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FEATURED INFORMATION

Scratch card gambling and associated risks in France

The Research Chair on Gambling and the research group Jeu, Responsabilités et Société conducted an extensive study on the use of scratch cards in France and their associated harms and problems. The project was funded by the Autorité Nationale des Jeux, the French regulatory body, to collect data to support the implementation of protective measures for gamblers. The study report can be accessed here.



NEWS FROM THE GAMBLING FIELD

Spain: a model for the future?

Spain is leading major legislative change to improve the regulation of the operator's commercial communication and promotion for gambling activities while replacing "responsible gambling" messaging by tobacco-style warning labels on gambling as recommended by experts. A recent study revealed a positive impact of these regulatory changes on gambling behaviours.

PUBLICATIONS

Kairouz, S., Savard, A. C., Murch, W. S., Dixon, M. R., Martin, N. B., Brodeur, M., ... & Morvannou, A. (2025). A portrait of online gambling: a look at a transformation amid a pandemic. Harm Reduction Journal, 22(1), 136.

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BOOK RELEASES

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This is the first book to examine sports betting from a sociological perspective. It analyses the social phenomenon of betting and considers why sports bettors consider it to be attractive, what the practise represents to them, and how they know how to bet. It engages with this rapidly expanding and controversial subject to better understand its impacts and how to mitigate potential harms.

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Gambling Commission of Great Britain. (2025). Illegal online gambling: Consumer awareness, drivers and motivations.

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Tillman, G., Irving, R., Wickramasinghe, S., Pappu, T., Budinski, M., Greer, N., Whitlock, B., & Sakata, K. (2025). National Gambling Prevalence Study Pilot 2024: Key findings. Australian Institute of Family Studies, Australian Gambling Research Centre, Melbourne.

Tovar, M.L., Costes, J. M. (2025). Revue de littérature : identification et intervention par le personnel des établissements de jeu auprès des joueurs ayant une pratique excessive. ARPEJ, Paris.

CONFERENCES

The Issues of Substance (IOS) conference will take place in Nova Scotia, Canada, from November 17-19, 2025.

The National Association for Gambling Studies (NAGS) conference will be held in Brisbane, Australia, from November 17-19, 2025.

The 28th Journées annuelles de santé publique (JASP) conference will take place in Montreal, Canada, from December 1-3, 2025.

The Alberta Gambling Research Institute (AGRI) conference will take place in Banff, Canada, from April 30 to May 2, 2026.

The Current Advances in Gambling Research (CAGR) conference will be held in Helsinki, Finland, from May 28-29, 2026.

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