

Workshop Schedule, 11 April 2025 (9am-5pm)

Thinking About Drinking:

Philosophical Contributions to Understanding Human-Alcohol Relations

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Arrival and Welcome

- Registration and refreshments.
- Brief overview of the day's structure.

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Scene–Setting Talks

10-15 minute talks from a range of disciplinary angles introducing themes, ideas, concepts, and challenges arising from the experiences of people working in these fields

- Melissa Laurens (Psychology, Saxion)
- Marcel Pieterse (Psychology, University of Twente)
- Yamikani Ndasauka (Philosophy, University of Malawi)
- Jesse Proudfoot (interdisciplinary/sociology, Durham University)

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

World Café Round 1: Conceptual Explorations

- Participants rotate between three facilitated stations, each focused on a philosophical question. No expectation of arriving at definite answers, or sticking rigidly to themes: these are explorations.
 1. Is alcoholism a disease? – spectrum disorder? – social/cultural construct?
 2. How should harm from alcohol be conceptualized and measured?
 3. What social and psychic purposes does alcohol serve, or appear to serve, for individuals, groups, or societies?
- A group member captures key insights and emerging themes.

11:45 AM – 12:00 AM

Break

12:00 AM – 1:15 PM

Interactive Case Studies

- Groups tackle real-world scenarios (e.g., public health campaigns, policy creation, or cultural responses to drinking).
- Participants analyse the issues using the philosophical frameworks discussed in Round 1.
- Quick presentations from each group to summarize findings (5 min each)

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

Lunch Break

- Encourage informal networking and reflection.

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

World Café Round 2: Creative Futures

- New rotation through three stations focusing on actionable and creative thinking:
 1. Rethinking alcohol-related health messages.
 2. Designing inclusive drinking cultures.
 3. Exploring alternative frameworks for addiction and recovery.
- Quick presentations from each group to summarize findings (5 min each)

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

Thematic Synthesis

- All participants review and discuss the key insights from the café rounds and case studies.

- Collaborative brainstorming of potential follow-ups, projects, or papers.

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Closing Session

- Final reflections: Participants share a one-sentence takeaway from the workshop.
- Organizers summarize outcomes and outline next steps.