

Between everyday life and drug policy: the importance of the social space

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Social space refers to the interplay between people, a geographical spread, and material elements. Town squares, backstreets, walls, but also people shape how personal and public life unfolds. The material space in turn is appropriated by people, but is also controlled by policy. Here different needs and interests overlap. For instance, for drug users the open drug scene was a part of their everyday environment, whereas at the same time it was a space controlled by the police and preventive medicine. This talk will provide information on and discuss the importance of the social space for the issue of addiction.