Definitions and Conceptions of Substance Use Disorders (1 ECTS)

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Summary This course emphasizes the complexity and multi-faceted nature of substance use disorders (SUD) and the implications of our conceptions of SUD for clinical care and drug policies. During this course, we will examine changes in the conceptions of drug addiction across history, the current main definition of this disorder and alternative conceptions. Diagnostic criteria will be detailed to highlight the complexity and multi-faceted nature of substance use disorders.

Course level Introductory

Course dates • March 17, March 24, March 31, April 7 & April 14, 2021
• Always 8 h 30 – 11h

Content of course sessions Session 1: History, definition and diagnostic of Substance Use Disorders
Session 2: Diagnostic and treatment of SUD using case studies
Session 3: Defining the place of compulsion and Free Will in SUD
Session 4: SUD: a disease or a choice? Implications for clinical care & drug policies
Session 5: Main theories of SUD

Course materials - available on "https://moodle2.unil.ch"
- log in with your institutional address (unil, chuv, epfl)
- click on "Faculté de Biologie et de Médecine" > "Ecole doctorale / doctoral school" > "Lemanic Neuroscience Doctoral School" > “Definitions and Conceptions of Substance Use Disorders”

Location Live streams under the zoom link given below. Please keep your camera on, the course is interactive!
Zoom link: TBA

Evaluation Formal assessment will be implemented throughout the course and will include a concept map, discussions, think-pair-share, debates and responses to questions during the class. Students will construct a concept map about SUD on the first and last class meeting of the course. Oral participation throughout the course will be assessed according to the scale available on the Moodle course platform. Above quantity, the quality of interventions will be graded.

Registration The course is limited to 15 participants. Register before May 1, 2021, by writing a mail to lndscourses@gmail.com (with your supervisor in copy) and stating the course title as subject.