

# WOMEN AND ALCOHOL EDINBURGH AND LONDON-BASED SEMINAR SERIES, 2017



Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) and the Institute of Alcohol Studies (IAS) are co-hosting a four part seminar series to discuss issues relating to women and alcohol. Each session will be chaired by an eminent academic, who will invite three guest speakers to present their personal responses to three pre-set questions, which are relevant to the topic. These events will provide an opportunity for policy makers, academics, activists, and media representatives to critically discuss topics related to women and alcohol use. The intention is to stimulate thinking, challenge some attitudes and perceptions, and to think about future research and policy priorities. A summary of the discussions from the seminars will be collated into a report, which will be disseminated after the events.

**Seminar 1: Women, Alcohol, and Globalisation.**  
Royal College of Physicians, London, 2 – 4pm, Friday, 10th March 2017

**Chair:** Dr. Cecile Knai, Associate Professor of Public Health Policy, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

- How does alcohol marketing influence women's behaviours?
- How does alcohol marketing influence attitudes towards women?
- How does alcohol affect women in different social and cultural contexts?

**Seminar 2: Women, Alcohol, and Empowerment.**  
Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, 2 – 4pm, Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**Chair:** Professor Dorothy Newbury Birch, Professor of Alcohol and Public Health, Teesside University.

- What role does alcohol play in the empowerment of women?
- What drinking choices do women in leadership roles have?
- What responsibilities do women in leadership roles have in relation to alcohol?

**Seminar 3: Women, Alcohol, and Stigma.**  
Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, 2 – 4pm, Friday, 9th June 2017

**Chair:** Dr. Judith MacKay, Professor of Public Health & Primary Care, University of Hong Kong.

- Should certain women not drink?
- Functioning alcoholic: The modern woman?
- Women on women: Our own worst enemies?

**Seminar 4: Women and Alcohol: What's next?**  
Royal College of Physicians, London, 2 - 4pm, Friday, 15th September 2017

**Chair:** Dr. Sally Marlow, Public Engagement Fellow, Kings College London.

- How will women be affected by alcohol in the future?
- How can alcohol-related harms to women be prevented and/or reduced?
- How do we strike a balance between individual responsibility and state intervention?