

Propositions

Attached to the thesis

Between Care and Order:
Street-Level Workers' Discretion and Drug policies in
Amsterdam (the Netherlands) and Porto Alegre (Brazil)

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1. Different socio-economic and historical circumstances may produce different local opportunities for discretion and different approaches by street-level workers in exercising discretion. (This thesis)
2. Street-level workers' discretionary choices are neither only determined by self-centered motives nor only by willingness to serve clients. (This thesis)
3. Within the context of their territories' structure and in their discretionary acts, street-level workers daily and strategically combine public health and public order approaches. (This thesis)
4. Street level workers have complex beliefs that they bring to the workplace and these beliefs interact with experiences to produce a range of discretionary responses with differing implications for users' lives. (This thesis)
5. An integrated network of social, health, and law enforcement sectors may improve the access of users to services, but may place users under greater surveillance and reduce their choices. (This thesis)
6. To more effectively respond to drug epidemics, developing countries like Brazil need to invest more in social policies.
7. Drug policies in developed countries like the Netherlands need to invest more in 'users' participation if a claimed commitment to human rights is to be a reality.
8. Drug dependence is much more than a physical state.
9. Promoting independence for drug users requires that they are given responsibilities for their own lives and are offered concrete choices.
10. Discretionary freedom of choice is part of work-life for street level workers, but the environment makes some choices easier than others.
11. Cross-cultural sensitivity implies never giving a Dutch *zoutedrop* to a Brazilian.