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KBS 2015 - 41st Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society in Munich, June 1-5, 2015

Hosted by [IFT Institut fuer Therapieforchung](#), and [Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität](#), Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy.

The principal aims of the [Kettil Bruun Society](#) (KBS) are to investigate social, epidemiological and cross-cultural research on alcohol use, to promote the exchange of scientific knowledge and experiences among researchers from various disciplines and to encourage international collaboration. The comparison of social and epidemiological developments found in different countries makes it possible to disentangle major trends from underlying patterns of alcohol use. This is particularly useful for the development of effective strategies to regulate alcohol use - an aspect which is of great interest to many countries.

The primary purpose of the symposium is to provide a forum for researchers involved in studies on alcohol to exchange ideas about their ongoing research. The scope of the symposium includes studies of determinants and consequences of drinking, drinking culture and drinking patterns, social and institutional responses to drinking related harms, prevention and care.

Empirical research, theoretical papers and reviews of the literature are welcome. Social and epidemiological studies have to be interpreted in a broad context as they include research in a variety of disciplines, such as psychology, sociology, criminology, economics, history and other sciences. Papers on other forms of substance use such as tobacco and drugs are also accepted, but more related to the way they relate to alcohol use.

The symposium focuses on the discussion of papers that are pre-circulated electronically on this website. Papers are presented in 10-minute-segments, followed by comments from the discussant and general audience participation. Any person submitting a paper may be asked to be a discussant or chair of a session. Pre-symposium workshops and special meetings will be held on May 30 or 31, 2015.

The symposium will be held at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Nussbaumstraße 7, 80336 Munich, Germany.

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