



Journal of Addiction

Special Issue on  
**Desistance and Recovery**

# CALL FOR PAPERS

There are clear overlaps both in the populations involved in offending and substance dependence, and there is growing evidence that pathways out of addiction and pathways to desistance from offending share some common characteristics, involving such factors as changes in the social support network, engagement in meaningful activities, and development of fulfilling relationships and partnerships. However, there are differences with addiction recovery retaining a more overtly clinical focus and with the salience and centrality of mutual aid 12-step groups to this process. There are also complications in each recovery pathway associated with the other behaviour pattern so that offending (and criminal justice involvement) can lead to continuation of problematic lifestyles while addiction to drugs or alcohol can lead to elongation of the offending career and failures to successfully affect desistance.

However, relatively little has been written about the relationship between desistance and recovery in spite of the strong associations between the two and while the literature overlaps there is a sparse literature that directly assesses the desistance recovery link. The proposed special issue attempts to examine causal links and mechanisms between the two as well as empirical evidence about the impact of therapeutic and criminal justice interventions on the trajectories and developmental pathways for each behaviour.

Potential topics include, but are not limited to:

- ▶ Systematic reviews of the literature on the relationship between desistance and recovery, including “common cause” factors such as deprivation, social exclusion, and mental health
- ▶ Theoretical papers assessing the extent of overlap between precipitants of recovery and desistance
- ▶ Population-specific papers that look at the relationship between desistance and recovery in specific population groups or in particular geographic or cultural contexts
- ▶ Policy papers that assess the impact of addiction treatment or criminal justice interventions and policies that have affected desistance and recovery factors
- ▶ Critical analyses of the conceptualisations of recovery and desistance and where the common ground between the two would sit
- ▶ Meta-analyses or secondary data analysis that report on empirical associations between recovery and desistance

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