



The European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs

Application form for use of the ESPAD 03 Database

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Working title of the project:

Socio-Economic Status and Delinquency: Cross-National Evidence of Selection Processes

Abstract: (Please describe objectives, methods and specify the research question(s), maximum 250 words.)

This research examines cross-national variation in the association between socio-economic status (SES) and delinquency. We consider two hypotheses with conflicting test-implications. The poverty hypothesis assumes that genuine socio-economic disadvantage exerts causal influence on delinquent behavior. This implies that the association between low SES and delinquency should be weakest in nations with strong welfare regimes and low rates of material deprivation. We contrast this hypothesis to social selection perspective which argues that individual traits acquired in the process of intergenerational transmission are the common cause of low parental SES and high rate of offending. Comparative literature of social stratification suggests that the association between low SES and criminogenic traits may be stronger in more egalitarian social systems due to reduced influence of ascribed characteristics on socio-economic attainment. This perspective implies that socio-economic differences in offending will be larger at increased societal levels of decommodification.

Planned type of publication: Paper/article Report PhD
 Other, which:

Variables to be included in the analysis:

1,2,18,19 22, 24, 27, 28, 37, 42, 43,

¹⁾ This can only be a Principal Investigator or a Chair of an ESPAD Thematic group. When the application is approved the Principal Investigator/Chair of a Thematic group has to sign an agreement that the delivered copy of the 07 Database only will be used for the applied project and that the database will be handled according to the rules in the document "Rules for the use of ESPAD databases".

Countries to be included in the analysis:

- All accessible countries (Level 2)
- A more limited number of countries, namely:

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