

Concepts of addictive substances and behaviours across time and place

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Abstrak

This book presents new European work in the area of addiction studies, focusing on the temporal and spatial variances of addiction behaviours and the solution repertoires for dealing with their problematic variants. It contains work in three main research areas. First, it provides insight into the historical and regionally bound language use tied to addiction problems, showing how concepts and ideas have been intertwined with certain trends globally and regionally. Second, it provides a framework for understanding the roles played by different social actors and stakeholders in different European societies when addressing and solving the problems associated with addiction. Third, it reports on perceptions of the problems as an integrated part of epistemic and political systems, as well as part of a popular understanding among lay people.