NGO Workshop on Harm Reduction and Decriminalization: Advocating for a Progressive EU Position on Drug Policy

12–14 July 2015 | Budapest, Hungary

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The aim of the workshop is to share expertise, experience, and lessons learned in advocating for a progressive European Union position on drug policy, with the objective of strengthening the advocacy capacity and influence of policy reform groups within the EU ahead of the 2016 UNGASS.

With a view to maximizing individual and collective input into the formulation of a position paper to be presented to EU officials at a follow-up meeting in November 2015, the organizers have limited the number of participants. We hope that this enables a constructive dialogue and collective “coming up to speed” around the following broad questions:

- **What are the levers of influence and impediments to change within the European Union?**
- **What is the EU’s role within the UNGASS?**
- **How can reform efforts be better coordinated and what types of lobbying and advocacy activities have proved most effective?**
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SUNDAY — 12 July

Most participants will stay at the Hotel President.

ACCOMMODATION:
Hotel President
Hold utca 3–5
1054 Budapest
Tel: (+36 1) 373 8200

The course will officially begin on Sunday evening with a dinner reception on Halászbástya boat that leaves from Vigadó square dock 2 at 19:30. The entrance to Halászbástya boat will be from Kossuth boat, Vénhajó Restaurant.

We will pick up participants at the lobby of Hotel President at 7 pm.
MONDAY — 13 July

The workshop will take place on the first floor of CEU’s School of Public Policy in Room 101. It will begin at 9:30 am. Please arrive at the CEU School of Public Policy by 9:15 am.

From Hotel President to the School of Public Policy at CEU:
VENUE:

CEU School of Public Policy
Október 6 utca 7, 1051 Budapest

There are restrooms on all floors. 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
TUESDAY — 14 July

Following the lunch you are invited to join us for a farewell drink starting at 2 pm at Ötkert, just 150 meters from SPP.

VENUE:
Ötkert
Zrínyi utca 4 | Tel: (+36) 70 330 8652

WORKSHOP COORDINATOR

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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 = 310 HUF, 1 USD = 278 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.

➤ **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
WORKSHOP FACILITATORS

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.

Maria PHELAN

Harm Reduction International

Maria Phelan joined Harm Reduction International in 2010 as a networking and advocacy officer and in 2015 was appointed deputy director. Maria holds an MA in Understanding and Securing Human Rights from the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London. Prior to working at Harm Reduction International, she worked for the National Children’s Bureau coordinating the Children and Young People’s HIV Network and the Terrence Higgins Trust. At Harm Reduction International she is responsible for overseeing the delivery of its advocacy strategy and building and maintaining strategic partnerships.
Péter SÁROSI
Hungarian Civil Liberties Union

Péter Sárosi is a director of the Drug Policy Program at the Hungarian Civil Liberties Union and has been the editor of the Drugreporter website since 2004. Péter has represented the Hungarian Harm Reduction Network at the government’s drug advisory body since 2007. He has worked extensively with international drug policy forums such as the Commission on Narcotic Drugs and was elected to the Core Group of the EU Civil Society Forum on drugs. He is the co-chair of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network. Péter also contributed to building a network of advocacy NGOs in Europe: the European Drug Policy Initiative. He has provided technical assistance to NGOs, and launched several campaigns on drug policy reform. As a member of the Drugreporter video advocacy team, he produced videos about drug policy issues in several countries of the world. These videos are now part of a unique online drug policy video library.

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

Thanasis APOSTOLOU
Diogenis Association—Drug Policy Dialogue in South East Europe | Greece

Thanasis directs the Association Diogenis. From 2004–2014 he co-organized and moderated, jointly with the Transnational Institute (TNI), the Informal Drug Policy Dialogue, an annual international meeting of policy makers, experts, practitioners, and NGOs. He has participated in the Commission for Narcotic Drugs (CND) annual sessions since 2003 and has contributed to the establishment of the Drug Policy Network in South-Eastern Europe, a network of 16 NGOs from ten countries that aims to engage civil society organizations in drug policy making. He is currently coordinating the project “Strengthening NGO capacity and promoting public health and human rights oriented drug policy in South-
Eastern Europe,” a joint initiative of Diogenis and four national NGOs from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia.

**Danilo BALLOTTA**

**European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) | Italy**

Danilo Ballotta (MSc) has been working for the last 20 years in the field of international drug policy. He joined the EMCDDA in 1997 where he has worked on national and European legislation, policy and anti-drug coordination systems and has contributed to the agency’s work on international drug policy. Since 2005, he has been the EMCDDA’s principal policy analyst coordinating relations with the European institutions. In this capacity, he represents the agency at the horizontal working group on drugs (HDG). Prior to joining the EMCDDA, Danilo worked at the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and at the European Commission’s task force ‘Justice and Home Affairs’.

**Magdalena DABROWSKA**

**Global Drug Policy Program, OSF | Poland**

Magdalena is the country consultant for OSF’s Global Drug Policy program (GDPp). She has closely cooperated with GDPp since 2008 focusing mainly on Polish drug policy and on publicizing drug policy achievements at the international level. Since 2008, she has been a member of the Polish Drug Policy Network. She is a graduate of the Drug Policy Seminar Series at the Polish Academy of Sciences (2011) and of the Drug Policy and Human Rights Course at the Central European Summer University in Budapest (2013). For more than a decade, she has been engaged in supporting civil society and human rights as well as responsible journalism in Poland, working with a number of NGOs including the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights.
Balázs DÉNES

European Civil Liberties Project, OSF I Hungary

Balázs is a Hungarian lawyer and a human rights activist. In 1997 he joined the Hungarian Civil Liberties Union (HCLU), the country's leading civil liberties watchdog organization, and was its executive director from 2004 to 2012. Since early 2013, he has directed OSF's European Civil Liberties Project. He is a founding member of many Hungarian NGOs and serves on the board of the Common Sense for Drug Policy Foundation. He focuses on civil liberties, human rights, communication, and new forms of civic advocacy and activism. He received his law degree in 1998 from ELTE University in Budapest and was a 2003–2004 Columbia University/PILnet Fellow.

Vlatko DEKOV

Healthy Options Project Skopje (HOPS) I Macedonia

Vlatko has worked in the field of drug policy and addictions for 14 years and developed most of the harm reduction programs in Macedonia. Currently, he manages the Center for Education, Documentation and Research within the NGO HOPS. He is the author of numerous articles, publications, and research pieces, and is a member of several national and international bodies and commissions focusing on drug policy, HIV/AIDS, and human rights issues. Vlatko started his career at HOPS in 2000 as a social worker within its harm reduction program. He worked in a drop-in center for injecting drug users and an outreach worker. From 2005–2011, he was executive director of HOPS. He is regularly engaged as a team leader in different research programs in the field of drug use. Since 2013, he has been a steering committee member of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network.
Katalin FELVINCZI
Institute of Psychology, Eötvös Loránd University | Hungary

Katalin is a social psychologist and deputy director of the Institute of Psychology at the Eötvös Loránd University. She has been involved in the drugs field for 15 years; until recently she was the director of the National Institute for Drug Prevention. Her main interests are drug demand reduction related interventions, monitoring and evaluation of prevention interventions, and drug policy. She has a wide range of experience in planning and managing large-scale projects involving both research and intervention development components. She also served as the Hungarian counterpart within the European Drug Prevention Quality Standards project and is member of the chairmanship of the Hungarian Association on Addictions and active in European and international organizations (ISSDP, ICCA).

Ann FORDHAM
International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC) | United Kingdom

Ann directs the work of IDPC leading on the coordination and development of the network. She was appointed executive director in 2011. She joined IDPC in 2008 as the first coordinator of the network and since that time has grown the network from 32 to more than 130 organizations. Ann leads on international advocacy efforts on drug policy and human rights, specifically calling for reform of laws and policies that have proven ineffective in reducing the scale of the drug market and have negatively impacted vulnerable population groups such as people who use drugs and growers of illicit crops. She represents IDPC at international events and works with policy makers and civil society partners around the world to review and shape drug control policies towards more humane and effective approaches that are based in principles of human rights and public health. Ann is regularly invited to comment on global drug policy issues in the media. She has a master’s degree in human rights from Sussex University where she specialized in human rights and harm reduction. She previously worked at the International HIV/AIDS Alliance where she was engaged in policy work around prevention, treatment, and care for people who use drugs.
Lasha GOGUADZE

**International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) | Georgia**

Lasha is a senior health adviser working in the IFRC's Health Department. He is the technical focal point of IFRC activities in harm reduction and tuberculosis programs and currently manages (ad interim) its HIV/TB unit. He coordinates global grants in related fields, provides technical support to country activities, manages global partnerships and developed several tools and guidelines on TB and problems addressing drug abuse. Lasha has spent several years as a Federation’s field delegate in Europe and Asia. He is a medical doctor and also obtained a master’s in advanced studies in public health from the University of Geneva.

Nanna W. GOTFREDSEN

**Gadejuristen—The Street Lawyers | Denmark**

In 1999, Nanna founded, and is now director of, *Gadejuristen* – The Street Lawyers, an organization that provides outreach, legal aid, and harm reduction services for people who use drugs, people who are homeless, and street-based sex workers. Since then she has advocated for harm reduction and drug policy reform (heroin prescription, drug consumption rooms, decriminalization of people who use drugs, legalization/regulation, etc.). She has received several awards, both domestically and internationally.

Martin JELSMA

**Drugs & Democracy Programme—Transnational Institute | Netherlands**

Martin has been the director of the Drugs & Democracy programme at the Transnational Institute (TNI) in Amsterdam since it was established in 1995. The program analyzes trends in the illegal drugs market and in drug policies globally, publishes policy briefings and in-depth reports, and organizes informal policy dialogues and expert seminars.
around the world. The program has gained a reputation as one of the leading international drug policy research institutes and is a critical watchdog of UN drug control institutions. Martin is also an advisor of the Global Commission on Drug Policy, was a member of the OAS “scenario team,” has participated in the annual sessions of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna since 1996, and regularly advises governments on drug law reform options, especially in Latin America.

Ákos LIPCSEY
Global Drug Policy Program, OSF | Hungary

Ákos is a finance and grants officer at OSF’s Global Drug Policy Program where he has worked since 2009. His tasks range from assessing grantees, especially from a financial health perspective, managing grant administration and consultancies, logistics, budget planning, monitoring and reporting to acting as a secretary to the Advisory Board of the program. Ákos also has experience in corporate finance as he worked for Abbott Laboratories Ltd. as a finance assistant prior to joining OSF. He holds an MSc in international business from the Oxford Brookes University.

Anna LYUBENOVA
Initiative for Health Foundation | Bulgaria

Anna is the secretary and a member of the managing board of the Initiative for Health Foundation. She has worked for this organization since 1999, focusing on projects in the area of drug use and HIV prevention, training and research activities and participation in national and international networks. She has been a consultant for the Open Society Institute and for the national program Prevention and control of HIV/AIDS. She has also worked as a psychologist in an outpatient drug treatment program at the Sofia Municipality Center for Addictions. She has a master’s degree in psychology from Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski.
Elsa MAIA

European Commission | Portugal

Elsa works as policy officer at the Anti-drugs Policy Unit in DG HOME. She joined the European Commission in 2013 as National Expert and is responsible for the CND/UNGASS file and the coordination of the Commission’s position in international drugs fora. Since 2000, Elsa has been working on the development and coordination of Portuguese and EU drugs policies, as senior international relations officer in the Portuguese National Coordination on Drugs and in the European Commission. She previous worked in the European Parliament and as political advisor of the Portuguese Minister for Parliamentary Affairs. Elsa has a diploma in sociology from the University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL) and post graduate diplomas in criminology and international relations from Universidade Lusófona and the Universidade Nova de Lisboa, respectively.

Dasha MATYUSHINA-OCHERET

Advocacy and Communications—Eurasian Harm Reduction Network | Russia

Dasha is deputy director for advocacy and communications in the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network (EHRN). Dasha’s 17 years of experience in harm reduction include involvement in leading NGOs in Moscow, specializing in fieldwork with drug users and their engagement in drug policy advocacy and resource allocation, as well as HIV policy work and community system management.

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 testing its programs 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*.

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**José QUEIROZ**

*Agência Piaget para o Desenvolvimento (APDES) | Portugal*

José graduated in psychology and is the founder and executive director of APDES. He has extensive experience in managing national and international projects and networks and has been actively involved in advocacy for the development and implementation of evidence-based drugs strategies for the past 12 years. José is also responsible for the coordination of the south sub-region in EuroHRN. As APDES’ director, he is the Portuguese representative in: (i) the European Civil Society Forum on Drugs, (ii) IDPC, (iii) Correlation Network, and (iv) EDPI. At the national level, he is the contact person of the Portuguese HR Network (R3) in political and parliamentary meetings and is also responsible for the design of the evaluation methodology of an outreach HR team – GIRUGAIA – recognized by the OMS for its good practices.

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**Anna QUIGLEY**

*Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign | Ireland*

Anna co-ordinates the Citywide Drugs Crisis Campaign, which is a national network of community organisations that are involved in responding to the drugs crisis in Ireland. She has 32 years experience working in the community development sector in
Ireland and has worked with Citywide since 1997. A core part of this role has been organising and facilitating local, regional and national networks that provide a voice for the communities most affected by drugs and participating as a community representative on national government structures that have been put in place to oversee Ireland’s national drugs strategy. Anna is currently a member of the Irish National Co-ordinating Committee on Drugs and represents Citywide on the EU Civil Society Forum on Drugs.

Steve ROLLES
Transform Drug Policy Foundation | United Kingdom

Steve is a senior policy analyst for the Transform Drug Policy Foundation, a UK-based drug policy think tank and registered charity focused on drug policy and law reform. He is the lead author on a number of publications including After the War on Drugs: Blueprint for Regulation (2009), and How to regulate cannabis: a practical guide (2014, see www.tdpf.org.uk). Steve has been a regular contributor to the public debate on drug policy and law in print and broadcast media for more than 15 years, as a speaker at UK and international events, and at various UN and government forums around the world. He recently served as an advisor for the Uruguayan government initiative to develop a new cannabis regulation model, and was also lead drafter and technical coordinator for the “Taking control: pathways to drug policies that work” report from the Global Commission on Drugs.

Ursula SANCHEZ
CEU School of Public Policy | Mexico

Ursula is currently an MPA student at CEU’s School of Public Policy. She studied political science at the National Autonomous University of Mexico and worked for several years at the Accountability Office and Human Rights Commission of Mexico City. She shares a deep concern for the ongoing violence associated with Mexico’s war on drugs and seeks to understand the institutionalization of organized crime within local authorities, the gendered impacts and the importance
of rights-based response to the drug traffic in the country. She is currently an intern at the Open Society Global Drug Policy program.

Eberhard SCHATZ

**CORRELATION—European Network Social Inclusion and Health | The Netherlands**

Eberhard studied social work in Germany and worked for drug counselling services in Germany and cross-border projects between Germany and the Netherlands. From 1998 to 2004, he coordinated the European project AC Company, a network targeting mobile drug users in Europe. Since 2005, he has been one of the coordinators of the Correlation Network that has more than 180 partners all over Europe. He is responsible for the overall management of the project, the organisation of seminars and conferences and numerous publications and reports. Currently, he is coordinating the Correlation Hepatitis C Initiative. He is involved in different advisory boards at the national and international level.

Agnieszka SIENIAWSKA

**Polish Drug Policy Network | Poland**

Agnieszka has chaired the Polish Drug Policy Network since 2011 and is an alumna of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw. Since 2009, she has provided legal aid and has been involved in activities to amend drug laws. She is the author of two reports describing the legal situation of drug users in Poland. She was also involved in the preparation of the amendment to the Act on Counteracting Drug Addiction that came into force in December 2011. Since 2008, she has coordinated the European Drug Policy Initiative Program that is implemented jointly with the Hungarian Civil liberties Union.
Valentin SIMONIOV

International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD) | United Kingdom

Valentin is the global fund program officer for INPUD. He is a board member of the International Drug Policy Consortium and a former board member of the Eurasian Harm Reduction Network. Until May 2015 he was the executive director of the Romanian Harm Reduction Network, an organization representing all harm reduction providers and supporters in Romania. Valentin is a drug policy reform advocate and community organizer. He has also worked in the Secretariat of the Romanian Country Coordination Mechanism (CCM), organizing parts of the national country dialogue and assisting with the reorganization of the Romanian CCM. He has documented the impact of Romanian drug policy, pre-trial detention conditions in the Romanian criminal justice system, new psychoactive substances in Romania, and the subsequent HIV epidemic among people who inject drugs. He has coordinated education and information campaigns on drug-related risks in prisons, new psychoactive substances, and harm reduction.

Jan STOLA

Youth Organisations for Drug Action (YODA) | 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 currently unites 10 organizations, representing the voice of young Europeans in regards to drug laws and regulations that affect them.
Khalid TINASTI
Global Commission on Drug Policy | Switzerland

Khalid is the policy analyst of the Global Commission on Drug Policy and the coordinator of its European office. Before joining the Global Commission’s Secretariat in 2013, he worked as a consultant for UNAIDS, WHO, the Graduate Institute, and others. Prior to that, Khalid worked as a press and communications officer in the cabinet of the Minister of Urban Affairs in France, and as an administrative officer in the cabinet of the President of the Republic in Gabon. In addition to his role at the Global Commission, he is currently a visiting fellow at the Global Health Programme, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. Khalid holds a PhD in political science.

Grazia ZUFFA
Forum Droghe | Italy

Grazia is a psychologist who works in the field of drug use and drug addiction. She is a former professor of drug addiction psychology at the Faculty of Psychology at the University of Florence and is now responsible for the research activity of the Forum Droghe, a leading Italian NGO in the field of drug policies and drug addiction interventions. Her recent research has focused on patterns of drug use in natural settings and on innovative models of intervention in drug services. From 1987–1994, she was a member of the Italian Parliament (Senate of the Republic), where her work focused on gender issues, reproductive technologies, prisoners’ human rights, and other social problems. From 1998–2010, she was the chief editor of Fuoriluogo, a monthly magazine on drugs and social marginality, published as a supplement to the daily Il Manifesto. She was also a member of the National Advisory Council on Drug Addiction (1998–2001), the National Scientific Committee on Drug Addiction (2006–2008), and the Regional Committee of Bioethics of Tuscany (1996–2000). Since 2006, she has been a member of the National Committee of Bioethics.
SPP STAFF

Bernhard KNOLL-TUDOR
Director of SPP’s Global Policy Academy

Prior to joining CEU/SPP, Bernhard worked for the OSCE, an international organization devoted to "hard" security as well as to human rights diplomacy. He was involved in policy design and public relations, both at the level of field missions (Bosnia and Kosovo) and at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Warsaw. Bernhard earned a master in law at the University of Vienna and an MA in international relations and economics at Johns Hopkins/SAIS with a focus on IR theory (Bologna and Washington, DC). His PhD (European University Institute, Florence) on the subject of United Nations governance of non-state territorial entities was published by Cambridge University Press in 2008.

Tanja K. MANNERS
Senior Program Manager, SPP Global Policy Academy

Tanja spent the past decade working in education both in front of the classroom and behind the scenes, teaching mathematics in Micronesia and Austria and working in administration at the Institute of Education, University College London and King’s College London. She has a degree in applied mathematics from Brown University and a master’s degree in comparative education from the Institute of Education of the University of London. She has just moved to Hungary after spending a year as an education consultant in Shanghai.
Livia MARSCHALL
SPP Global Policy Academy Program Assistant

Livia joined CEU as a program assistant at the Roma Access Programs Unit in 2014. She was appointed to her present role as part-time program assistant at SPP's Global Policy Academy in early 2015. She holds an MA in cultural anthropology and English language and literature from Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) in Budapest. During her university years, she conducted fieldwork in a Hungarian Roma community and has participated in various Roma advocacy projects. Livia is also currently working as a curator at Gallery8 - Roma Contemporary Art Space.
Open Society Foundations
Global Drug Policy Program (GDPP)

Since 2008, OSF’s Global Drug Policy Program (GDPP) 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 its civil society partners are working with governments to promote real debate on drug law reform. GDPP and its partners research the impact of current drug policies, as well as alternative approaches that have yielded more positive results.

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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.