

The Institute of Sociology, CSS Hungarian Academy of Sciences
cordially invites you to its first *Jour fixe* event:

Effects of Stigmatization on Gay Men Living with HIV/AIDS in Hungary

Academic Symposium

Presenters:

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Discussants:

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This qualitative study highlights the social dynamics affecting people living with HIV (PLH) in Hungary and in the Central-Eastern European region. The study focused on the special needs and concerns of men living with HIV/AIDS as well as changes in their social relationships and institutional support provision, coping strategies and patterns of social functioning, especially in the context of social stigmatization. Consistent with international qualitative research findings in the field of HIV/AIDS prevention, the present study contributes to a fuller understanding of relationship between sexual behavior, HIV/AIDS related risks and risk perceptions as well as homosexuality- and HIV/AIDS stigma-related social exclusion in a previously under-researched socio-cultural setting. The findings of our study point to several barriers to effective HIV prevention, which should be overcome to improve the present situation by lessening the adverse effects of HIV/AIDS- and homosexuality-related stigma within the gay community, the general population and especially among service providers. One of the main barriers is the lack of public health programs specifically targeting MSM in Hungary, where the predominant mode of HIV transmission remains sex between men.

The presentation is based on the following **article**, which can be read in advance:

J. Takács – J. A. Kelly – T. P.Tóth – L. Mocsonaki – Y. A. Amirkhanian: *Effects of Stigmatization on Gay Men Living with HIV/AIDS in a Central-Eastern European Context: A Qualitative Analysis from Hungary*. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 2013, 10(1):24-34.

The article is temporarily available at:

http://policy.hu/takacs/pdf-lib/temp/2013_SRSP_HIV_stigmatization.pdf

The event will take place
in the Library Room (Institute of Sociology, CSS HAS, Budapest I. Úri u. 49.)
on **May 16 (Thursday), 2013 at 1 p.m.**

If you wish to participate, please send an e-mail with your name and affiliation to
info@socio.mta.hu by May 15, 2013.