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Iran's Opiate Epidemic: A Lesson for the West?

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The Islamic Republic of Iran has one of the highest population of addicts in world. Its common border with Afghanistan, the world's largest opium producer, has made the drug and its derivatives readily and cheaply available to consumers. This lecture will explain the history of Iran's narcotic drug policy and treatment paradigms in the latter half of the twentieth century, the roots of the current opioid epidemic after the 1979 Iranian Revolution, and the social and political determinants which have worsened the problem in the last decade.

OBJECTIVES

- Understand the social and historical determinants of Iran's opioid epidemic
- Explain the evolution of Iran's narcotic drug policy and treatment in the twentieth century
- Understand the current state of addiction in Iran and its impact on the country's future

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