Drug Policy Reform after UNGASS 2016

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Dear participants,

Following the April 2016 United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Drugs, international drug policy is at a crucial turning point, with opportunities and also risks posed by fragmentation and dissent. This course reflects on the pre- and post-UNGASS period, identifies lessons learned and considers next steps at national, regional and global level for drug policy.

Health, crime, human rights, development and new challenges were identified by the UNGASS as key thematic areas and these will continue to frame priorities, debate and advocacy going forward. Each area will be considered in dedicated sessions that will unpack and assess evidence, best practice, strategies for reform, as well as spoilers and obstacles to change.

The course is intended to strengthen and diversify the knowledge base and networks of NGOs, officials, journalists and others engaged in research and advocacy on drug policy. The four days of focused discussion and analysis are structured around ‘scene setting’ lectures, working groups and panel discussions that will amplify the space for participants to share their professional experience and insights, as well as develop skills of team building collaboration, leadership and communication. We aim to create an environment in which participants can share the experience of mistakes and setbacks and learn how to reorient activities and priorities in the post-UNGASS period.

A core faculty team of five drug policy experts will deliver the program, with additional support provided by School of Public Policy graduates allocated to each of the participant working groups.

We wish you an exciting time in Budapest at the CEU School of Public Policy!

The organizing team
6 September 2016

Morning

• Faculty-led opening discussion on the UNGASS experience
  What are the obstacles to change and reform; how can these be mitigated; how do NGOs identify reform constraints and how to best galvanize reform momentum; what does reform look like?

• Break-out and discussion in five working groups on Treaty Reform Debates, Metrics Debate, Stakeholders in Reform, Spoilers and Obstacles, Regime Performance

• Break-out groups report back

Afternoon

• The Public Health Dimension
  
  INTRODUCTORY OVERVIEW LED BY Joanne CSETE

  In this first thematically focused session, we will engage with contested issues around the relationship between drug policy and public health, with particular attention to issues around harm reduction, access to services, disease and public health risks, and the challenges that current drug policy poses to effective promotion and protection of health and health related rights.

• Break-out groups on public health and drug policy aspects, with a particular focus on the use of drug courts that are increasingly promoted as a public ‘health’ based policy response. It is essential for this session that participants have read the Csete and Tomasini article listed in the reading section.
7 September 2016

Morning

- **Faculty-led opening discussion on Health and Criminal Justice Intersections**

- **The Crime and Criminal Justice Dimension**
  **LED BY Niamh EASTWOOD**

  The introductory lecture will consider the evidence for over-representation of minority groups in the criminal justice system as a result of drug law enforcement, with discussion around drug policy linkages to other social and environmental areas such as race relations. The session will address the importance of incorporating impacted communities into the debate on drug policy reform, then move on to examine jurisdictions around the world that have adopted a non-criminal justice response to possession or use of illicit substances. Weaknesses in the implementation of some models of decriminalization will also be addressed.

- Break-out groups will consider the impact of decriminalization of drug possession, including the effect on prevalence; outcomes for individuals; costs savings for the criminal justice system; and implications for public health responses. Participants will be asked to critically evaluate the benefits and weaknesses of advocating for decriminalization of drugs as part of an advocacy strategy.
Afternoon

- **Understanding Cryptomarkets**
  
  **LED BY Judith ALDRIDGE**

  Cryptomarkets have had divergent geographic impacts, expanding largely in the Global North but with ramifications for the dynamics of North to South drug flows and types of drugs traded. This session will detail the emergence and expansion of online drug dealing, explore patterns and types of market behaviours and actors, and consider the contrasts between street and online exchange. We will consider types of policy response appropriate to this new challenge and the implications of these transactions for the international control model.

- Panel and class discussion on **Future Challenges and Future Responses: From NPS to Online Drug Sales**
8 September 2016

Morning

• Screening of OSF documentary on drug crop cultivation

• **The Development Dimension**
  **LED BY Julia BUXTON**

  The overview lecture will detail the aims and limitations of Alternative Development and Alternative Livelihoods strategies; the institutional assumptions that underpin these approaches and the record of AD/AL implementation.

  • Break-out groups on next steps in supply side policy responses will consider issues around engagement of cultivators as stakeholders; the evidence base guiding AD and AL approaches; legalization and regulation of cultivation and the security/development nexus.

Afternoon

• Break-out groups report back

• **The Human Rights Dimension**
  **LED BY Luciana POL**

  The afternoon session will adopt the perspective of human rights practitioners to explore the social impacts of drug policy, primarily in Latin America but with opportunities for participants to develop comparative assessments. We will discuss how to incorporate this new dimension into advocacy work in human rights, as well as looking at the challenges of evidence gathering, and how to monitor and evaluate drug policy to promote evidence based policy responses.
9 September 2016

Morning

- Faculty and working group panel discussion: drawing the five thematic areas together—linkages, rights based approaches, harm reduction

- Participant feedback on the week’s work, opportunities for next steps and network building.
## Course Schedule

### DRUG POLICY REFORM AFTER UNGASS 2016 COURSE AGENDA

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Julia Buxton | Opening discussion: Health and Criminal Justice Intersections |  | OSF documentary on drug crop cultivation |  |
| 10:00 | Opening discussion: on the UNGASS experience | The Crime and Criminal Justice Dimension  
Julia Buxton |  | The Development Dimension  
Niamh Eastwood |  |
| 10:30 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11:00 | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break | Coffee break |  |
| 11:30 | Breakout groups:  
• Treaty Reform Debates  
• Metrics Debate  
• Stakeholders in Reform  
• Spoilers and Obstacles  
• Regime Performance | The Crime and Criminal Justice Dimension (cont’d) | The Development Dimension (cont’d) |  | Course evaluation & class photo  
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* The schedule may be subject to modification

Sessions will start at 9:30 and last until 5:30 on 6, 7 and 8 September with lunch from 1–2pm and coffee breaks at 11am and 3:30pm. On 9 September the course concludes at 12 noon with a lunch.
MONDAY — 5 September

ARRIVAL AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The taxi company serving Liszt Ferenc International Airport is Főtaxi. Reservations are made in person outside the exit of the terminal. The fare to the city center will not exceed 8,000 HUF (25 EUR).

There is also an airport shuttle which will cost around 4,000 HUF (13 EUR) to the city center. You can order a shuttle to your hotel at the Airport Shuttle stand at Arrivals. The shuttle will probably take slightly longer than a taxi as it is shared with other people.

Scholarship participants will be staying at the Star Inn Hotel.

VENUE:
Star Inn Hotel Budapest
Desseweif utca 36
1066 Hungary
Tel: (+36 1) 472 2020
DINNER RECEPTION

The course will be launched on Monday evening, **5 September**, with a dinner reception on **Halászbástya boat**. The reception will start at **19:30**.

**VENUE:**
Vigadó tér
1052 Hungary

The boat will leave from Vigadó tér. The dock number is not known yet.

Our staff will pick you up in front of the course venue at **19:00 sharp**.

**MEETING POINT 7 PM:**
**CEU School of Public Policy**
Október 6 utca 7, 1051 Budapest
COURSE VENUE

The course will take place on the ground floor of CEU’s School of Public Policy in Október Hall.

Sessions will begin at 9:30 am; please arrive at the CEU School of Public Policy at 9:15 am to register.
VENUE: School of Public Policy, Október Hall
Október 6 utca 7, H–1051 Budapest

THURSDAY — 8 September

CLOSING DINNER

You are invited to join us for dinner at 0,75 Bar & Bistro on Thursday, 8 September, after the course, at 6pm. The restaurant is located 1 min walk away from SPP.

VENUE:
Nullhetvenöt / 0,75 Bar & Bistro
Sas utca 11
1051 Budapest
COURSE VENUE

There are restrooms on all floors. A drink vending machine is located on the first floor. There is a multi-faith quiet lounge and prayer room at the main CEU campus (Nádor utca 11, mezzanine level) where participants can unwind and meditate. Room B100 of the Faculty Tower in Nádor utca 9 is designated for participants with young children who need a space for quiet time or nursing.

MEALS

Coffee breaks and lunches will be served on the first floor of the building where the course takes place.

EATING OUT

There are many places close to CEU/SPP where you can have dinner. The list below is not exhaustive, so we encourage you to explore the neighborhood. Restaurants marked with an * offer vegetarian dishes.

Burger and Love
Október 6. utca 6 I open 11:30–24:00

Hummus Bar*
Október 6. utca 19 I open 10:00 (12:00 on Sun & Sat)–22:00

Istanbul Kebab
Október 6. utca 22 I open 08:00–05:00

La Trattoria
Október 6. utca 13 I open 11:00–23:00
Logistical Information

Padthai Wokbar*
Október 6. utca 4 I open 11:00–23:00

Rétesház (Strudel House)*
Október 6. utca 22 I open 9:00–23:00

Soup Culture*
Október 6. utca 19 I open 11:00-19:00, closed on Sundays

Vai Me! Georgian Restaurant*
Október 6. utca 8 I open 08:00–23:00

SMOKING
Smoking is strictly prohibited within five meters of all building entrances.

INTERNET AND WIFI
Wifi is available on campus.
- Network name: CEU Guest
- Password: Budapest1991

European plugs (220V) are available at CEU.

SOCIAL MEDIA
If you wish to tweet about the course, please use the handle @SPPCEU. The hashtag is #drugpolicyreform.
**MEDICAL CARE**

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.

**CEU Medical Center**

Nádor utca 11 Building, Courtyard
Tel.: (+36 1) 327 3815

**WEATHER AND CLOTHING**

September is the start of autumn in Budapest. The days are still warm but not as hot as in the summer. Expect plenty of pleasant, sunny days. The average daytime high temperature is a comfortable 22°C, while the average nighttime low temperature drops to 12°C. Light sweaters, autumn coats and warmer layers would work perfectly when the sun goes down. September is also characterised by increasing cloud cover.

Except for the welcome reception (smart casual), dress code for the course is casual.
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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.
- **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 hail 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.

➤ Money

The Hungarian currency is the Forint (HUF).

1 EUR = 310 HUF, 1 USD = 285 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.

➤ 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, it is preferable to buy tickets directly from the cashier. Tickets can also be bought at some newsstands, tram stops, and on some buses, but it is best to purchase tickets at the Metro station and keep 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 until 23:00 and is both regular and frequent. Night trams and buses run on an abbreviated schedule.

**Emergency Numbers**

Any kind of emergency: 112  
Police: 107  
Ambulance: 104  
Fire-fighters: 105

**Metro and suburban railway lines in Budapest**
# USEFUL HUNGARIAN PHRASES

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<td>Kurssurnurm</td>
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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.

**The Public Health Dimension**

Joanne Csete

- The Lancet Commissions, *Public Health and International Drug Policy* (2016);

**The Crime and Criminal Justice Dimension**

Niamh Eastwood

- Drug Policy Alliance, *The Drug War, Mass Incarceration and Race* (factsheet, January 2014);
- Edwards Ezekiel et al., *The War on Marijuana in Black and White: Billions of Dollars Wasted on Racially Biased Arrests* (ACLU, 2013);
- Caitlin E. Hughes & Alex Stevens, *A Resounding Success or a Disastrous Failure: Re-examining the Interpretation of Evidence on the Portuguese Decriminalisation of Illicit Drugs* (*Drug and Alcohol Review*, January 2012);
- Martin Jelsma, *Drug Law Reform Trend in Latin America* (Transnational Institute, 2009);
Understanding Cryptomarkets

Judith ALDRIDGE

• Monica J. Barratt & Judith Aldridge, ‘Everything you always wanted to know about drug cryptomarkets* (*but were afraid to ask)’, *International Journal of Drug Policy* (2016);

• European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), *The Internet and Drug Markets* (esp. chapter 2: ‘Cryptomarkets and the future of illicit drug markets’ by Judith Aldridge & David Décary-Hétu, p. 23), 2016;


The Development Dimension

Julia BUXTON

• Sophie Sutcliffe & Julius Court, *Evidence-Based Policymaking: What is it? How does it work? What relevance for developing countries?*, Overseas Development Institute (November 2005);

• United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), *Addressing the Development Dimensions of Drug Policy* (June 2015);

• United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), *2015 World Drug Report* (section on Alternative Development in the executive summary, pp. xvii–xx);

• Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch & Olga Rychkova, *The Impact of Drug Policy on Women* (OSF, 2015);

• David Bewley-Taylor & Martin Jelsma, *UNGASS 2016: A Broken or B-r-o-a-d Consensus?*, TNI/GDPO Drug Policy Briefing (June 2016);

• Julia Buxton, *Drug Crop Production, Poverty, and Development* (OSF, 2015);

The Human Rights Dimension
Luciana POL


In preparation 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. incarceration for drug related offences will increase; cocaine trafficking will remain illegal; rights based approaches will be more effectively integrated into drug strategy).

3) Please consider the impact (or otherwise) of the UNGASS process on your domestic drug policy strategy.
COURSE DIRECTOR

Julia BUXTON
Acting Dean and Professor of Comparative Politics
CEU School of Public Policy


FACULTY

Judith ALDRIDGE
Senior Lecturer, University of Manchester

Judith is senior lecturer in criminology in the School of Law at the University of Manchester. Her research is focused on drug markets, policy and use. Over the last five years she has pioneered research in the area of virtual drug markets, culminating in the first publication connected to drug sales on Silk Road, the first and best-known drug cryptomarket. Research established earlier in her career had a particular focus on recreational drug use among adolescents and adults, culminating in the development of the normalization thesis as applied to adolescent recreational drug use. A substantial and extended theoretical and conceptual response to normalization critics was published in Illegal Leisure Revisited (2011). With Manchester colleagues, Judith also conducted the first ever
‘in situ’ academic study of dance drug use in clubs (published in the book ‘Dancing on Drugs’), innovating the methodology for research of this kind focused on both indoor venues and outdoor festivals, now taking place over the globe. She acts in advisory/expert capacity to agencies including the Pompidou Group of the Council of Europe, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Abuse (EMCDDA) and the European Commission.

Joanne CSETE

Adjunct Associate Professor, Columbia University

Joanne is on the teaching faculty at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health in New York and works part-time as an independent consultant. Formerly a full-time Columbia faculty member, she was the founding director of the HIV program at Human Rights Watch and the deputy director of the Global Drug Policy Program at the Open Society Foundations. She worked on health programs in Africa for over ten years. Her research on health services for criminalized persons has been published in a number of scholarly journals. Joanne obtained her PhD from Cornell University and her Master of Public Health from the Columbia University School of Public Health.

Niamh EASTWOOD

Executive Director, Release

Niamh is a non-practicing barrister who started at Release in 2002 as a legal advisor. She has extensive experience of service delivery, policy strategy, fundraising and operational development. Having worked in drug policy for the last ten years, Niamh is passionate about drug policy reform and believes that the most vulnerable in society are disproportionately impacted upon by the current drug laws. Niamh has coauthored Release’s two most recent policy papers, ‘The Numbers in Black And White: Ethnic Disparities in the Policing and Prosecution of Drug Offences in England and Wales’ and ‘A Quiet Revolution: Drug Decriminalisation Policies in Practice across the Globe’. Niamh is also responsible for drafting many of Release’s briefings for parliamentarians and policy makers. She is an associate of The London School of Economics IDEAS International Drug Policy Project, a member of the Expert Steering Group for the Global Drug Survey, a visiting lecturer at the Centre for Public Health, Liverpool John Moores University, and a trustee of Stop Watch.
Luciana POL
Senior Fellow, Centre for Legal and Social Studies (CELS)

Luciana is an Argentine sociologist from the University of Buenos Aires. She specialized in statistical methods for social sciences at the Institute of Economic Development. Since 2003 she has worked at Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS), a prominent human rights organization in Argentina. She worked as researcher and coordinator in the Institutional Violence and Public Safety Program, where she conducted fieldwork and studies on security policies, drug policies, prisons, violence, and social protests. At present she is entirely dedicated to her international work as senior fellow in security policy and human rights for the same organization and has specialized in human rights and drug policy. She led the request of the first regional hearing on the topic before the Inter American Commission of Human Rights in 2014. Luciana is a member of the boards of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs and of the NY NGO Committee on Drugs.

COURSE PARTICIPANTS

Alexei ALEXANDROV
Regional clinical center ‘Psychiatry-Narcology’ | Belarus

Alexei is a psychiatrist, psychotherapist and public health specialist. He is currently deputy head of the Minsk regional clinical centre ‘Psychiatry-Narcology’. His practice focuses on the psychosocial and pharmacological treatment of mood disorders and substance use. He earned his PhD at Belarus Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education; his thesis focused on dual disorders (psychiatric and substance use). Since 2002 he has taking part in various harm reduction activities in cooperation with international organizations, governmental authorities and NGOs. In 2007 he undertook the organization and general management of opioid substitution treatment (OST) programs in Belarus, providing methodological support for a pilot OST project, the opening of five new OST sites, as well as for the counselling and training of OST specialists. From 2008 to 2011, he served as chief specialist in addiction medicine at the Ministry of Health. He contributed to the preparation of the Belarus Narcotic Drugs Law (No. 408-3, 13 July 2012), which contains a special section on drug prevention and protection of narcotic drugs use for medical purposes.
Laura Milena CARDEÑOSA  
Ministry of Justice and Law | Colombia

Laura earned an MSc in political science from the University of Los Andes in Bogota, Colombia. She is a professional consultant currently working at the Drug Policy Office of the Ministry of Justice and Law. Her responsibilities include supporting the implementation of the international cooperation strategy of the Drug Policy Office and preparing and revising documents for the participation of the Ministry of Justice and Law in the special session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGASS 2016). Laura is also a member of the working group in charge of strengthening the national drug policy dialogue in Colombia.

Victoria DARRAIDOU  
Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS) | Argentina

Victoria graduated from the University of Buenos Aires in 2005 with a bachelor’s degree in political science. She subsequently earned a master’s degree in health policy from the National University of Lanús, Argentina. Between 2011 and 2015, she worked at the National Ministry of Security, where she contributed to the design of violence prevention policies and the ongoing training of police officers. Since June 2015, she has been working at the Program on Institutional Violence and Citizen Security at the Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS), a non-governmental organization working to promote and protect human rights, and to strengthen the democratic system in Argentina. In this program, she mainly focuses on analyzing the dynamics of illegal networks nationwide, promoting drug policies that are respectful of human rights and combating prohibitionist policies.

Ella Marie L. DIMACULANGAN  
Dangerous Drugs Board | Philippines

Ella Marie is the officer-in-charge of the Media Affairs and Public Relations Unit of the Dangerous Drugs Board, the Philippines’ policy-making and strategy-formulating body on drug prevention and control. She graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of the Philippines and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in community development at the same
university. She has represented her home country in various international conferences and trainings including the Human Rights and Drug Policy in East Asia Workshop at the University of Hong Kong, the training workshop for Youth Leaders on Social Development and Drug Abuse Prevention in Bangkok, Thailand, and the 9th Asian Youth Congress in Osaka, Japan, where the Philippine Delegation received the Best Proposal Award. She also serves as a lecturer and resource speaker with regard to the Philippine government’s efforts to counter drug dependency among the youth.

Nora R. FRIAS
Elementa | Mexico

Nora has a law degree from the Ibero-American University in Mexico City and a diploma in drug policy, human rights and health from the Center for Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE). She also has a certificate from the Program of Advanced Studies on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law from the American University in Washington DC. Since 2009, she has been working on the analysis, design and implementation of public policies on sexual and reproductive rights, gender, public safety and, more recently, drugs. She was an intern at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and a participant and coach in various international human rights moot court competitions. Additionally, she taught the subjects of strategic litigation and the Inter-American Human Rights System at the Ibero-American University and was the coordinator of the “Ibero ComuniDHad” Student Association that is dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights through academia. Currently, Nora is a junior lawyer at Elementa, a litigation and consultant firm that specializes in international and constitutional law. The firm offers a variety of socio-legal solutions for the effective protection of human rights in a regional context.

Fiona GILBERTSON
Recovering Justice | United Kingdom

Fiona is co-founder of Recovering Justice, an organization set up to challenge current drug policies with a focus on their negative impact on former drug users. Recovering Justice aims to become a bridge between the recovery movement and the drug policy reform organizations and to create new partnerships. Fiona was awarded a Winston Churchill scholarship in 2015 to look at diversion schemes from criminal justice to health, and is a community advisor for the
chief constable of County Durham. She has over 25 years of advocacy experience in HIV and sex work, mainly in policy development and lobbying, and is still an active member of Scotpep, an organization dedicated to the promotion of sex workers’ rights, health and dignity. She believes that the fundamental way to tackle stigma and discrimination is through policy change. People need rights not concessions.

Bastian GRAS
Humboldt University of Berlin | Germany

Bastian is currently finishing his master’s in international relations and European politics at Humboldt University Berlin, Sciences Po Paris and the University of Bath with a thesis on EU and US counter-drug strategies towards coca-producing countries in Latin America. His research compares EU and US approaches to fighting cocaine trafficking and examines the related impacts in producer countries. He holds a bachelor’s degree in political science and public administration from the University of Konstanz and Pompeu Fabra University Barcelona. As a former research assistant in a project on moral policy change, Bastian supported investigations on regulation, legislation processes and social policy discourse in the field of drugs policy. Furthermore, he has acquired practical experience having interned at the United Nations Office at Geneva, the German Embassy in Panama, the German Parliament and Peace and Cooperation, a Spanish NGO based in Madrid, Spain.

Daniel GUDIÑO PÉREZ
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES–ILDIS) | Ecuador

Daniel has over five years of experience in the non-profit sector. He earned a bachelor’s degree in international relations from the Universidad San Francisco de Quito and a master’s degree in conflict resolution and negotiation from the Universidad Andina Simon Bolívar, Ecuador. As project coordinator at Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Ecuador (FES–ILDIS), he focuses on international politics and regional integration, security, democracy and youth participation and has contributed to enhancing local civil society’s capacities in institution building and fostering democratic dialogue. Previously, Daniel worked at a non-profit as a liaison between sponsors and rural children in Ecuador, improving their quality of life. Daniel also interned at the Carter Center, which at the time served as a platform to
advance Ecuadorian-Colombian relations upon the withdrawal of ambassadors due to Colombian internal conflicts. Through these experiences, he has acquired strong project design and coordination skills as well as civil society-government dialogue tools.

S.M. Rezaul ISLAM
CARE | Bangladesh

Rezaul is currently working with CARE Bangladesh as Senior Technical Manager. He holds a master’s degree in public health with a specialization in HIV/AIDS prevention and has been working with different national and international organizations in Bangladesh for 18 years. He has practical experience in managing USAID, CIDA, World Bank, EC, DFID and Global Fund-supported projects that include designing, planning and implementing programs among injecting drug users, female sex workers, MSMs and transgender people. With the support of the Global Fund, he has facilitated the development of 60 community-based organizations throughout the country, through empowerment, organizational capacity building and social mobilization. He is experienced in policy advocacy, particularly with regard to the impact of HIV/AIDS prevention programs and harm reduction service provisions for people who inject drugs.

Benjamin JEANROY
ECHO | France

Benjamin holds a master’s degree in international relations from Sciences Po Paris as well as a master’s degree in international peace studies from the United Nations-mandated University for Peace (UPEACE). He has recently returned from a six-month internship at the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Laos where he was also conducting research for his thesis. He is currently working on setting up an organization that will focus on professionalizing and revitalizing the drug policy debate in France. At the crossroads between a think/do tank, a lobbying firm and an online participatory platform, ECHO aims to give prominence to policy reform proposals through expertise and online participation.
Iga JEZIORSKA

Students’ Drug Policy Initiative Hungary | Poland

Iga began working in the drug policy and harm reduction field back in 2011, when she joined the Students’ Drug Policy Initiative. Within SDPI, she attended numerous conferences and seminars on topics related to drugs, and created and implemented two educational and harm reduction projects for students. She earned a master’s degree in social prevention and rehabilitation at the University of Warsaw in 2013. After graduating, she was awarded a 2-year Visegrad scholarship to study public policy and management (MSc) at the Corvinus University of Budapest (CUB), where she conducted research on the influence of law enforcement on the functioning of harm reduction services. Soon after, she moved to the Netherlands to continue her work at the Drugtext Foundation, where she was managing the international library on substance use. In 2016, she founded SDPI Hungary, which is part of the Youth Organizations for Drug Action network. From September onwards, Iga is continuing her studies at the Doctoral School of Political Science at CUB.

Emil KIØRBOE

Danish Institute for Human Rights | Denmark

Emil joined the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) in 2014 as a legal adviser in the Monitoring Department. He is in charge of monitoring the development of human rights of socially disadvantaged and marginalized people in Denmark and acts as an advisor to the government, the parliament, public authorities and civil society. Until 2014, he worked as legal advisor and policy coordinator at Danish Street Lawyers, an NGO providing free outreach legal aid services to people who use drugs, including street-based sex workers, homeless people and people with mental disabilities. The organization also advocates for drug policies based on human rights and harm reduction. Emil holds an LLM degree from the University of Copenhagen with a master’s thesis on International Law, International Drug Policy and Harm Reduction and works as a part-time assistant lecturer in Human Rights Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen.
Ewa KONIECZKO
Polish Drug Policy Network | Poland

Ewa is currently working at the Polish Drug Policy Network which aims at improving Polish drug polices based on solutions prevalent in other European countries. Prior to joining PDPN, she was a donor relations specialist at the Nobody’s Children Foundation responsible for major donor campaigns. She was also a strategic planning advisor for the Open Society Foundations, as well as a community relations manager at the Friends of Integration Association responsible for developing a fundraising strategy to support the social integration of people with disabilities. As a trainer and coach, she has been involved in corporate fundraising, relationship building with donors, strategic planning and customer relationship management. Before her experience in the non-governmental sector, Ewa worked for six years in Ireland at Oracle Direct EMEA, Bank of Ireland and Ideal Standard Ltd. She graduated from the Poznan University of Economics with master’s degree in management.

Summera MAJEED
Institute of Psychiatry and WHO Collaborating Centre | Pakistan

Summera is a clinical psychologist and certified national consultant in harm reduction, substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation at the Institute of Psychiatry and WHO Collaborating Centre in Pakistan. She obtained a master’s degree in behavioral sciences in 2006 and has been working within different fields of psychology since then. She has completed numerous professional development courses throughout her career, including Oral Substitution Therapy (OST) for Substance Abuse Treatment (UNODC & WHO, 2012), Child Protection (World Vision International, Pakistan, 2013), Asian Human Rights & Drugs Policy (Open Society Foundation, Jodhpur, India, 2014), and Universal Treatment Curriculum for Substance Use Disorders (Colombo Plan, Pakistan, 2015). Summera’s journey into the field of harm reduction began in 2012 with the first OST project of UNODC in Pakistan, but became her passion when her country’s policy makers refused to support OST and the project had to close in 2014. She continued working on a volunteer basis and has been a devoted advocate of the rights of PWIDs ever since.
Etiene MARTINS

Federal Court | Brazil

Etiene is a federal judge in São Paulo, Brazil. Prior to this appointment, he worked as a police officer in Rio de Janeiro for 16 years, during which time he earned a master’s degree in public security with a research focus on transnational trafficking of guns. He is an advocate of nonviolent conflict resolution and is committed to the Pacifying Police Unit program. As a federal judge, Etiene has a high caseload on transnational drug trafficking in Brazil as the International Airport of São Paulo serves as one of the main hotspots for drug smuggling in South America. He also gives classes on criminal law and non-violent civil resistance and conflict resolution at the Police Academy of Rio de Janeiro.

Babak MOAZEN

Heidelberg University Germany | Iran

Babak was born in Shahrekord, Western Iran. He graduated from the Iran University of Medical Sciences in 2009 and began work as a research assistant at the Medicine and Health Promotion Institute in Tehran. He has participated in numerous research projects at global, regional and national levels, and his research has mostly focused on HIV/AIDS and drug use among most at-risk populations such as prisoners, men who have sex with men (MSM), and female sex workers (FSWs). He was a member of a research team that published two papers in The Lancet titled “Global burden of HIV, viral hepatitis, and tuberculosis in prisoners and detainees” and “Prevention of transmission of HIV, hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and tuberculosis in prisoners.” Previously, he collaborated with numerous international organizations including UNODC, WHO, EMCDDA, University of New South Wales, Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University, Yale University, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences and University of California San Diego. At the moment, he is pursuing a master’s degree in international health at Heidelberg University, working on his thesis entitled “HIV knowledge, high-risk behaviors and mental health among Iranian drug user prisoners.”
Isabel PEREIRA
Dejusticia | Colombia
Isabel holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Los Andes (2008), and a master’s degree in development studies with an emphasis on conflict and peacebuilding, from the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies (IHEID), Switzerland (2015). Isabel has worked for international development cooperation agencies in Colombia focused on conflict-affected regions and acted as advisor to the Colombian government on multilateral sustainable development negotiations. Currently, she is a researcher at the Center for Law, Justice and Society (Dejusticia), a think-do organization based in Bogotá, Colombia. There, she coordinates the projects ‘Palliative Care and Human Rights in the Americas,’ an assessment of the palliative care development in the region and the barriers to access controlled medicines, as well as a cooperation project with the UK Embassy in Colombia entitled ‘Assessment of Post-UNGASS drug policy in Colombia.’

Nischa PIERIS
Washington Office on Latin America | United Kingdom
Nischa is a consultant to the Inter-American Commission of Women at the Organization of American States (OAS), specialising on gender mainstreaming and managing research and policy projects addressing current drug policies and how they impact women. Previously she worked with the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) on the promotion of alternatives to imprisonment for drug-related crimes. She was a programme coordinator at Kids Company, a charity that lends support to vulnerable children in London where she worked directly with young people affected by violence and socio-economic disadvantage. Nischa is the author of the CIM/OAS publication ‘Women and Drugs in the Americas: A Policy Working Paper’ and co-produced the policy guide ‘Women, Drug Policies, and Incarceration: A Guide for Policy Reform in Latin America and the Caribbean’. She has a bachelor’s degree from Cambridge University in modern languages and a Master’s in Latin American studies from University College London.
Edoardo POLIDORI
Addiction Unit of Forlì | Italy

Edoardo is a doctor who specializes in public health and preventive medicine, and has been working in the field of drug addiction since 1982. He is the executive manager of the Addiction Unit of Forlì in Italy’s Emilia-Romagna region. He is a member of the executive board of both Itaca (European Association of Professionals working in the Drug Field) and the Italian Society for Drug Addictions (SITD). He has been involved in numerous international projects as a representative of the Emilia-Romagna region and has been a keynote speaker at national and international events in the field of harm reduction. Edoardo was also advisor to the Italian government and co-authored the national guidelines on harm reduction. In recent years, his activities have mainly focused on drug abuse prevention interventions for young people and raising awareness among parents and educators. Within the Addiction Unit of Forlì, he also established a drugs documentation center which collects non-scientific material on drugs such as posters, movies, books, art and comics. Since 2015, Edoardo is professor of addictions at the University of Bologna.

Ksenia PRILEPSKAYA
Independent filmmaker | United States

Ksenia Prilepskaya (aka Xenia Grubstein) was born on the Sakhalin Island in the Pacific Ocean and now resides in New York. She has worked as a journalist and has been involved in TV and video production since 1998 for a multitude of publications and TV channels. Ksenia is also a civil rights activist, having worked with global non-profits like Greenpeace and Doctors without Borders. In 2012, she was associate producer for ‘Pussy Riot – A Punk Prayer’, which received the Special Jury Award at Sundance 2013 and was also short-listed for an Academy Award. Currently, Ksenia is working on a documentary about the world’s need for drug policy reform weaving together stories of two women, a coca grower in Colombia and a former drug user-turned-activist in New York. Having been interested in Buddhism and yoga since her teens, Ksenia has founded a weekly outdoor meditation event in Brooklyn and currently teaches open donation-based yoga classes across New York City and wherever life brings her to.
Angel SALVADOR
Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights | Spain

Angel is a lawyer with a master’s degree in international studies from the University of Barcelona, a diploma in Procedures of International Tribunals from the Center for Latin American Social and Legal Studies, as well as a diploma in drug policy, health and human rights from the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics. During his university years, he was practicing in the field of new genetic technologies and law and also studied the abuse of stimulants, hallucinogens and designer drugs at the Institute for Lifelong Learning. Professionally, he has been engaged in the field of human rights legal defense at the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Colombian Commission of Jurists and the Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights. In addition, Angel has been a legal consultant for a care-specialized center for drug dependence and for a consulting firm specialized in human rights. He is currently developing a project in Mexico on prevention and harm reduction related to drug use among young indigenous people, in collaboration with the National Commission against Addictions.

Ana Florencia SCLANI HORRAC
Commission for Scientific Research, Buenos Aires Province | Argentina

Ana is a PhD candidate in social sciences and has a degree in geography from the National University of La Plata (UNLP) in Argentina. She is currently a research fellow at the Commission for Scientific Research of Buenos Aires Province and a substitute teacher of geography at Bachillerato de Bellas Artes UNLP. She has taken part in several research projects at UNLP as well as at the University of Buenos Aires and the University of São Paulo. She was assistant coordinator in a project supported and accredited by the National University of La Plata called ‘Breaking the Taboo: Youth, Cannabis and Health,’ a study addressing complex social problems from the perspective of the actor. Her work entitled ‘The user of Cannabis as a legal entity’ (2014) was published as part of the competition ‘Access and Democratization of Rights’ organized by the Chamber of Deputies of the Province of Buenos Aires in partnership with the Ombudsman and UNLP.
Suzanne SHARKEY
LEAP | United Kingdom

Suzanne is a spokesperson for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) UK. LEAP is a non-profit organization made up of current and former members of the law enforcement and criminal justice communities who are speaking out about the failures of existing drug policies and are raising awareness to the failed, dangerous and expensive pursuit of a punitive policy. LEAP advocates reform and an evidence-based policy with a public health focus including decriminalization and nuanced regulatory models for all drugs. Suzanne was a police officer for five years working in a specialized crime unit and as an undercover drugs buyer. She is also in long-term recovery from problematic substance misuse.

Sabrina STEIN
Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum (CPPF) | United States

Sabrina joined the Conflict Prevention and Peace Forum (CPPF), a program of the Social Science Research Council in New York that works to strengthen the knowledge base and analytical capacity of the United Nations in conflict prevention and management, peacemaking and peacebuilding, in May 2012. Currently, she serves as CPPF’s Program Coordinator and her work has focused mostly on the Latin American and Caribbean region, working extensively on the peace process in Colombia, non-conventional violence in Central America, and extractive industries in the Andean region. On cross-regional issues, much of Sabrina’s work has focused on the global drug policy debate, including drafting a report for the West African Commission on Drugs titled ‘The Global Drug Policy Debate: Experiences from the Americas and Europe.’ She received her M.A. in political science from the University of Central Florida (UCF), where she graduated summa cum laude in August 2012. She has a B.A. in political science as well as a B.A. in French from the same university. Sabrina was born and raised in Uruguay and speaks fluent Spanish.
David SUBELIANI
White Noise Movement | 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. In 2016, he joined the newly formed grassroots initiative White Noise Movement which fights for humane drug policy in Georgia and advocates for the decriminalization of all drugs.

Jessie Del Mundo TOLENTINO
Dangerous Drugs Board | Philippines

Jessie graduated from Far Eastern University in Manila with a bachelor’s degree cum laude in political science, and is pursuing a Juris Doctor at De La Salle University, Manila. He is also currently working at Dangerous Drugs Board, the leading agency in the policy-making and strategy-formulating body of the Philippine government with regard to drug abuse prevention and control. Since 2014, he has been a representative of the Philippines at the 1st Global Youth Forum on Drug Abuse Prevention held in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Last year, he took part in the seminar training on Human Rights and Drug Policy in East Asia held at the University of Hong Kong.

Diana Paola VALENZUELA RODRIGUEZ
Observatory on Growers and Crops Declared Illicit (OCDI) | Colombia

Diana is lawyer with a master’s degree in sociology, territorial planning and environmental management from the University of Barcelona. She is currently working as a researcher at the Observatory on Growers and Crops Declared Illicit (OCDI) and the Institute for Development and Peace Studies (INDEPAZ) in Colombia. She mainly
focuses on agribusiness, land conflicts and peace building. She was also recently involved in preparing supporting documents for the implementation of the drug policy agreed on during the FARC peace process.

Andres López VELASCO
Ministry of Justice and Law | Colombia

Andres works for the Colombian Ministry of Justice and Law as a member of the working group currently developing regulations for the cultivation, transformation and use of cannabis for medical and scientific purposes. He was also part of the team that assisted the Colombian delegation at UNGASS 2016. He previously worked at the Ministry of Health as chief of the Vigilance and Control Office for narcotic and psychotropic drugs. His areas of expertise are, among others, enforcement of control over medical and scientific uses of narcotic drugs in accordance with international treaties, cannabis regulation, new psychoactive substances, synthetic drugs as well as technical aspects related to illicit production and processing, internal markets for different drugs and chemical characterization of substances. He holds a BSc in chemistry as well as a master's degree in science from the National University of Colombia.
COURSE STAFF

SPP Student Facilitators

Ursula SANCHEZ
Mexico

Ursula recently graduated from SPP’s MPA program. 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 and extensive human rights violations associated with Mexico’s war on drugs and during her studies explored the relationship between drugs and development, the gendered impacts and the importance of rights-based response to the drug traffic in the country. She interned last summer at the Open Society Global Drug Policy program.

Lucia SOBEKOVÁ
Slovak Republic

Lucia is an MPA 2016 graduate at SPP. She is interested in drug policy, human rights and gender mainstreaming in public policy, having spent the summer of 2015 in Colombia researching issues around the peace process and drug policy. Lucia worked as a consultant for the Latin American office of International Crisis Group, pressing for human rights oriented drug policies for Latin America prior to UNGASS. She also attended the 59th CND session in Vienna and UNGASS. She will continue to advocate for drug policy reform.

Sebastián SOTO
Chile

Sebastián is currently studying towards an MPA at SPP. He studied law at Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez in Chile. Before joining CEU, Sebastián worked for several years as a lawyer at the Regional Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.
Ministry in Valparaíso, Chile, and was involved in the legal regulation and implementation of housing policies. During his MPA studies, Sebastián has acquired a deep interest in the topic of human rights and drug policies. His main interest in the topic are related to health aspects and harm-reduction approaches that drug policies should have.

Aron SUBA
Hungary

Aron earned his BA in Journalism from Edinburgh Napier University and is currently an MPA candidate at SPP. He has a special interest in the impact of drug policies on development issues and in ethnic-armed conflicts in Myanmar. At SPP, Aron is involved in a one-year-long capstone project, where his team will work for the UK-based Health Poverty Action INGO analyzing the impact of drug policies and legislation on some thematic areas of development in the context of international commitments for the Sustainable Development agenda. Besides his interests in drug policies, Aron is also keen on specializing in human rights and forced displacement issues. He studied the relationship between landlessness and poppy cultivation in Myanmar and has worked as an intern for UNHCR for nine month including in Hungary’s transit zones in its southern border areas.

Lien Huong TRINH
Singapore

Lien Huong earned an MA degree in Human Rights at CEU’s Legal Studies Department in 2016. She has a BA in sociology from Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. She has experience in both academia and the non-profit sector. Her background includes children’s rights, gender equality, mental disability rights, migrant workers’ rights, education and community development. Lien Huong became interested in drug policy after attending a course of drug policy and human rights at the CEU School of Public Policy. She is particularly interested in the topics of death penalty for drug offences, harm reduction, and impacts of drug policies on women.
Biographies

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Bernhard KNOLL-TUDOR

Director, SPP Global Policy Academy; Adjunct Professor | Austria

Prior to his appointment as director of the CEU School of Public Policy’s Global Policy Academy, 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 (Sarajevo, 1999–2000; Prishtina, 2000–2002) and at the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) in Warsaw (special adviser to the director, 2006–2012). He has held positions at the European Union Monitoring Mission (deputy head, Political and Information Division, Bosnia & Herzegovina, 1998); the United Nations Administration Mission in Kosovo (acting Temporary Media Commissioner, 2003), and with the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Political Directorate, desk officer for EU accession countries, 2005–6). 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, D.C.). He obtained his PhD from the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, and is the author of *Legal Status of Territories Subject to Administration of International Organisations* (Cambridge University Press, 2008). He teaches SPP’s course on public international law.

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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 moved to Hungary in 2015 after spending a year as an education consultant in Shanghai.
Livia MARSCHALL  
*Program Coordinator, SPP Global Policy Academy | Hungary*

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 coordinator at SPP’s Global Policy Academy in 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.

Ilona PUSKAS  
*Events Manager and Program Assistant, SPP Global Policy Academy | Hungary*

As a devoted communications professional, Ilona liaises with creative practitioners, the business sector, and the media. She has a background in cultural project management. Involved in contemporary fine art, she has been researching the role of the curator in facilitating sustainability and solidarity in curatorial praxis. She earned an MA in art and design management from the Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design and a BA in communication and media studies (specialization in journalism) from Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE) in Budapest.
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.

SPP’s Global Policy Academy (GPA) organizes academically rigorous and policy-relevant courses that are designed not as traditional training seminars but 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 non-profit 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.