

Technical Review Panel Member

Curriculum Vitae

Name: Anya Sarang

Nationality: Russian Federation

Additional languages: Russian, English

Expertise: Harm reduction, HIV, human rights, gender, drug policy, community systems strengthening

Qualifications

| Qualification | Institution | Department | Year |
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| MASTER OF SCIENCE: MEDICAL ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY | University of Amsterdam | Graduate School of Social Sciences | 2016 |
| MASTER OF SCIENCE: DRUGS AND ALCOHOL: POLICY AND INTERVENTION | University of London/Imperial College, London, UK | | 2009 |
| POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA: DRUGS AND ALCOHOL: POLICY AND INTERVENTION | Imperial College, London, UK | | 2006 |

Employment History

| Employer | Position | Place | Year |
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| Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice | President | Moscow, Russia | 2009-current |
| Russian Harm Reduction Network | Program Director | Moscow, Russia | 2005-2009 |
| AIDS Foundation East-West | Research Coordinator/ Lead Trainer | Moscow, Russia | 2001- 2003 |
| Medecins Sans Frontieres | Lead Trainer – regional liaison coordinator, Harm Reduction Initiative | Moscow, Russia | 1998-2001 |

Relevant Publications

Published 28 research papers, of them 6 as the first author:

- Sarang A, Platt L, Vyshemirskaya I, Rhodes T. (2016). Prisons as a source of tuberculosis in Russia. *International Journal of Prisoner Health* 12(1):45-56.
- Sarang A, Rhodes T, Sheon N. (2012). Systemic barriers accessing HIV treatment among people who inject drugs in Russia: a qualitative study. *Health Policy and Planning*. Nov 28.
- Sarang, A., Rhodes, T., Sheon, N., Page, K. (2009). Policing Drug Users in Russia: Risk, Fear, and Structural Violence. *Substance Use and Misuse*; 45:813–864.
- Sarang, A., Rhodes, T., Platt, L. (2008). Access to syringes in three Russian cities: Implications for syringe distribution and coverage. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, Suppl 1:S25-36.
- Sarang A., Stuijkyte, R., Bykov, R. (2007). Implementation of harm reduction in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 18: 129–135
- Sarang A, Rhodes T, Platt L, Kirzhanova, V., et al. (2007). Drug injecting and syringe use in the HIV risk environment of Russian penitentiary institutions: Qualitative study. *Addiction*, 101, 1787–1796

Select papers as a co-author:

- Golichenko M, Sarang A. (2013). Atmospheric Pressure: Russian drug policy as a driver for violations of the UN Convention against Torture and the International Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights. *Health and Human Rights*. V15 Issue 1.
- Rhodes T, Sarang A. (2012). Drug treatment and the conditionality of HIV treatment access: a qualitative study in a Russian city. *Addiction*;107(10):1827-36.
- Wall M, Schmidt E, Sarang A, Atun R, Renton A. (2011). Sex, drugs and economic behaviour in Russia: a study of socio-economic characteristics of high risk populations. *Int J Drug Policy*. 22(2):133-9.
- Rhodes, T., Sarang, A., Vickerman, P., Hickman, M. (2010). Policy resistance to harm reduction for drug users and potential effect of change. *British Medical Journal*. 341:c3439
- Bobrova, N., Sarang, A., Stuijkyte, R., Lezhentsev, K. (2007). Obstacles in provision of anti-retroviral treatment to drug users in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. A regional overview. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 18: 313-318
- Rhodes T, Platt L, Sarang A, Vlasov A, Mikhailova L, Monaghan G. (2006) Street policing, injecting drug use and harm reduction in a Russian city: A qualitative case study of police perspectives. *Journal of Urban Health: Bulletin of the New York Academy of Medicine*. V.83: 5.
- Sergeev B., Karpets A., Sarang A., Tikhonov M. (2003). Prevalence and circumstances of opiate overdose among injection drug users in the Russian Federation (2003) *Journal of Urban Health*. 80: 212-219

Other select publications (technical reports etc):

- Sarang A. (2016). Strengthening the supportive environment and scaling up prevention, treatment and care to contain HIV epidemic in the Republic of Tajikistan. Final evaluation. UNDP. Dushanbe.
- Bivol, S., Sarang, A. (2013). Hepatitis C in Russia: an epidemic of negligence. Analytical report. Moscow.
- Golichenko M., Sarang A. (2012). “Atmospheric Pressure”: Russian Drug Policy as a Driver for Violations of the UN Convention against Torture.
- Stuijkyte R, Otiashvili D, Merkinaite S, Sarang A, Tolopilo A. (2009). The impact of drug policy on health and human rights in Eastern Europe: 10 years after the UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs. *Eurasian Harm Reduction Network*. Vilnius.
- Sarang, A., Rhodes, T., Platt, L. (2007). Ways to improve access to sterile syringes for IDUs in Russian cities. Analytical report. Moscow.

- Drew R, Donoghoe M, Koppel A, Laukamm-Josten U, Politi C, Rotberga S, Sarang A, Stover H (2008). Evaluation of Fighting HIV/AIDS in Estonia. Conducted for: WHO, UNODC.
- Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network (2005). Sex Work, HIV/AIDS, and Human Rights in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Vilnius
- Sergeev B., Sarang A., Kruglikova V., et al. (2000). Guidelines on Staff Management and operation of Outreach Projects. Manual for managers of Harm Reduction Projects, MSF-Holland, Moscow.

Dissertation:

- 2016. Shaping Gender Identity in Tajikistan: Historical and Current Contexts. Master Thesis. University of Amsterdam.
- 2009. Models of Drug Use and Mechanisms of Regulation and Control. Master Thesis. University of London.

Additional Information

Awards:

- 2012 - International Award for Action on HIV/AIDS and human rights. By Human Rights Watch/Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network
- 2011 - Crystal of Hope award: The Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice and its co-founder Anya Sarang for advocating for the protection of human rights of drug users and other vulnerable populations in the Russian Federation.
- 2004 - International Rolleston Award (for outstanding contribution to Harm Reduction)

Research Experience:

Participated in 21 research projects, of them 7 as the lead researcher:

Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Russian Law Academy:

- Drug offences in Russia: Challenging the overuse of incarceration and discrimination in sentencing (2013)

Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice:

- Women, drug policy and violence in Russia (2012);
- Access to Hepatitis C treatment in Russia: situation assessment and recommendations for action (2011);
- Provision of TB treatment for people with HIV in Russia (2010).

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London, UK/World Health Organization:

- Provision of HIV treatment to people who inject drugs in Estonia (2011);
- Access and quality of HIV treatment and integration with TB services for injecting drug users in Russia (2010).

Eurasian Harm Reduction Network/Central Eastern European Harm Reduction Network:

- Closed circle of drug policy. Documentation of the affects of the UN Conventions on drugs and UNGASS 1998 decisions in post-Soviet countries of Eastern Europe (2008);
- Review of sex work legal regulations, issues of human rights and HIV in CEE/NIS (2005);
- Scaling up provision of anti-retrovirals to drug users in Central and Eastern Europe and central Asia (2004)

Russian Harm Reduction Network:

- Improvement of adherence to antiretroviral therapy among clients of Lipetsk AIDS centre (2005);

Imperial College, London:

- HIV/HCV prevalence among injecting drug users in Tallinn and Kohtla Jarve (2005);
- Models of Drug Use and Mechanisms of Regulation and Control. Qualitative study. w/National Research Centre of Addiction, Ministry of Health and Social Development, Russian Federation (2004-2006);
- Economic analysis of HIV-STI epidemic in Russia. Survey of Socioeconomic characteristics of Community-recruited Injecting Drug Users (2004);
- The Russian Behavioral Research Project among injecting drug users and sex workers (2002-2005);
- HIV prevalence and behavioral research among injecting drug users in Moscow, Russia (2002-2004);
- HIV prevention research and intervention among injecting drug users in Togliatti City, Russia (2001-2004);
- HIV prevention research and intervention among injecting drug users in Togliatti City, Russia. Rapid Situation Assessment (2001).

AIDS Foundation East-West:

- Overdose Awareness Survey (2001)

Provided consultancy services to:

- AFEW International
- Eurasian Coalition on Male Health
- United Nations Development Program, Tajikistan/ Alliance - Ukraine Consultancy Ltd: Evaluation of the GFATM-funded HIV Program in Tajikistan;
- Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network;
- London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (University of London);
- HLSP, UK / UNAIDS (Second Global UNAIDS Evaluation);
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: Evaluation of UNODC programs in Lithuania, Evaluation of HIVprevention among IDUs in Estonia;
- International HIV/AIDS Alliance/Tulliver
- Russian Health Care Foundation
- Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network
- AIDS Foundation East West
- Macfarlane Burnet Institute of Medical Research and Public Health, Center for Harm Reduction
- The Futures Group: Evaluation of CCM, Russia;
- Open Health Institute, Russia
- International Harm Reduction Development Program
- Imperial College/Department for International Development, UK
- World Health Organization
- Open Society Foundation

Advisory and governing boards:

HIV/AIDS Alliance – Ukraine. Board Member

Past:

- World Health Organization (Geneva). Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee for HIV/AIDS (STAC-HIV);
- Community Coordinating Committee (for the GFATM project in Russia) (2015);
- Harm Reduction International. Board Member (2011-2015);
- Knowledge Hub on Harm Reduction for Europe and Central Asia. Management and Advisory Board (2005);
- Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network, Steering Committee Coordinator (2003-2006);

- Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network: Model Legislation on HIV/AIDS. Project Advisory Committee (2005);
- Kolodets, drug users self-organization, Moscow, Russia. Advisory Board (2003-2004).

Technical Review

- Technical Review Panel of the GFATM (current member 2017)
- International Treatment Preparedness Coalition (EECA regional office). Community Review Group (2009)
- AIDS Fonds (Netherlands). Harm Reduction Grant Program. Proposals review (2008)
- Technical Review Committee, Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria, Alternate member, Round 4-5
- Russian Health Care Foundation. Review of grant applications within GFATM-funded project (2007-2009)
- Open Society Institute-Russia, Technical Review Committee. Review of grant applications (2001-2003)
- International Renaissance Foundation (OSI), Ukraine, Member of the Technical Review Committee (2001)

Peer reviewer for scientific journals:

- Journal of the International AIDS Society
- Substance Use and Misuse
- PLOS ONE
- Drug and Alcohol Review
- BioMed Central Public Health
- Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy
- International Journal of Drug Policy

Other:

- TB Survival Prize 2008 – Selection Committee (2008);
- Red Ribbon Award 2008 – Selection Committee (2008);
- International AIDS Conference Scientific Program Committee: XVII Conference (Mexico) – Track D Committee; XVIII (Vienna) – Track F Committee (Policy, Law, Human Rights and Political Science); Abstract reviewer 2008-2016;
- International Conferences on the Reduction of Drug-Related Harm. Conference Program Committee: 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20 conferences (2002-2011);
- Program “Development of activism of people living with HIV in Russia”. Expert Committee (2005);
- Russian Supplement of the International Journal of Drug Policy (2005). Selection Committee;
- World Bank: Strategic Policy Workshop on HIV/AIDS, Member of the Steering Group (2004)