all Metro stations.

Emergency Numbers

Any kind of emergency: 112
Police: 107
Ambulance: 104
Fire-fighters: 105
IF YOU STAY FOR THE WEEKEND...

Budapest Spas

Among the most popular attractions of Budapest are its thermal baths, now renowned throughout the world. Its unique facilities were fully recognized by Roman legionaries over 2000 years ago. Most of the baths open today were established by the Turks, examples of which (the Rudas and the Király Baths) are still in operation after five hundred years. The Széchenyi Thermal Baths, built at the beginning of the 20th century and the first healing baths in Pest, is the biggest bathing complex in Europe. It is also very reminiscent of the Roman, Greek, and Eastern styles of bathing.
Szentendre

Szentendre is a riverside town in the county of Pest near Budapest. It is known for its museums (most notably the Open-Air Ethnographic Museum), galleries, and artists. Due to its historic architecture and easy rail and river access, it has become a popular destination for tourists staying in Budapest. There are many facilities, including souvenir shops and restaurants, catering to these visitors.
Vienna

Vienna is the capital of the Republic of Austria. It is the largest city in Austria with its population of almost 2 million, as well as its cultural, economic, and political center. As the former home of the Habsburg court and its empires, the city still has the trappings of the imperial capital it once was. The historic city center is inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. If you are interested in spending the weekend in Vienna, touring museums, cafes or visiting imperial palaces we can facilitate the purchase of train tickets from Budapest which include public transportation in Vienna. The ticket costs 33 Euro (9,800 HUF), + optional seat reservation 6 Euro (HUF 1,770). The train ride takes 2 hours and 45 minutes one way. You will have to take your passport with you.
We are providing you with a limited amount of preliminary reading for the two day course. You have been given access to an e-learning site that contains all pre-course readings. If there are particular areas of interest that you would like to follow up on, we will endeavour to provide you with further reading upon completion of the course.

- Instituto Igarape (2015) *Measurement Matters; Designing New Metrics for a Drug Policy that Works*

The aim of the course is to engage with the risks and opportunities that possible legalization of drugs poses for a range of sectors and the uncertainty around the process of drug policy reform more broadly. In preparation for the second day of the course, we would please like you to jot down a few ideas in relation to the following:

1) Please prepare a short list of the **most significant drug policy challenges** you are facing or expect to face over the next five years.

2) Please prepare a list of **conditions you are certain will prevail in the drug policy sphere** over the next 5–10 years (e.g. cocaine trafficking will remain illegal).

3) Please prepare a list of **observable trends that you believe are likely to persist** over the next 5-10 years (e.g. methamphetamine trafficking will continue to see its market share rise vis-à-vis other illegal narcotics).
COURSE DIRECTOR

Julia BUXTON

Professor of Comparative Politics and Associate Dean, CEU School of Public Policy

Dr Julia Buxton is a specialist on South America and the region’s rapidly evolving political, economic, and security architecture. She is an expert on Venezuela, receiving her PhD from the London School of Economics, where she also studied for her MA (Distinction) in comparative politics. She is a member of the Latin American Studies Association and has served as track chair for Violence and (In) Security. Her current research focuses on the changing dynamics of the Inter-American Security System that frames relations between North and South America and the implications of new regional peace and security norms for hemispheric ties.

FACULTY

Rick LINES

Executive Director, Harm Reduction International

Dr Rick Lines is Chair of the International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy at the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex. He is the Executive Director of Harm Reduction International, a post he has held since 2010, and has previously held senior positions with NGOs in both Canada and Ireland. Rick is recognised internationally for his leading work in the areas of international drug control law, prisoners’ rights, harm reduction and the death penalty for drug offences, and regularly speaks and publishes on these and other topics. His recent work focuses on the relationship between international drug control law and international human rights law, and on frameworks for treaty interpretation between these two legal regimes. He is a visiting fellow at the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and a visiting lecturer at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway. He is also a member of...
the UN’s Strategic Advisory Group on Injecting Drug Use, and the Human Rights Reference Group to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Rick holds masters degrees in both sociology and international human rights law, and a PhD in law.

**Kasia MALINOWSKA-SEMPRUCH**  
**Director, Open Society Global Drug Policy Program**

Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch directs the Open Society Global Drug Policy Program, which provides grants to initiatives advocating an evidence-based approach to drug policy worldwide and encourages greater scrutiny of current international drug policy. A major contributor to the debate about the interplay of drug use and HIV, she previously headed the Open Society International Harm Reduction Development program, introducing and significantly scaling up access to needle exchange and substitution treatment across Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Before joining OSF, Malinowska-Sempruch worked for UNDP in New York and then Warsaw. She co-authored Poland’s first national AIDS program and has helped formulate policy at the Global Fund, the WHO, the Millennium Challenge, and other bodies through her membership of various expert boards and committees. She has authored or co-authored dozens of policy and scientific papers for scientific journals and book chapters including “Global HIV/AIDS Medicine” and “Public Health and Human Rights, Evidence-Based Approaches,” as well as articles for the international press. She received the Norman E. Zinberg Award for Achievement in the Field of Medicine in 2007 and the Gold Order Medal from the Polish Ministry of Justice in 2000 for work on HIV in prisons.

**Wolfgang H. REINICKE**  
**Founding Dean, CEU School of Public Policy**

Professor Wolfgang H. Reinicke is the founding dean of the School of Public Policy (SPP) launched at Central European University in September 2011. He is also director of the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) and a nonresident senior fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. His areas of expertise include global governance, global finance, inter-

**Tom WALES**

**Consultant, Oxford Analytica**

Dr Tom Wales joined Oxford Analytica in 2005. He specializes in analytical integrity and methodology, in the fallibility of expert predictions, and in long-term contingency and scenario planning. Tom is co-author of *The Politics and Strategy of Clandestine War* (Routledge 2006) among many other publications, and holds a PhD on the early history of the Anglo-American intelligence relationship from the University of Edinburgh (2005). He served as an aide to the late Air Marshal Lord Tim Garden, former assistant chief of the UK Defence Staff, and worked as a risk management analyst for Chase Manhattan Corporation in the City of London, where his principal work was on fund counterparties of the Bank in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. A magna cum laude graduate in history from Harvard College (1999), Tom held a University Studentship/Scholarship at Edinburgh, where he earned an MSc with distinction in history in 2002.
COURSE PARTICIPANTS

Hurso ADAM
London South Bank University | Nigeria

Hurso obtained a master’s in international development management from the Bradford Centre for International Development (BCID) and has a BSc in political science from the University of Maiduguri, Nigeria. His professional experience spans the civil service and academia. Between 2006 and 2010 he worked as administrative officer at Borno State’s Local Government Service Commission and is now an Assistant Lecturer (on study leave) at the Department of Political Science of Kashim Ibrahim College in Borno State where he trains teachers for Nigeria’s basic education sector at the National Certificate in Education (NCE). He is a founding member of the newly formed Noble Educational & Empowerment Development Initiative (NEEDI). Presently Hurso pursues a PhD on the politics of natural resources and conflict in Africa at London South Bank University.

Kalin ANGUELOV
Promena Movement | Bulgaria

Kalin graduated from Sofia University in 2002 with a master’s degree in law. Since 2003 he has practiced as an advocate member of the Sofia Bar Association. During a sabbatical in 2010 he obtained a master’s degree in international and European public law from the University of Tilburg. Since 2003 he has also been a member of the Promena Movement, an NGO pushing for cannabis legalization. In 2012 Kalin became a member of the first Ministry of Health working group established to reform Bulgarian drug policy. In 2013–2014 he defended an MS patient accused of growing cannabis plants. The first-instance acquittal was declared “an event of the week” by the national TV audience. In 2014 he participated in the first extraordinary session of the National Council of Narcotic Drugs for Medical Marijuana.
Jovana ARSENIJEVIĆ

NGO Re Generation  |  Serbia

Jovana is a PhD candidate and has a master’s degree in public health. She has seven years of professional experience in creating and improving the quality of health programs for vulnerable populations, drug users in particular, working in both civil society and the governmental sector. Throughout her professional career she gained significant experience and qualifications as an author and coordinator of the pilot program for young injecting drug users. She also served as national coordinator of two international projects aimed at monitoring national drug policies. Jovana is the executive director of the NGO Re Generation, a leading drug policy organization in Serbia. She is especially interested in drug policy research and analysis, as well as in advocating for progressive drug policies.

Yingxi BI

International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy, National University of Ireland Galway  |  China

Yingxi is a senior research associate at the International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy. She has regularly presented and published on the development of a human rights-based approach to drug policy. She holds an LLB in law and an LLM in criminal law from Beijing Normal University and recently successfully defended her PhD thesis on drug policies and human rights at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland Galway. She has studied issues such as the death penalty for drug offenders, drug detention of drug users, drug testing, and prohibition of personal use of drugs for religious and cultural purpose in line with human rights principles. Her main research interests are: drug law and implementation in China; drug policy and human rights; drug policy and international law; and compulsory drug treatment.
Sourabh CHAKRABORTY
Jodhpur School of Public Health | India

Sourabh has been working at the intersection of demography, evaluation, and public health for past ten years. He has worked for respected international organizations like Pathfinder International, Population Services International, India Health Action Trust (University of Manitoba), ITECH (University of Washington), Kusuma Foundation, and UNDP and currently serves as head of department at the Jodhpur School of Public Health (JSPH). He has a master’s in population studies from the Banaras Hindu University and a PhD from the International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai. Sourabh is taking the lead in preparing the master’s curriculum for JSPH’s Harm Reduction and Human Rights track.

Sergii DVORIAK
Ukrainian Institute on Public Health Policy | Ukraine

Sergii was trained in psychiatry, addictology, and public health in Odessa Medical University, the Serbsky State Scientific Center for Social and Forensic Psychiatry (Moscow), Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore), and the NIDA Clinical Trial Network (Philadelphia). He now heads the board of the charity organization Ukrainian Institute on Public Health Policy, which leads on the implementation of medically assisted treatment for IDUs in Ukraine and also provides research and training. He is a PI and Co-PI in the area of drug treatment and prevention of HIV among PWID and prison populations. He is also the executive director of the Eurasian Professional Association of Addiction Medicine, an organization that unites narcologists and addictologists from FSU countries. Sergii has authored more than 50 publications in peer-reviewed journals on addictology and public health issues. During 2009–2010, as a consultant for UNODC in Central Asia, he designed the five-year action plan for the provision of OST in Central Asia and Azerbaijan. He is a member of Directors’ Board of the European Opiate Addiction Treatment Association and on the board of editors of the Heroin Addiction and Related Clinical Problems journal. In 2011
and 2014, he was elected as council member of the International AIDS Society. He is working also as a consultant for the WHO and UNODC.

Mauricio FIORE
Brazilian Drug Policy Platform | Brazil

Mauricio has a PhD in social sciences from the University of Campinas. He is a researcher at the Brazilian Centre for Analyses and Planning and a scientific coordinator at the Brazilian Drug Policy Platform. He was one of the founders of the Interdisciplinary Group for Psychoactive Studies, the largest Brazilian network in drug studies, and is a board member of the Brazilian Association of Social Studies on Psychoactive Substances. Since 2001, he has researched different perspectives of psychoactive drugs and published many books, chapters, and papers. He has worked as a research consultant on drug use, social development, and violence and actively participated in the debate on drug policy reform. In 2014, he received the Open Society fellowship for Latin America, an advocacy fellowship program on drug policy reform in London.

Asmin FRANSISKA
Indonesian Coalition for Drug Policy Reform (ICDPR) | Germany

Asmin is a Fulbright scholar and a doctorate candidate at the Justus Liebig University in Giessen, Germany, where she is writing her dissertation on decriminalization approaches for Indonesian drug policy reform. She received her master’s degree in international human rights law from Northwestern University’s School of Law in 2003. A lecturer at Atma Jaya Law Faculty, Indonesia, Asmin specializes in human rights, women, and children protection law. Since 2009, she has been ICDPR coordinator. She received an award from the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISDDP). As a human rights activist, she defends people who use drugs before the court. Asmin is also an editor of the *International Journal on Human Rights and Drug Policy*, and a technical advisor at the Global Drug Policy Observatory at Swansea University.
Juan Manuel GALÁN

Congress of Colombia | Colombia

Juan Manuel Galán was born in 1972 in Bogotá where he lived until 1989, the year his father, presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galán Sarmiento, was assassinated by a drug cartel. He studied political science at Sciences Po and obtained a master’s in international politics at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, also in Paris. He also has a master’s degree in foreign service and security from Georgetown University. As a Colombian Senator since 2006, he helped pass important bills such as bill 1566 that established addiction as a problem of public health and bill 1680 which guarantees access to technology, information and communication for people with limited eye sight. He also co-authored bill 1621 which established the legal framework for intelligence and counterintelligence organizations to accomplish their goals while respecting human rights. He is currently initiating a bill that seeks to regulate medical cannabis in Colombia so it can be used for therapeutic and scientific purposes. In Congress, Senator Galán is the president of the First Commission on Constitutional Issues, member of the Commission of Territorial Organization and Decentralization and also presiding over the Victims Law Commission.

Yuliya GEORGIEVA

Initiative for Health Foundation | Bulgaria

Yuliya has been involved in harm reduction and drug policy activities for the past 12 years. In addition to the knowledge she has gained working in Bulgaria, she has a good understanding of the international and particularly European developments in the area of harm reduction and drug policy. She worked closely with the three important harm reduction target groups: drug users, sex workers and LGBT. As an advocacy coordinator, trainer and outreach worker at the Initiative for Health Foundation she established networks with organizations working globally on creating new and successful policies for drug users. As a researcher at the ECIP Foundation, she analyzed the right to sexual diversity among youth in the educational context.
Kieran HAMILTON
University of the West of Scotland/Students for Sensible Drug Policy UK | United Kingdom

Kieran Hamilton is a PhD researcher in Alcohol and Drug Studies at the School of Media, Culture and Society at the University of the West of Scotland. His research interests include novel psychoactive substances, the relationship between the Internet and drug use, and online and offline harm reduction networks. His current research focuses on online drug using communities as sites of resistance to dominant drug discourse. Kieran is also policy and communications officer for Students for Sensible Drug Policy UK, an organization that represents young people and students in advocating for evidence-based drug policy reform in the UK and internationally.

Raymond Joseph HARRY
Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) India

Raymond is a master’s student in electrical engineering and computer science at IIT, Madras. He is interested in analyzing policy through the tools provided by several quantitative methods. Raymond has authored a number of publications in machine learning (big data) methods. He recently completed an analysis of transportation policy in New Delhi that showed that the city loses about $8 billion per year; and that it could save about $5 billion per year by implementing one policy directive: designating exclusive lanes for buses.

Fatimah JAJERE
National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) | Nigeria

Fatimah graduated with an MBBS from the University of Maiduguri, Borno state, and holds a post-graduate diploma in family medicine from the National Post Graduate Medical College of Nigeria. She is currently working with NAFDAC which monitors the import, export, advertisement, sale, and administration of all drugs, cosmetics, food, and chemicals.
Fatimah is involved in the development of various national policies and guidelines both for healthcare providers and marketing authorization holders. As part of her engagement with a newly incorporated NGO called Noble Educational & Empowerment Development Initiative (NEEDI), she visits victims of the Boko Haram insurgency.

Andres LOPEZ VELASCO
Ministry of Justice | Colombia

Andres has been working with the Colombian government in the field of drugs since 2007. He has a background in the national regulatory system for narcotics and psychotropics as well as technical aspects related to these substances. He is currently an advisor working for the National Directorate for Drug Policy of the Ministry of Justice and Law. In this position he lends support on technical aspects related to the generation and use of scientific and technical evidence intended to develop and evaluate drug policies. He is an expert on synthetic drugs and new psychoactive substances, on the illicit production of cocaine, on purity and chemical features of drugs, the internal markets of these substances, alternative uses of coca, and the possible legal regulation of cannabis for medical purposes. He previously worked at the National Fund of Narcotics within the Ministry of Health, as the chief of the Vigilance and Control Office. He holds a BS in chemistry as well as an MS from the National University of Colombia.

Marcio MAGALHAES TEIXEIRA
Central European University | Brazil

Marcio is a federal civil servant and specialist in public administration who seeks to strengthen the administration’s capacity to design and implement policies at the strategic level. In the last four years, Marcio worked in the Ministry of Cities as an advisor of the National Secretariat for Transport and Urban Mobility. His main responsibilities included initiating a dialogue with mayors, governors and their technical staff to gather information on federal funding of local projects. Marcio graduated from the University of Brasilia as a network
engineer (2005) and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in public policy within CEU’s Erasmus Mundus program.

**Ana MAGI**

**Hungarian Association of NGOs for Drug Prevention and Harm Reduction | Hungary**

Ana is a psychologist who is completing her PhD at Eötvös Loránd University. She works as project manager for the Hungarian Association of NGOs for Drug Prevention and Harm Reduction (MADÁSZSZ) since 2010. MADÁSZSZ’ mission is to increase the collective effectiveness of the activities in the fields of prevention and harm reduction. Its main activities include offering professional support and assisting communication among member NGOs. It also organizes trainings and conferences, spreading international best practices and possible solutions for organizational challenges.

**Roman MAKUKHA**

**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) | Ukraine**

Roman has been a police expert on countering illicit drugs within the Transnational Threats Department of the OSCE Secretariat in Vienna since 2013. Prior to joining OSCE, he worked as a freelance expert with the Ukrainian consulting group Radychi in Kyiv. For six years he has been working as an officer with Ukraine’s security service, providing analytic advice to state bodies in the sphere of security policy. He has extensive experience in implementing projects in the domain of combating terrorism, organized crime, corruption, and trafficking. Roman has a doctorate in law and an MA in security studies and is a qualified lawyer who has authored over 30 publications in the field of law and security.
Oscar PARÉS
International Center for Ethnobotanical Education Research & Service (ICEERS) | Spain

Oscar is deputy director of ICEERS. He has degrees in philosophy and anthropology and a master’s in drug dependencies from the Universidad de Barcelona. He trained as a volunteer at Energy Control, a Spanish NGO known for its testing program in nightlife settings. He subsequently collaborated with the Subdirección General de Drogodependencias in the government of Catalonia carrying out risk reduction programs in the nightlife context. He has experience in coordinating events such as the 1st Forum of Cannabis Associations of Catalonia (2012) and the 2014 World Ayahuasca Conference and participated actively in the 2012 Conferencia Latinoamericana de Políticas de Drogas in Bogotá and in two editions of the Diálogo de Expertos in Uruguay and Amsterdam, in 2013. Oscar is in charge of a number of social networks related to drug policy, and is the principal author of the OSF Drug Policy Report Pioneering Drug Policy in Catalonia: Innovation Born of Necessity.

Lucas PEÑA LOPERA
University of Bradford | Colombia

Lucas is a sociologist who was awarded the Rotary World Peace Fellowship that enabled him to pursue a master’s degree in conflict, security, and development at the University of Bradford. He previously worked at the Ministry of Agriculture of Colombia dealing with land grabbing and land restoration issues, and at the Government Land Entitlement Office for Ethnic Groups. He served at the Organization of American States as national field officer during the militias’ demobilisation between 2005 and 2010 in several regions of Colombia. His academic interests are peace-building and peace processes, land grabbing, land conflicts and land governance reform, post conflict policies, victims redress, and security sector reform.
Frederik POLAK
Netherlands Drug Policy Foundation | Netherlands

Frederik studied medicine, psychiatry and psychoanalysis in Amsterdam and is a member of the board of the Netherlands Drug Policy Foundation and the co-author of *Drug Control Through Legalization*, a report on the necessity and feasibility of legal drug regulation (1994). From 1990-2003 he was a consultant psychiatrist at the Drug Department of the Amsterdam Municipal Health Service. He was also a member of the Steering Committee of the European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies (ENCOD), and president of ENCOD from 2009 to 2013.

Edoardo POLIDORI
Addiction Service of Forlì, Emilia Romagna | Italy

Edoardo is a doctor who specializes in public health and preventive medicine. He has been working in the field of drug addiction since 1982. He is the executive manager of the Addiction Unit of Forlì, Emilia Romagna Region and also consults for the regional government in the harm reduction field. He is a member of the executive board of the NGO Itaca (which is part of the Civil Society Forum) and a member of the most important national scientific associations in Italy in the field of addictions. Edoardo is the co-author of the national guidelines on harm reduction. His most recent activities have focused on drug abuse prevention interventions for young people and information on drugs targeted to adults (teachers, parents, educators). Within the Addiction Unit he established a drugs documentation center that collects non-scientific material on drugs.
Jako SALLA

Ministry of Justice | Estonia

Jako, a criminologist with an MA in public administration, is currently undertaking his PhD in sociology at Tallinn University. His interests include violence, penal policy, imprisonment, juvenile justice, and drug policy. Jako previously worked in the field of youth crime prevention. Since 2005 he has been working with the Criminal Policy Department of the Estonian Ministry of Justice; he currently heads its analysis division. Jako is interested in methods that reduce the supply of drugs, do less harm, and that are scientifically proven to work. Other topics that interest him are public attitudes towards drugs and penal thinking.

Lara SAMPAIO

Central European University | Brazil

Lara is a civil servant within Brazil’s Federal Government. She has worked for five years in this sphere, initially at the Office of the Comptroller General on corruption prevention measures, and then at the Ministry of Justice as an advisor to the Vice-Minister. There she has contributed to the formulation and the monitoring of policies directly related to illicit drugs, such as the national program launched in 2012 to prevent drug use, combat its trafficking and offer expanded treatment options for drug users, and the National Strategic Plan for Borders Control aimed at equipping police and army forces to combat drug trade. She holds a bachelor degree in law from the Federal University of Pernambuco and is currently a master’s student of public policy within CEU’s Erasmus Mundus program.
Sergio SANCHEZ-BUSTOS
Fundación Latinoamérica Reforma | Chile

Sergio is an expert on drug policy who has worked in the field for 13 years. Together with five other medical doctors he created the foundation *Latinoamerica Reforma* which works for drug policy reform. He advised the Chilean medical association to allow medical cannabis for five years before the government finally allowed it in 2013. Sergio served as medical advisor in the Municipalidad de la Florida’s project of medical cannabis crops in 2014. He was later medical advisor of the Public Health Institute (Ministry of Health) on drug policies and continued to advise the House of Representatives during the drug law revision process.

Anna SARANG
Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice | Russia

Anna is a public health activist from Moscow and the founder of the Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice—the main advocacy group fighting for the rights and health of people who use drugs. For the past 16 years, Anna’s work has focused on developing and supporting the emerging harm reduction movement in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia through training and networking activities. Anya obtained an MS in drugs and drug policy from the University of London. Her research interest in sociology focuses on human rights, structural violence, and access to prevention and treatment for drug users in Russia. Anna has been recognized as a courageous and effective advocate for human rights and evidence-based public health: in 2004 she was awarded the International Rolleston Award (for outstanding contribution to Harm Reduction); in 2011 a Crystal of Hope Award for ARF efforts to advocate for humane and effective HIV services (despite the government’s opposition); and in 2012 the Human Rights Watch/Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network award for action in HIV and Human Rights.
Nicky SAUNTER

Transform Drug Policy Foundation | United Kingdom

Nicky is the CEO of Transform Drug Policy Foundation and has 20 years’ experience of setting up, building, managing, and financing companies, from retail to manufacturing, with a strong emphasis on sustainability and social enterprise. Co-founder of the Bristol-based coffee house group, The Boston Tea Party, Nicky more recently headed up the social enterprise Learning From The Land and the award-winning eco acoustics firm, The Woolly Shepherd. Throughout her life she has also contributed to and worked for causes she feels strongly about, from Friends of the Earth, Médecins Sans Frontières, and Amnesty International, to the Somerset Wildlife Trust, where she continues as a trustee. Nicky originally studied Chinese at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London before working in Hong Kong, the Netherlands, and the US. She lives in the UK’s rural county of Somerset and is currently re-wilding a 3-acre landholding. Nicky came to learn about drug policy reform through her passion for human rights and the environment, and is keen to communicate the benefits of drug regulation to a mainstream audience.

Yvonne Aileen SIBUEA

PERFORMA—Advocacy Network for Drug Policy Reform | Indonesia

Yvonne chairs the Pelopor Perubahan Institute, a research and advocacy organization located in Semarang City, Central Java, that concerns itself with the health and human rights of people who use drugs. She pioneered the establishment of drug user organizations in Indonesia and worked with a number of networks to advocate for prison reform. In 2009 Yvonne and her colleagues launched www.napzaindonesia.com, a news portal which covers drug policy and promotes a non-punitive approach to tackle drug-related issues.
Alexander SMIRNOV
Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice | Russia

Alexander studied Slavistics and German (Moscow/Vienna/Berlin) and worked for several magazines, specializing on drug policy and harm reduction. He engaged with the first harm reduction project in Moscow doing consultation street work and also worked at a drug user consulting center in Berlin. For the last five years he has edited content for the Andrey Rylkov Foundation. Alexander is active as a blogger, social and media activist, focusing on human rights policy in Russia, especially the persecution of drug users and addicts. He is a member of the LGBTIQ community and is regularly invited as an expert on drug policy to conferences, both as lecturer and trainer (in cooperation with, e.g., ENPUD, AIDS-Alliance, and Médecins Sans Frontières). Alexander is also a performance artist, poet (several books published since the late 80s), a songwriter, and a front singer in a Reggae-Punk rock band.

Jan STOLA
Youth Organisations for Drug Action | Poland

Jan received a degree in social policy from the University of Warsaw in 2013. Since 2007, he has been involved in various NGOs that work on issues related to drugs, including Free Hemp Poland, Release, Talking Drugs and the Polish Drug Policy Network. In 2011, he co-founded the Students’ Drug Policy Initiative (SDPI) which later formed a national association of which he remains president. SDPI supports drug policies based on scientific evidence, human rights, education and a public health approach. In 2012, Jan co-founded the Youth Organisation for Drug Action (YODA), which was formally registered in Poland as a foundation in 2013 and which currently unites ten organizations, representing the voice of young Europeans with regard to drug laws and regulations that affect them.
David SUBELIANI
Movement 02.06 / Marijuana Decriminalization
Movement of Georgia | Georgia

David is a project manager currently employed by a commercial bank. Prior to joining the bank, he worked for over ten years in the development field, providing training and consultancy for local NGOs and heading large internationally funded projects in the area of child welfare, life skills, and youth employment. He holds a BA in psychology (Tbilisi University, 1999), and an MA in development studies (ISS, Erasmus University, 2002). David became active in drug policy in 2013, when he and his friends formed Movement 02.06 which organized the first Marijuana Rally in Georgia. They held another rally last year and plan to hold it annually. Movement 02.06 facilitates active media involvement in the drug policy debate, acts as an advocacy group for victims of the current policy, and works with MPs to draft legislative changes.

Marcella TOVAR THOMAS
Secretary of Social Wellness, Bogotá | Colombia

Marcella is a philosopher with experience as a teacher, assistant professor, and evaluator of programs and projects in Colombia and Europe. In the past eight years and in the context of harm reduction projects she has specialized on issues related to drug policy reform. She has worked at the Council of Bogotá as a consultant where she promoted new approaches to drug policy, and as a coordinator in the Security Direction of the Secretary of Government of Bogotá, where she designed and implemented human security programs for youth. She is now an advisor to the Secretary of Social Wellness in Bogotá, designing and implementing medical cannabis consumption centers for basuco addicts. Marcella is also the co-founder of CPAT, a think tank that addresses post-conflict issues.
Eduardo VERGARA
Asuntos del Sur / Latin American Drug Policy and Public Opinion Observatory (OPDOP) | Chile

Eduardo is the founding director of Asuntos del Sur, a think tank, and OPDOP, a regional barometer that measures indicators in nine Latin American countries. He specializes in drug policy, issues of drug trafficking, international security, crowd violence and control, and human rights. He studied political science at the University of Portland (BA) and California State University (MA) and graduated from Sciences Po (MPA) with a concentration in human security where he received the Eiffel excellence scholarship. Eduardo has also pursued studies on drug policy and human rights at CEU in Budapest. He is a member of the Organized Crime Observatory for Latin America and the Caribbean, has co-authored the book *From repression to regulation: proposals for drug policy reform* and has written other academic and policy briefs. He ran for a seat in the Chilean National House of Representatives in 2013.

Luis VILLALOBOS
Organization of American States (OAS) | Peru

Luis works at the Inter American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) of the OAS in Washington, DC. Over his 15 years at CICAD, he has worked on several different projects and areas due to the constantly changing nature of the drug phenomenon in our hemisphere. He is currently a project management specialist and has, over the five years, worked and collaborated on the implementation of drug demand reduction programs in Latin America. Luis graduated from the Robert H. Smith School of Business of the University of Maryland and earned a degree in business with an specialization in management. In addition, he obtained an MA in applied economics from Johns Hopkins University in 2005.
Ana VILLASUSO ESCARTIN
AVE Project | Mexico

Ana has a degree in psychology and a master’s degree in drug addiction from the Complutense University (Madrid). She is a life coach certified by the International School of Coaching in Barcelona and a certificate in psychotherapy and coaching assisted with horses. Ana has over 15 years of experience in the design, planning, and operation of programs for prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and research in addictions. She has held senior management positions at government level and in the private sector developing innovative programs in addictions. Ana has also been a UN project coordinator for the region of Mexico and Central America and an addiction psychotherapist in Spain. She is dedicated to serving vulnerable populations in prevention and treatment of addictions and the development of public policies on drugs.

Frank WARBURTON
All-Party Parliamentary Group on Drug Policy Reform | United Kingdom

Frank is a UK-based consultant carrying out research, evaluation, project implementation, and report writing in the fields of drugs, crime, justice, human rights, and social exclusion. He previously held senior positions in the NGOs DrugScope, Nacro, and the consultancy organization Matrix. He is currently working for two All-Party Groups in the UK—the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Drug Policy Reform and the APPG on the Abolition of the Death Penalty. He also works with the UK Institute for Criminal Policy Research to assist with the development of consultancy assignments and has recently completed a temporary assignment as interim director of the International Centre for Prison Studies. Frank is an associate of Sheffield Hallam University and has worked with them on evaluations of payment by results initiatives in reducing custody and on research into effective collaboration in rehabilitation. He has recently prepared a guide for parliamentarians on the abolition of the death penalty on behalf of the World Coalition against the Death Penalty and is currently working on the preparation of three papers for the APPG for Drug Policy Reform on drug policy in the UK—the introduction of a scheme to regulate the medical use of cannabis, the cost benefits of drug policy reform, and evidence-based governance in drug policy.
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**Director of SPP’s Global Policy Academy**

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Pusa has a BA in law from the University of Bucharest, an MA in human rights from CEU and is at present a doctoral student at the Graduate School of Education, Bristol University, UK. At SPP’s Global Policy Academy, her responsibilities include identifying institutional partners for the courses, managing events, and facilitating sessions in her area of expertise. Her research interests include higher education policies, university governance and management, cooperation with the business sector, and university branding.

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Open Society Foundations
Global Drug Policy Program (GDPP)

Since 2008, OSF’s Global Drug Policy Program has promoted drug policies rooted in human rights, social justice, and public health. GDPP works with policymakers and grassroots groups advocating to end the injustices of the drug war, through research, dialogue, engagement, and action. Through grant-making and programmatic efforts, GDPP supports reforms that promote security, social justice, human rights, and public health. In advance of UNGASS our civil society partners are working with governments to promote real debate on drug law reform. We and our partners research the impact of current drug policies, as well as alternative approaches that have yielded more positive results.

CEU School of Public Policy,
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SPP’s Global Policy Academy (GPA) organizes academically rigorous and policy-relevant courses that are designed not so much as traditional training seminars but rather as hubs for sectoral dialogue and experience exchange. The Academy leverages the broad and deep expertise of SPP faculty to address the needs of policy professionals who wish to broaden their knowledge as they serve the public good. Participants from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors enroll in GPA courses to gain relevant practice-oriented skills grounded in research-based knowledge. They also take advantage of the School’s global reach to grow and enrich their professional networks in an exceptional learning environment.