

Gender, Alcohol and Culture: An International Study



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2011 GENACIS Workshop, Fitzroy, Australia

The 2011 GENACIS Workshop at Turning Point Alcohol and Drug Centre, Fitzroy, Australia, was another interesting and productive meeting, with about 35 participants attending. We hope that many of you can join us in Stavanger, Norway, for the 2012 GENACIS workshop. Help us create another memorable GENACIS group photo!

20TH ANNUAL GENACIS WORKSHOP

Please join us for the 20th Annual GENACIS Workshop, in Stavanger, Norway. The GENACIS Workshop will be held at the **University of Stavanger**, on Tuesday, June 5.



Robin Room, Mek Thamarangsi, and Dag Rekve at the H20 meeting.

WHO/Thai Health Sponsors Harms to Others Meeting

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Thailand Ministry of Public Health (Thai Health) sponsored a meeting of the WHO/Thai Health Collaborative Study of Alcohol's Harms to Others in Bangkok, Thailand, February 16-17, following the February 13-15 Global Alcohol Policy Conference. The collaborative harms to others (H20) study is the first implementation of WHO's theme of Harm to Others from Drinking, one component of WHO's Global Alcohol Strategy. Coordinators and co-investigators of the H20 study are Dag Rekve of WHO and Thaksaphon (Mek) Thamarangsi of Thai Health. Robin Room is also a co-investigator of the

study. Sharon Wilsnack and Richard Wilsnack participated in the Bangkok meetings to discuss ways that GENACIS could contribute to the H20 project. Other GENACIS members attending, as potential H20 survey directors and advisors, were Vivek Benegal, Siri Hettige, Ann Hope, Isidore Obot, and Maristela Monteiro.

The first phase of the H20 study will involve general population surveys in multiple countries, using a common interview questionnaire designed to assess the harmful effects of alcohol to persons other than the drinker him/herself (for example, family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers). Thai Health will fund H20 surveys in several countries, including Thailand, India, Nigeria, and Sri Lanka. Some of the H20 surveys may use a questionnaire that combines H20 questions with a shortened version of the GENACIS questionnaire. Because the next phase of GENACIS research will also include a major focus on alcohol's harms to others, discussions are underway about ways that the WHO/Thai Health study and GENACIS could partner to increase the number and diversity of H20 surveys worldwide. In its renewal application to the U.S. National Institutes of Health, GENACIS co-investigators will request funding for new surveys in India and Uganda that will use the combined H20/GENACIS questionnaire. The new surveys will allow assessment of changes in drinking patterns and drinking-related problems over the approximately ten years since the original GENACIS surveys were conducted, a period of major social and economic change in both India and Uganda. In addition, information from the H20 component of the new surveys can aid the WHO/Thai Health study in estimating the extent and correlates of alcohol's harms to others worldwide. These estimates in turn can identify areas of unmet needs for services, and may suggest new targets for prevention, intervention, and policy.



Anne-Marie, Isidore, Sharon, Robin, Vivek, Dag, Mek, and others discussing the new H20 questionnaire.



GENACIS Qualitative Study Meets in London

The GENACIS study, “Intimate Partner Violence and Use of Alcohol: Qualitative Comparative Study 2011-2012,” led by Marja Holmila, Finland, had its first meeting of study partners November 17-18, 2011, in London.

This qualitative study aims to deepen and extend the understanding of GENACIS quantitative findings on intimate partner violence and alcohol. The quantitative analyses have shown that intimate partner violence is linked with heavy use of alcohol by either partner. The connection is complicated and influenced by cultural attitudes and perceptions of drinking as well as gender relations. In this comparative study, data are collected using (1) focus groups with young adults and (2) individual focus interviews with professionals who meet these problems in their work. The study is supported by the Finnish Academy through a small grant for travel and field work expenses.

At its first joint meeting in London, the group was pleased that -- in spite of many practical problems -- data collection had been started in eight countries by the following project participants: **Akanidomo Ibanga** in Nigeria, **Franca Beccaria and Sara Rolando** in Italy, **Kathryn Graham** in Canada, **Siri Hettige** in Sri Lanka, **Marja Holmila** in Finland, **Myriam Munné** in Argentina, **Raquel Magri** in Uruguay, and **Nazarius Tumwesigye** in Uganda. In addition to these study leaders, **Moiria Plant** also took part in the London meeting, sharing her expertise on the study theme.

The group had a very interesting two-day meeting. Each researcher described his/her field work experiences and recruitment of interview participants. The members worked on a common list of codes and analysis methods and discussed the challenges of further data collection. The meeting took place in the luxury “gentlemen’s club” premises of the Notre Dame University in the very center of London, thanks to Kathryn Graham, who volunteered to give a free talk in the University’s open lecture series in return for the meeting space.

Group leader Marja concluded, “we all were encouraged and inspired to continue our work in this productive, amicable and creative group, and look forward to meeting again in Stavanger for our next working meeting.”



KBS Latin America Thematic Meeting, Rio de Janeiro

Florence Kerr-Corrêa, Analice Gigliotti, and Marcos Zaleski are pleased to invite you to participate in the KBS Latin America Thematic Meeting to be held in Rio de Janeiro November 30 and December 1, 2012. The theme of the conference is “Gender, Alcohol and Violence.” Featured speakers will be Raul Caetano, Kathryn Graham, Kenneth Leonard, and Sharon Wilsnack.

Parallel to the KBS Thematic Meeting, there will be a Latin America Tobacco and Other Drugs Conference, which will be held in Portuguese, without simultaneous translation. Thematic meeting participants who speak Portuguese or Spanish are invited to attend the roundtables and lectures of the Other Drugs Conference.

Abstracts for oral presentations may be submitted at: <http://www.metodorio.com.br/kbs2012/> (click on the U.S. flag for the English version).

Conference fee and registration: Registration fee includes attendance at all sessions, delegate handbook and satchel, and catering at coffee breaks.

Florence writes, “we look forward to welcoming you to Rio de Janeiro during a sunny spring that will feel, for most of you, like a very pleasant summer!”

2013 KBS Symposium in Kampala, Uganda

Kampala, Uganda, has been chosen to host the 2013 Kettil Bruun Society Symposium, June 3-7, 2013. Like the November 2010 KBS Thematic Meeting which was also held in Kampala, the 2013 KBS symposium is being organized by the Makerere University College of Health Sciences and School of Psychology. Several KBS and GENACIS members are on the meeting’s advisory committee. More details can be found at <http://kbs2013.musph.ac.ug>

While the over-arching theme of the symposium will be alcohol use and abuse, subthemes will concern drug and tobacco use, HIV and risky sexual behavior, and the influence of the alcohol industry on alcohol policy.

The conference will be held at the beautiful Munyonyo Commonwealth Resort, <http://www.munyonyocommonwealth.com/spekeresort.htm>.

After the symposium you may want to extend your stay to go on a safari or visit one of Uganda’s breathtaking national parks (photos and websites on page 11).

RECENT GENACIS-RELATED PUBLICATIONS

GENACIS members continue to be highly productive in publishing their findings in books and peer-review journals. The following GENACIS-related papers were published in 2011 and 2012. Congratulations to all authors on these publications!

- Bakhireva, L N., Wilsnack, S.C., Kristjanson, A., Yevtushok, L., Onishenko, S., Wertelecki, W., & Chambers, C.D. (2011). Paternal drinking, intimate relationship quality, and alcohol consumption in pregnant Ukrainian women. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, *72*, 536-544.
- Bloomfield, K., Wicki, M., Wilsnack, S., Hughes, T., & Gmel, G. (2011). International differences in alcohol use according to sexual orientation. *Substance Abuse*, *32*, 210-219.
- De Oliveira, J. B., Santos, J. L.F., Kerr-Corrêa, F., Simão, M.O., & Lima, M.C.P. (2011). Alcohol screening instruments in elderly males: A population-based survey in metropolitan São Paulo, Brazil. *Revista Brasileira de Psiquiatria*, *33*, 347-352.
- Dietze, P., Room, R., Jolley, D., Matthews, S., & Chikritzhs, T. (2011). The adverse consequences of drinking in a sample of Australian adults. *Journal of Substance Use*, *16*, 116-126.
- Graham, K., Bernards, S., Knibbe, R., Kairouz, S., Kuntsche, S., Wilsnack, S.C., Greenfield, T K., Dietze, P., Obot, I., & Gmel, G. (2011). Alcohol-related negative consequences among drinkers around the world. *Addiction*, *106*, 1391-1405.
- Graham, K., Bernards, S., Wilsnack, S.C., & Gmel, G. (2011). Alcohol may not cause partner violence but it seems to make it worse: A cross national comparison of the relationship between alcohol and severity of partner violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *26*, 1503-1523.
- Grittner, U., Kuntsche, S., Gmel, G., & Bloomfield, K. (2012). Alcohol consumption and social inequality at the individual and country levels--results from an international study. *The European Journal of Public Health* 2012; doi: 10.1093/eurpub/cks044
- Grittner, U., Kuntsche, S., Graham, K., & Bloomfield, K. (2012). Social inequalities and gender differences in the experience of alcohol-related problems. *Alcohol and Alcoholism*, doi: 10.1093/alcalc/ags040
- Kuntsche, S., Knibbe, R.A., Kuntsche, E., & Gmel, G. (2011). Housewife or working mum -- each to her own? The relevance of societal factors in the association between social roles and alcohol use among mothers in 16 industrialized countries. *Addiction*, *106*, 1925-1932.
- Paradis, C. (2011). Parenthood, drinking locations and heavy drinking. *Social Science & Medicine*, *72*, 1258-1265.

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. SANDRA KUNTSCHKE!



Ronald, Sandra, Gerhard, Moira, and Kim following Dr. Kuntsche's successful dissertation defense

Sandra Kuntsche, Ph.D., successfully defended her dissertation, *Snow White's Heritage*, December, 2011, at the University of Maastricht, Netherlands. As described in her introduction, the aim of her dissertation was "to shed more light on the cultural and gender differences in the relationship between social roles and alcohol use." All publications in the dissertation used GENACIS data.

Sandra's Promoter was Professor Ronald Knibbe and her Co-Promoter was Professor Gerhard Gmel. Professor Moira Plant and Professor Kim Bloomfield were examiners. We are proud that they are all members of the GENACIS family.

Publications (continued)

- Peng, C.-Z., Wilsnack, R.W., Kristjanson, A F., Benson, P.W., & Wilsnack, S.C. (2012). Gender differences in the factor structure of the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test in multinational general population surveys. *Drug & Alcohol Dependence*, DOI: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2011.12.002.
- Prado, J. de A., Kerr-Corrêa, F., Lima, M.C.P., Aciole, G.G., Santos, J.L.F. (in press). Relations between depression, alcohol and gender in the Metropolitan Region of São Paulo, Brazil. *Ciencia e Saude Coletiva*.
- Room, R., Ferris, J., Bond, J., Greenfield, T. K., & Graham, K. (2012). Differences in trouble per litre of different alcoholic beverages – A global comparison with the GENACIS dataset. *Contemporary Drug Problems*, *38*, 493-516.
- Room, R., Mäkelä, P., Benegal, V., Greenfield, T., Hettige, S., Tumwesigye, N., & Wilsnack, R., (2011). Times to drink: Cross-cultural variations in drinking in the rhythm of the week. *International Journal of Public Health*, Online First 11 May, DOI: 10.1007/s00038-011-0259-3.
- Wilsnack, S.C. (2012). The GENACIS Project: A review of findings and some implications for global needs in women-focused substance abuse prevention and intervention. *Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation*, 2012:3 (Suppl 1), 5-15.

KBS PAPERS BY GENACIS MEMBERS

GENACIS members and friends will present a number of papers at KBS 2012. This list gives the titles and presentation times for papers authored or co-authored by GENACIS members and friends (bold type).

Monday, June 4

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Plenary Room

Societal level factors contributing to alcohol consumption in Sri Lanka. **Siri Hettige**

What is the role of roles?: Social roles and women's alcohol use in low and middle income countries.

Ulrike Grittner

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Track E Room

Differential item functioning between men and women in the AUDIT among GENACIS general population subgroups. **Jason Bond, Madhabika Nayak, Thomas Greenfield, Sharon Wilsnack, Richard Wilsnack**

Gender differences in consequences of alcohol use: A country-level analysis. **Giora Rahav**

The role of heavy-drinking acceptability in mediating a country's level of heavy drinking by gender. **Thomas Greenfield, Jason Bond, Madhabika Nayak, Sharon Matthews, Robin Room**

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Track B Room

Alcohol and risky sexual behavior among the Firsherfork: Evidence from Lake Victoria's two fish land. **Nazarius Mbona Tumwesigye**

Alcohol use and related problems among crack users in Brazil. **Adriana Marcassa Tucci**

Track E Room

Alcohol in the life narratives of women: Differences by sexual orientation. **Laurie Drabble**

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Track B Room

Depression symptoms and alcohol use: a cross-sectional analysis of GENACIS data for Brazil and Canada. **Maria Cristina Pereira Lima, Florence Kerr-Corrêa, José M. Bertolote, Kathryn Graham, Jürgen Rehm**

Track C Room

Alcohol use among young people in Uganda. **Florence Omumu**

Tuesday, June 5

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Plenary Room

A prospective study of characteristics of road traffic accident victims and prevalence of substance use.

Mufutau Abdullah Yunusa

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Track A Room

Stakeholders in contemporary Italian substitute prescribing policy. **Franca Beccaria**

Track B Room

Cross-country and within-country assessment of educational status and its link with alcohol use.

Sandra Kuntsche, Matthias Wicki, Mariana Astudillo, Ulrike Grittner, Kim Bloomfield, Gerhard Gmel

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Track B Room

Mental wellbeing and use of alcohol. **Pia Mäkelä**

Track C Room

Risky drinking, risky sex: A national study of New Zealand university students. **Jennie Connor, Kimberly Cousins**

Track G Room

Influence of adverse childhood experience on alcohol abuse of students in a College Of Education.

Olufunke Chenube, Florence Omumu

Alcohol consumption and high sexual behaviour of students in universities in Southern Nigeria.

Florence Omumu, Olufunke Chenube

Drinking and disaster: Alcohol consumption during the 2011 Flood in Thailand. **Thaksaphon Thamarangsi**

Tuesday, June 5 (continued)

Alcohol consumption changes in Italy (1960-2000s): Contextual determinants and preventive alcohol policies. **Allaman Allamani**

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Track A & B Room

The special relationship between Icelandic society and its state alcohol monopoly. **Hildegunnur Olafsdottir**

Quality of life, social engagement do not vary by drinking patterns of older South African adults.

Priscilla Martinez

Track F Room

Alcohol use and treatment among FSU immigrants in Israel: Review of publications, 7/2009 – 12/2011.

Shoshana Weiss

Track G Room

Prevalence of alcohol problems in the general population using RAPS. **Ann Hope**

Room (to be announced)

GENACIS Workshop (followed by group dinner)

Wednesday, June 6

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Track H Room

Sexual overtures and aggressions in bars and clubs.

Kathryn Graham, Sharon Bernards

Drug misuse among transvestites in Fortaleza, Brazil.

Florence Kerr-Corréa

Track I Room

Who harms whom with their drinking? – Results from the 2011 Danish National Alcohol and Drug Survey.

Kim Bloomfield, Ulrike Grittner

Thursday, June 7

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Plenary Room

Change processes in women residential substance abuse treatment recipients: A mixed-methods analysis.

Rachel Roiblat

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Track I Room

Socioeconomic status and the association between drinking patterns and alcohol-related aggression.

Ludwig Kraus

Track J Room

Alcohol exposures, marketing, problem drinking and drunkenness among youth in the slums of Uganda.

Monica H. Swahn

Track L Room

Mothers who misuse substances: Register-based description of mothers of small children.

Marja Holmila

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Track I Room

Perceived alcohol-related risks for children from others' drinking in Victoria, Australia.

Anne-Marie Laslett

Track L Room

The alcohol and tobacco information given to pregnant mothers by the health team in Uruguay.

Raquel Magri

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Track I Room

Intimate partner violence in Nigeria: Preliminary results of a qualitative study.

Akanidomo Ibanga

Views on alcohol and intimate partner violence in Argentina: Preliminary results.

Myriam Munné

Track K & L Room

Learning from the chaos: Heterogeneous age limits of bans on tobacco sales to youths in Switzerland.

Hervé Kuendig

Saturday, June 2 – University of Stavanger

Building: Kjell Arholms (Department of Health and Social Studies), Room: KA-U-136

9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

GENACIS R01 Consortium Meeting

Tuesday, June 5 -- University of Stavanger

Building: Kjell Arholms, Room KA-U-To be determined

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

GENACIS Workshop

Welcome (Sharon)

Updates on future KBS meetings

KBS Thematic Meeting, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Nov. 2012
(Florence)

2013 KBS Symposium, Kampala, Uganda (Nazarius)

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

GENACIS Qualitative Study Report

Introduction – Aims and Methods (Marja)

Field Experiences (Franca, Nazarius, and others)

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

GENACIS Future Directions (Sharon)

Bangkok Harms to Others Meeting

R01 Renewal Grant Application

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

General discussion and closing thoughts

Tuesday Evening, June 5 -- Stavanger City Center, Renaa/Matbaren Restaurant

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

GENACIS Group Dinner

Renaa/Matbaren Restaurant

Breitorget 6, N-4006 Stavanger



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It is important that we all use the standard GENACIS acknowledgements statement in our publications, so that all major funding sources for the GENACIS project are accurately acknowledged. The acknowledgements statement is periodically updated and the most current statement is always available on the UND GENACIS website.

There is an MS Word version of the statement that can be copied directly from the website. You can access the statement through a link on the home page of the GENACIS website. There is also a link to a list of study directors and funding sources so that you can acknowledge these for each country used in your analyses.

If there are any questions about the acknowledgements statement, please contact Arlinda or Sharon.

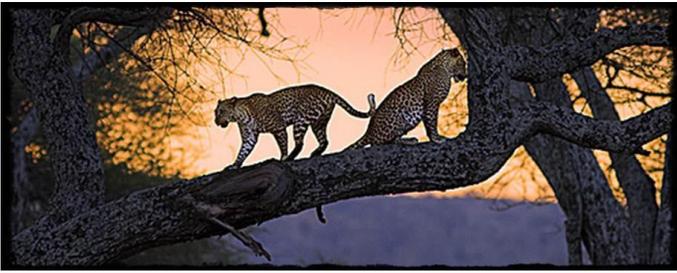
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Contrary to popular opinion, sometimes they DO sit and relax.

Sights and Sounds of Uganda



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<http://kabiza.com/kabiza-wilderness-safaris/blog/uganda-the-pearl-of-africa-video/>

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=4OKb-JZrDuo

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8u9sWFALGXQ&feature=player_embedded

WEBSITES

IRGGA/GENACIS website at UND:
(<http://www.med.und.edu/depts/irgga/>).

GENACIS site at Addiction Info Switzerland:
<http://www.genacis.org>

KBS website:
<http://www.kettilbruun.org/>

Please send suggestions for future issues to Arlinda Kristjanson (arlinda.kristjanson@med.und.edu) or Sharon Wilsnack (sharon.wilsnack@med.und.edu).



Stavanger SIGHTS

Here are a few websites for information about places to visit in and near Stavanger.

http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Europe/Norway/Rogaland/Stavanger-211953/Things_To_Do-Stavanger-Gamle_Stavanger-BR-1.html

http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Europe/Norway/Rogaland/Stavanger-211953/Things_To_Do-Stavanger-Lysenfjorden_Not_pulpit_or_kjaerag-BR-1.html

http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Europe/Norway/Rogaland/Stavanger-211953/Things_To_Do-Stavanger-Stavanger_Museum-BR-1.html

http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Europe/Norway/Rogaland/Stavanger-211953/Things_To_Do-Stavanger-Stavanger_domkirke-BR-1.html

http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Europe/Norway/Rogaland/Stavanger-211953/Things_To_Do-Stavanger-Hafsjord-BR-1.html

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Please remember that first authors of all GENACIS papers must send a draft of that paper, prior to submission for publication, to all survey leaders whose data are used in that paper. Survey leaders will have one month to review the paper and send any comments to the first author. Should any disagreements arise that cannot be resolved by the paper authors and survey directors, these should be brought to the GENACIS R01 Consortium for discussion. Significant disagreements may be mentioned in a footnote in the paper. Please review frequently these and other authorship guidelines, which are posted on the UND GENACIS website (<http://www.med.und.nodak.edu/depts/irgga/>).