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CALL FOR PAPERS

Journal of Illicit Economies and Development (JIED), LSE Press

Special Issue on drug policy history, design and practice in Asia

Deadline for Submission: 4 November 2022

The history, policies and practice of drug control in Asia, from opium wars to the first multilateral agreements on drug control, to the illegal production of scheduled substances (plant-based and synthetic), from the trafficking routes throughout the continent to the drug-free societies policies have been widely analyzed, but in isolation according to geographic sub regions or disciplines. This special issue welcomes articles covering the complete geographical spectrum in Asia, from Northeast Asia to the Middle East, and at providing a space for interdisciplinary research that connects Asian drug trafficking and inter-Asian legal responses' cooperation. The special issue aims mainly to collect, in one collection, a general overview of the history, the current practice and the policies to address drug production, trafficking and use on the continent which is home to 60% of the world population. The special issue will focus on three key dimensions of drug control that affect Asian countries:

- Historical landmarks: including milestones of drug control policy developments at the national level, which shaped the international regime over the last two centuries;
- Public health and history of local responses: i) analysis of the burden of infectious diseases, and ii) the state of access to controlled essential medicines; and
- Criminal justice and historical landmarks of its development: i) legal responses and punishments, and ii) prison overcrowding and over incarceration.

Calling for papers from different disciplines, and privileging interdisciplinary research, the special issue also encourages and welcomes papers addressing the analysis of contemporary drug-related issues in Asia, including and not limited to: public safety and drug-related crime, policy priorities including the historical, social, cultural and economic mechanisms behind the objective of drug free societies, and data collection challenges.

Deadline for submission of abstracts (250 words maximum) and letters of intent is on 4 November 2022. Decisions will be communicated by 24 November, for article manuscripts due on 27 January 2023. Invited papers will be subject to the usual JIED peer review processes (based on a double-blind peer review). Planned date of publication is June 2023.

The guest editors are especially interested in receiving papers based on empirical research and/or analysis with balanced geospatial coverage of countries and sub regions, and will ensure articles invited equally cover Northeast Asia, Southeast Asia, South Asia, Central Asia and Western Asia (Middle East).

JIED calls for two types of contributions in English:



RESEARCH ARTICLES

based on unpublished original research that makes a substantial contribution to knowledge and understanding to this special issue. Length: 8,000 words.



POLICY COMMENTARIES

Policy commentaries: which cover commentary on novel policy interventions, or review pre-existing interventions. Length: 3000 words.

Please include the following information in your letter of intent:

- Article type: Research Article or Policy Commentary
- Tentative title of article
- Name, affiliation and place of residence of author(s)
- Abstract (maximum 250 words)

And submit them to the Special Issue's guest editors:

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