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# **Cannabis Policy: Where to from here?**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Location: Graduate House

220 Leicester Street, Carlton VIC 3053

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**PROGRAMME: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

9:00 Registration

9:15 **Welcome: Jenny Williams, University of Melbourne**

**Session 1: Chair and Facilitator: Alison Ritter, UNSW**

9:30 – 10:15 Stephen Pudney, Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex  
*Title: Licensing and regulation of the cannabis market in England & Wales: Towards a cost-benefit analysis*

10:15-11:00 Marian Shanahan, Drug Modelling Project, NDARC, University of New South Wales  
*Title: Cost Benefit Analysis of Cannabis Legalisation*

11:00-11:30 Discussion

11:30-12:00 Morning Tea

**Session 2: Chair and Facilitator: Wayne Hall, University of Queensland**

12:00-12:45 David Fergusson, University of Otago  
*Title: Cannabis and Psychosis: Is there a Causal Link?*

12:45-1:00 Discussion

1:00-2:00 Lunch

**Session 3: Chair and Facilitator: Jan van Ours, Tilburg University and University of Melbourne**

2:00-2:45 Michelle Sovinsky Goeree, University of Zürich  
*Title: Consumption Decisions in Illegal Markets with Limited Accessibility: The Case of Cannabis*

2:45-3:30 Anne Line Bretteville Jensen, SIRUS, Norway  
*Title: Does Decriminalization Increase Initiation into Cannabis?*

3:30-4:00 Discussion

4:00-4:30 Afternoon Tea

**Session 4:**

4:30-5:30 Robin Room, University of Melbourne and Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre  
*Title: An Overview of Where We Are: Key Themes and Issues*

**PROGRAMME: Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

9:00-9:30 Welcoming Tea

**Session 5: Chair and Facilitator: Robin Room University of Melbourne and Turning Point Alcohol & Drug Centre**

9:30- 10:15 Jan van Ours, Tilburg University and University of Melbourne  
*Title: Why Do Some People Want to Legalize Cannabis Use?*

10:15-11:00 Simon Lenton, Curtin University  
*Title: More Tales of CIN - Findings of the pre-post evaluation of The Cannabis Infringement Notice Scheme in Western Australia*

11:00-11:30 Morning Tea

**Session 6: Chair and Facilitator: Marian Shanahan, UNSW**

11:30-12:15 Benedikt Fischer, Simon Fraser University  
*Title: Placing and Implementing Lower Risk Cannabis Use Guidelines in the Context of Prohibition: A Policy Case Study from Canada*

**Session 7: The future of cannabis policy in Australia**

12:15-1:00 Wayne Hall, University of Queensland  
*Title: What does the History of Australian Cannabis Policy Suggest about the Likely Shape of Future Policy?*

1:00-2:00 Lunch

**Session 7: Panel discussion and participant debate**

2:00-4:00 *Topic: Cannabis Policy in Australia: Current Policy Context, Explanations for Status quo, Barriers to Reform, and Critical Issues*

Speakers: Alison Ritter, DPMP, UNSW  
Simon Lenton, NDRI, Curtin University  
David Penington, University of Melbourne  
Margaret Hamilton, University of Melbourne

4:00-4:30 Afternoon Tea

There is no cost for attending the workshop. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. A workshop dinner will be held at 7pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of November. The approximate cost will be around \$60 per head.

**Please register for the workshop by e-mailing Kathryn Perez <klperez@unimelb.edu.au> and indicate whether you will be joining us for dinner.**

**Places are limited and will be allocated on the basis of date of receipt of registration e-mail.**