



International Chemsex Symposium (ICS)

July 28, 2022 | 9:30 - 17:00

Salle des boiseries (J-2805)

Pavillon Judith-Jasmin | 405 Sainte-Catherine Street East

University of Quebec in Montreal (UQAM)

In-person event

Pre-registration required before July 22, 2022 at 5 p.m. (Eastern Time Zone)

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The International Chemsex Symposium is an event organized by the Canada Research Chair TRADIS (Trajectories, Diversity, Substances), which aims to bring together researchers, activists, and practitioners from around the world, to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field of sexualized psychoactive substance use.

This event will facilitate the gathering of the existing scientific knowledge on this phenomenon, present models of intervention used within the context of chemsex from various countries, in addition to offering a space to discuss and explore avenues for further research.

The (ICS) aims to be a critical space for reflection and collaboration allowing actors within the field the opportunity to participate in various debates raised by this phenomenon and its various socio-cultural realities. This event will also offer students whose work focuses on chemsex the opportunity to discuss their current research as well as their expected results.

Preliminary program

9:30 - 9:40 **Opening** Jorge Flores-Aranda
Welcome from the TRADIS Chairholder

9:40 - 10:20 **Assessment** by Rusty Souleymanov
The current state of research on chemsex and Party-n-Play:
Understanding multiple perspectives on sexualized drug use

10:20 - 10:30 **Morning break**

10:30 - 12:30 **Round Table**
Intervention initiatives

10:30 - 10:50 **10 Examples of Chemsex support initiatives that have made a difference in the world**
Vincent Leclercq

10:50 - 11:10 **Can U Host? The GMSH's PnP Peer Health Promotion/Harm Reduction Project**
Jordan Bond-Gorr

11:10 - 11:30 **Experiences with a tailored peer-to-peer Chemsex-suport in Germany**
Dirk Sander

11:30 - 11:50 **From harm reduction to holistic health care: Gaps in the system**
Florian Vock

11:50 - 12:10 **A rallying cry: Developing chemsex programming at L'Actuel medical clinic**
Jonathan Bacon

12:10 - 12:30 **Discussion**

12:30 - 13:25 **Lunch**

13:25 - 14:00 **Presentation and deliberative activity**

Assessing sexualized substance use of gay and bisexual men: A critical overview and future development
Mathieu Goyette, Jorge Flores-Aranda, Maëlle Lefebvre, Maxime Blanchette, Iris Bourgault Bouthillier

14:00 - 14:50 **Students Plenary**
Chemsex trajectories

14:00 - 14:25 **Chemsex realities**
Maxime Blanchette

14:25 - 14:50 **Party N' Play (PNP) and Covid-19:**
How gay and bisexual men who PNP navigated drug use-related behaviors during the first year of the pandemic
Maxim Gaudette, Jorge Flores-Aranda, Olivier Ferlatte

14:50 - 15:20 **Coffee break**

15:20 - 16:10 **Students Plenary**
Affective and relational needs

15:20 - 15:45 **Affective experiences of people practicing chemsex:**
preliminary results and research perspectives
Yannick Gaudette

15:45 - 16:10 **Relational Needs of Gay, Bisexual, and Other MSM Who Practice Chemsex:**
Preliminary Results from a Critical and Sex-Positive Perspective
Joseph Uriele De Piano, Jorge Flores-Aranda, David Lafortune-Sgambato

16:10 - 16:40 **Presentation**
Heterogeneity of relationships to chemsex (ANRS-PaacX)
Christel Protiere

16:40 - 17:00 **Closing Session** Jorge Flores-Aranda and Ben Collins
Current challenges and perspectives