

Abstract

The thesis titled Non/introduction of drug consumption rooms in the Czech Republic is devoted to the controversy that surrounds the debate on the possible introduction of drug consumption rooms in the Czech Republic. It focuses on understanding the attitudes of actors of Czech drug policy towards this tool by examining discourse through analysis of language and speech they use. The analysis of discourse identifies two discursive groups. The first group are advocates of introduction of drug consumption rooms who adopt the discourse that is marked as a humanist and a second group are the opponents, who adopt the discourse I named as repressionistic. The thesis reveals the value contest behind these discourses and also points to the associated discursive conflict on how to make policy. Such a discourse significantly affects the form of the discourse on the possible introduction of drug consumption rooms in Czech Republic. By using the theory of social construction of target populations the text is looking for an answer on how the target population of problem drug users is socially constructed, and how the character of such a construction is related to the attitudes towards the introduction of drug consumption rooms. To frame the issue to the broader context the text also deals with the events analysis in the field of harm reduction in Czech drug policy and describes foreign experiences with drug consumption rooms.