



GLOBAL  
COMMISSION ON  
DRUG POLICY

# CHALLENGING THE DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY FOR PEOPLE WHO USE DRUGS

## WHEN

Thursday 13 June 2019  
11h - 12h45

## WHERE

Stockholm University  
G-Salen  
Svante Arrhenius väg 16



POSITION PAPER

DRUG POLICY AND DEPRIVATION OF  
LIBERTY

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## FOCUS OF THE EVENT

Showcasing the new position paper by the Global Commission on Drug Policy on the impact of drug policies on the deprivation of liberty, this event will highlight how prison and over-incarceration are glaring expressions of the failure of the current international drug control system based on prohibition.

The paper shows how the deprivation of liberty for non-violent drug crimes is a wrong and ineffective response, notably because it does not take into account the social and psychological root causes of problematic drug consumption, nor does it consider the economic and social marginalization of low-level actors in the trade. Furthermore, people who are incarcerated are vulnerable, exposed to risks, particularly health risks, for which they are not well-equipped and do not receive adequate care.

This situation urgently calls for political, correctional, and medical authorities to face up to their responsibilities.



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