



Substance Use, Stigma and Social Harm

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

We invite scholars to address the following questions:

- How and why is stigma weaponised against people who use drugs?
- What social and health harms arise from stigma connected to drug use? We are particularly interested in a focus on mental health.
- How is stigma variously experienced by PWUD from within and across different stages of the criminal justice system, social care, and public health services?
- How is stigma identified, negotiated, resisted, or refused by people who use drugs at different stages of the life course and across different intersections of identity?
- How does the stigmatisation of people who use drugs impact on a person's sense of inclusion in society?
- Does stigma harm people who use drugs equally, or is this unevenly experienced?
- How can we imagine criminal justice systems and public health differently so that they operate to reduce social harm experienced by PWUD?





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