

Call for Abstracts

Abstract Example 2 - Parts of an abstract for a presentation that is a discussion of policy, a secondary analysis of data, or describes a new conceptual framework etc.

This style of abstract does not require headings. The three steps outlined below are only a guide to help you include all the necessary information.

1. **Introduction and Background:** What is the problem/issue and what have other individuals/governments etc previously done about it?
2. **Descriptions of argument:** This is the main section of your conference presentation where you present your arguments and review of the problems/issues in detail.
3. **Discussion/Conclusions/Recommendations:** From the above analysis and/or perspective, what do your analysis and/or perspective mean for the world? What are its implications? Are there any new recommendations that individuals and/or governments should heed?

Example of an abstract (Please note there are no headings):

Needle Fictions: Medical constructions of needle fixation and the injecting drug user

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The term “needle fixation” is increasingly used by researchers and health professionals to explain a range of drug injecting attitudes and practices. This paper employs an innovative discourse analysis approach to consider this notion of needle fixation. Foucault’s theories of power, knowledge and discourse are taken up in examining a recent literature review of material considered to support the idea of needle fixation, and in conducting a secondary analysis of transcripts of interviews with people who inject methadone. Some correspondence in definitions of needle fixation was found between the literature and the interview subjects, but significant differences, both within and between literature and interviews were also observed. We argue that needle fixation can be understood as a product of discourse, and as such, as both fact and fiction. Considering that the term encompasses very different behaviours, is in some ways limiting, and has negative connotations, careful consideration should be given to it before it is accepted as a useful diagnostic and therapeutic tool.