

Downfall, degeneracy and infection: Addiction and social dangerousness in Chile

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Abstract

The article explores the emergence of the figure of the drug addict as a dangerous subject requiring therapeutic intervention. Through the review of the legal psychiatric, pharmaceutical and medical discourses in the first half of the twentieth, built the current understanding of drug use and addiction like disease in Chile, insert such a configuration in the analysis of the political economy of the body, identifying discursive articulations which include the use of drugs such Diseases Social Significance.

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