



# Myths and Realities about Fentanyl and its Possible Repercussions in Uruguay Academic Program

**Organized by: Montevideo City Council and WOLA (Washington Office on Latin America)**

**Webinar Date: March 20, 2024**

**Time: Uruguay: 6:30 pm/ 17:30 EDT y 14:30 PDT.**

## Program Blocks:

### Institutional Opening

Presentation by Montevideo City Council and WOLA.

- o **Dr. Virginia Cardozo.** Director of the Health Care Service. Montevideo City Council, Uruguay
- o **John Walsh.** Director for drug policies and the Andes WOLA.

### Thematic blocks

- o Speaker: **Beau Kilmer, Ph.D.** (he/him) and RAND team.
  - Myths and realities of fentanyl.
  - Analysis of the current global fentanyl landscape.
  - Q&A session.
- o Speaker: **Dr. Brian P. Emerson** and British Columbia team.
  - Specific public health experiences with fentanyl in British Columbia.
  - Public health measures taken to address the issue.
  - Q&A session.
- o Speakers: **Ph.D Mafalda Pardal.** Research Leader and European lead for the RAND Drug Policy Research Center. **Ph.D Elle Wadsworth.** Senior analyst at RAND Europe
  - Synthetic opioids in Europe: recent developments.
  - Q&A session.

### Objectives

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## Academic Program

- o Exchange knowledge about the health impacts of illicit markets for synthetic drugs.
- o Analyze the arrival of fentanyl in Uruguay and its possible public health implications.
- o Identify public health precautions and necessary care for the population.
- o Discuss public health preventive actions and risk management strategies.
- o Explore harm reduction measures to mitigate fentanyl-associated risks.

### This academic session aims to

- o Foster understanding and awareness of fentanyl among the Uruguayan population.
- o Provide accurate and updated information on the drug, dispelling misconceptions.
- o Propose concrete actions to prevent and manage the fentanyl issue in Uruguay.

### Promotion

Promotion on the official website of Intendencia de Montevideo and in locations deemed relevant by participating institutions.

### Registration form:

Mandatory registration through the official website of Intendencia de Montevideo.

<https://montevideo.gub.uy/formularios/mitos-y-realidades-sobre-el-fentanilo-y-sus-posibles-repercusiones-en-uruguay>

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