

On behalf of the **International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP)**, we would like to announce that our **14th Annual Conference**, hosted by the **Drug Policy Program of the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE)**, will be held in **Aguascalientes, Mexico, from May 20th through May 22nd, 2020**. This annual event is of interest to academics in the field of drug policy, as well as policymakers and decision-makers interested in drugs and drug policy.

The **ISSDP Scientific Committee** invites all researchers and/or practitioners contributing to the study, assessment or evolution of drug policy, whether it be locally, nationally or internationally, to submit abstracts and/or panel proposals for the event. We welcome papers on all aspects of drug policy analysis and from a wide array of disciplines. This year we hope to encourage submissions on the following topics:

1. **Epidemiology and modeling of drug use and problematic drug use.**
2. **New psychoactive drugs.**
3. **Drug supply, with an interest in encrypted markets.**
4. **New theoretical and methodological approaches to drug dependence and treatment.**
5. **Harm reduction interventions on communities affected by the war on drugs with interest on experiences of farmers/producers.**
6. **Law enforcement practices accountability and control mechanism with an interest on marginalized populations and people who use drugs.**
7. **Law enforcement accountability or control mechanism.**
8. **Drug regulation, policy models, evaluation and methodology.**
9. **Human Rights and gender perspectives on drug policy and harm reduction.**
10. **Drug policy in Latin America and the Caribbean.**

Participants may present one paper only, although they may be a contributing author on more than one.

Panel proposals including participants from more than one country will be preferred to panels with participants from only one country, all else being equal. Similarly, multidisciplinary panel proposals will be preferred over panels with all members from a single discipline, all else being equal.

Timetable

Timely submission of papers is critical to the success of the conference. The conference procedures and timetable are as follows:

1. Deadline for Proposals

By **January 10th, 2020** at midnight (CST) authors should submit a 200- to 400-word proposal for their paper. The word count does not include the title or the topic(s) to be

addressed. **Proposals, along with authors' contact information, should be submitted via the [14th ISSDP Conference website](http://www.issdp2020.com) (www.issdp2020.com). The website will be available on Tuesday, November 19th, 2019.** When submitting your abstract, please use structured abstract headings (e.g. introduction, methods, results, discussion). Any problems uploading abstracts can be reported to issdp2020@cide.edu.

2. *Acceptance of Proposals*

All abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. By **February 21st, 2020** the Committee's decisions will be announced via e-mail. The number of accepted proposals could be limited due to time and space restrictions. Those selected to present are required to register for the conference.

3. *Completion Date and Submission Guidelines*

By **April 10th, 2020** at midnight (CST) the **ISSDP 2020** must receive the full paper with a 200-word abstract. Papers are expected to be between 2,500 and 4,000 words long. If accepted, your abstract will appear as you have submitted it in the book of abstracts.

4. *Registration*

Early bird registration will start on **February 21st, 2020** and will close on **March 21st, 2020** at midnight (CST). Regular registration will be open until **May 8th, 2020** at midnight (CST).

5. *Presenting the Paper*

Presentation slots are scheduled for 15 minutes maximum. A written version of the paper will be provided to participants only via the 14th ISSDP Conference website, before the conference. The expectation is that participants will have read the paper and hence the oral presentation will focus on key findings and then provide an opportunity for discussion. All paper sessions will include a discussant.

Panels

A number of panel sessions are also available. These proposals should focus on a selected topic and provide 3-4 papers around a central theme, with a chairperson, nominated by the panel presenters, who will coordinate and oversee the panel, including the discussion components of the panel session. Panels are 1.5 hours long. In the submission for a panel, please provide the title of the panel session and a brief description of the session aims. Please also list all panel presenters and their topics. Depending on the nature of the proposed panel, a 200- to 400-word abstract for each paper should be submitted as part of the panel submission (with presenters subsequently submitting full written papers by **April 10th, 2020**).

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The ISSDP is working in partnership with the IJDP, the official journal partner of the 14th annual conference. Selected papers presented at the ISSDP conference will be considered for publication as part of guest-edited themed sections in the IJDP. If you would like to have your written paper considered for the IJDP, please select the appropriate box on the submission form.

The **14th ISSDP Organizing Committee** looks forward to receiving proposals in response to its call and will be happy to respond to inquiries from interested parties.

Venue information and other information related to the conference will be posted on the 14th ISSDP Conference website (www.issdp2020.com). Questions may be addressed to **Laura Atuesta, Alejandro Madrazo and/or Samantha Pérez** via e-mail at issdp2020@cide.edu. Your participation in this effort to produce new papers will contribute to the written body of knowledge for the ISSDP and to the success of the **14th ISSDP Conference**.