

SOLID Talks – Programme for Fall/Winter 2025

SOLID stands for “Social work and strengthening NGOs in development cooperation to treat drug addiction.” SOLID is an international project that unites researchers and practitioners who are dealing with the issues of drug use in Central Asia and China. The SOLID Talks series is an open discussion forum held every two weeks in fall/winter and spring/summer of each year.

SOLID Talks invites researchers and practitioners to present current research, practical approaches, and innovative organizations that deal with drug use and social work in Central Asia and China. The meetings take place on Thursdays and last one hour. SOLID Talks is open to anyone interested. Presentations can be given in English or Russian. The language of presentation will be indicated in the programme. Questions and programme suggestions can be sent to Ulla Pape (ulla.pape@th-nuernberg.de).

Zoom link for the SOLID Talks meetings on Thursdays (starting on 2 October 2025):

<https://th-nuernberg.zoom-x.de/j/63830938655>

Meeting-ID: 63830938655

Programme

Date	Topic	Presenter	Discussant
Thursday, 2 October 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 CET	New Psychoactive Substances in Central Asia and China (in English)	Mariya Prilutskaya, Semey State Medical University (Kazakhstan)	Nadezhda Cherchenko, International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP) (Kazakhstan)
Thursday, 16 October 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 CET	NGO Involvement in Drug Treatment and Infectious Disease Prevention in Central Asia and China (in English)	Jarkyn Shadymanova, American University of Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan)	Zhanna Kravchenko, Södertörn University (Sweden), <i>tbc</i>
Thursday, 6 November 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 CET	Breaking the Silence: Confronting Stigma and Substance Use Disorder (in English)	Yifan Xu, Shanghai Mental Health Center (China)	Ulla Pape, Technische Hochschule Nürnberg Georg Simon Ohm (Germany)
Thursday, 27 November 2025, 12:00 – 13:00 CET (different time!)	Invisible and Ignored: Women and Drug Use in Central Asia + NGO Involvement (in Russian)	Katarzyna Kowalchuk, Global Public Health Network (Poland)	Jarkyn Shadymanova, American University of Central Asia (Kyrgyzstan)
Thursday, 4 December 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 CET	Drug addiction treatment and probation in Kyrgyzstan (in English)	Tynchtyk Estebes Uulu, Bishkek State University (Kyrgyzstan)	Ingo Ilja Michels, Technische Hochschule Nürnberg Georg Simon Ohm (Germany), <i>tbc</i>
Thursday, 18 December 2025, 14:00 – 15:00 CET	Women in the penitentiary system in Kazakhstan (in English)	Dalida Mukasheva, L. N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University (Kazakhstan)	Gavin Slade, Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan), <i>tbc</i>