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Matilda Hellman, Research Director, University of Helsinki Centre for Research on Addiction, Control and Governance (CEACG).

Hellman is a sociologist whose work concerns social, sociohistorical and cultural understandings and articulations of addiction, lifestyles, health, deviance and social marginalization. Her research has focused especially on how political and popular discourse as well as governance practice and institutions embed views on questions such as drug use, alcohol policy, gambling, brain-based addiction and how it effects individuals, groups and societies.

She is guest researcher at the National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) and editor-in-chief for Nordic Studies on Alcohol and Drugs (NAD). She is the vice president of the International Society for Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE).

In 2018 Hellman serves as a visiting scholar at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Research. Within this appointment she is conducting work on the ways in which agency-based stratification materializes through addiction policies.

Hellman has held the lead in various international research projects since 2005, the latest of which is an ongoing ERA-NET-consortium study regarding brain based addiction's implications for policy and governance. She served as a senior lecturer in sociology at the University of Tampere, 2015-2017. She is the member of editorial boards of *Addiction Research & Theory* and *Research in Gender Studies*.

Media visibility: In June 2017 a study on the Nordic welfare state ethos i Finnish governmental platforms since the 1950s was the most shared and reported news story from the university. In December 2017 Hellman was interviewed by the BBC World Service regarding Finland's new Alcohol Act.

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