

First call for abstracts: Nordic Alcohol and Drug Researchers' Assembly (NADRA)

We warmly welcome Nordic social scientists in the fields of alcohol, drug and gambling to the Nordic Alcohol and Drug Researchers' Assembly (NADRA) at Hanaholmen, Espoo (near Helsinki), Finland 8 – 10 September 2021.

NADRA 2021 focuses on marginalization and complex problems as challenges for Nordic social sustainability. Participants are encouraged to submit thematic contributions regarding new and old marginalization, welfare state recalibration, and gambling policies. The keynote talks will touch upon the following topics:

New and old marginalization

New habitual patterns, new principles for social interaction and new lifestyles are challenging our notions on what makes a person vulnerable and socially excluded. While heavy drug users and street alcoholics long constituted the typical notion of marginalized people, today they can be joined by people with excessive gambling and gaming habits or high-income prescription drug users. Are we sensitive and innovative enough to take into account new and possible future types of marginalization processes in our research practices? This year's assembly invites presentations that aim at furthering knowledge on different types of new and old marginalization.

Keynote: Riikka Perälä, Dr.Mc.Soc., researcher, University of Helsinki Centre Research on Addiction, Control and Governance

Welfare state recalibration

In order to save public sector spending and answer to demographic developments, all Nordic countries have aligned trends of public procurement, cross-sectoral service integration, multi-professionalism and co-production. Complex problem pictures of comorbidity and co-occurrence of social problems challenge the Nordic service provision systems. Alcohol and drug research need to show how the relocation and restructuring of resources in the public sector are affecting vulnerable groups. What role can research on alcohol, drug, gambling and tobacco play for decision-makers in developing sustainable service systems for dealing with complex problems or 'wicked issues'? NADRA 2021 kindly invites presentations on how the Nordic welfare states are handling these challenges.

Keynote: Bagga Bjerger, Associate professor at Aarhus University BSS, Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences

Gambling policy research

As a continuation of the first Nordic Gambling Conference arranged in 2017, the Nordic Welfare Centre wants to follow up on the topical developments in Nordic gambling policies. In recent years Nordic gambling researchers have been active in integrating systemic perspectives in the gambling policy discussion. What can we learn from Nordic gambling policy research so far, what policies can effectively reduce harms from problem gambling? Gambling often co-exist with other social problems and puts an extra burden on socially vulnerable individuals. What kind of marginalization processes

can we see in gambling research? NADRA 2021 kindly invites presentations on gambling policies in the Nordic countries.

To reduce harm from gambling, Sweden launched a new Gambling Act, based on a licensing system, in January 2019. What can we learn from the new Swedish Gambling Act? How does the Act work and what are the effects so far?

Keynote: Jenny Cisneros Örnberg, Associate Professor and Deputy Head of Department at Stockholm University, Department of Public Health Sciences

We warmly welcome abstracts related to these topics, as well as other topics within the field of social alcohol and drug research. Abstracts can be written and presented in English, Swedish, Norwegian or Danish. Abstracts should be no longer than 400 words. We also welcome participants without abstracts.

The maximum number of participants is 70. Participants with accepted abstracts are prioritised. Conference registration and abstract submission will open 1 March 2021.

Registration: <https://www.lyyti.in/Nadra>

The deadline for registration and submission of abstracts is 30 April 2021.

Notification of accepted abstracts will be given 17 May 2021 per email. The conference is organised and funded by the Nordic Welfare Centre, an institution under the Nordic Council of Ministers. Further information is available on the conference [webpage](#).

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