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Title	Hope, Choice and the Improvable Self: A Critical analysis of ‘new recovery’ in Australia
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Summary	<p>I submitted my thesis Hope, Choice and the Improvable Self: A Critical analysis of ‘new recovery’ in Australia for examination in mid-December.</p> <p>In April it was passed without amendment and received a commendation from the chancellor.</p> <p>Drawing on science and technology studies, this thesis analyses how ‘new recovery’ is enacted in Australian alcohol and other drug policy, psychological science and treatment, and the extent to which authoritative enactments of recovery inform individuals’ lives. It argues that there exist important threads of continuity with older forms of recovery, most notably, in the neoliberal politics of responsabilisation, erasure of socio-political forces, and continuing stigmatisation of people who use drugs and their social relationships.</p>
Publications	<p>In 2017 I published a paper about recovery-focused treatment based on a chapter in my PhD thesis: Fomiatti, R., Moore, D. and Fraser, S. (2017). Interpellating recovery: The politics of ‘identity’ in recovery-focused treatment. <i>International Journal of Drug Policy</i>, 44, pp. 174-182. DOI: 10.1016/j.drugpo.</p> <p>Another publication based on a chapter from my thesis on new recovery research is currently under review from <i>Addiction, Research and Theory</i>: Fomiatti, R., Moore, D. and Fraser, S. The improvable self: Constituting model citizenship and sociality in research on ‘new recovery’.</p>
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