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## Keynote Speakers



**Miguel Maduro** is professor and director of the Global Governance Programme at the European University Institute. He was the head of FIFA's Governance Committee from May 2016 to May 2017.



**Stephen Weatherill** is professor of European Law at Oxford University. He is an authority on European Sports Law. T.M.C. Asser Press published his collected volume on European Sports Law in 2014.



**Michael Beloff QC** is a barrister at Blackstone Chambers and CAS arbitrator. He has been an arbitrator at the Olympic Games (Atlanta) 1996, (Sydney) 2000, (Athens) 2004 and Beijing (2008). He is also known as one of the 'godfathers' of sports law.



**Richard McLaren** is a professor in the Faculty of Law at the Western University, Canada. He is a well-known CAS arbitrator, sports law scholar and was the head of WADA's investigation into the Russian doping scandal.

## Programme

### Day 1 – Thursday 26 October

9h	Registration & Coffee
9h30	<b>Opening</b> - Antoine Duval (T.M.C. Asser Institute) & Johan Lindholm (Umea University)
10h	<b>Opening Keynote</b> - Miguel Maduro (European University Institute)
11h-12h30	<b>Panel 1: The FIFA Transfer System</b> <b>Chair Johan Lindholm</b> (Umea University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J. Laskowski (Legia Warszawa S.A.) <i>Why we need a different approach towards solidarity in football</i></li> <li>E. Drywood (University of Liverpool) <i>Children's rights and FIFA's ban on the international transfer of minors</i></li> <li>W. McAuliffe (Lévy Kaufmann-Kohler) <i>Buy-out clauses and the club's consent to transfer under the FIFA RSTP</i></li> </ul>
12h30-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h	<b>Panel 2: Labour Rights and Relations in International Sports</b> <b>Chair Richard Parrish</b> (Edge Hill University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>J. Withaar (Tilburg University) - <i>Employment contracts in professional sports: the rules of the game</i></li> <li>M. Graham (Centre for Sports Law Research) <i>An international sports law workplace? Comparative lessons and future prospects</i></li> <li>A. Cattaneo (Birkbeck University) - <i>How Sectoral Social Dialogue will save UEFA's regulatory power</i></li> </ul>
	Coffee Break
15h15-16h45	<b>Panel 3: Protecting Human Rights in International Sports</b> <b>Chair Mark James</b> (Manchester Metropolitan University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T. Grell (T.M.C. Asser Institute) - <i>Human rights clauses in the Host City Contract: A turning point in history of the Olympic Games or just another empty promise?</i></li> <li>D. Heerdt (Tilburg University) - <i>About the Implications of Including Human Rights Clauses in Mega Sporting Events' Bidding and Hosting Agreements</i></li> <li>B. Schwab (World Federation, UNI Global Union) - <i>Embedding the human rights of players in world sport</i></li> </ul>
	Coffee Break
17h-18h	<b>Keynote Discussion</b> between Michael Beloff QC (Blackstone Chambers) and Sean Cottrell (Law in Sport)
19h	<b>Conference Diner</b>

### Day 2 – Friday 27 October

9h30-10h30	<b>Keynote Lecture</b> - Stephen Weatherill (Oxford University)
	Coffee Break
11h-12h30	<b>Panel 4: The European Union and Sports Governance</b> <b>Chair Ben Van Rompuy</b> (Leiden University) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>S. Marassi (The Hague University of Applied Sciences) - <i>Who drives Article 165 TFEU? Stock taking of nearly a decade of initiatives by European institutions in sporting Issues</i></li> <li>C. A. Flanagan (TLT LLP) - <i>The Corridor of Uncertainty: Why Attempts to Regulate the Financial Aspects of Football are met with EU legal Challenges</i></li> <li>S. Gomtsian &amp; B. Hock (University of Leeds &amp; Tilburg University) - <i>Civil Society Reversed: Nudging Transnational Private Orders through EU law</i></li> </ul>
12h30-13h30	Lunch - WISLaw Lunch talk on the current state of whereabouts and recent cases with L. Brandon
13h30-15h	<b>Panel 5: Arbitration in International Sports</b> <b>Chair Despina Mavromati</b> (Université de Lausanne & Sport Legis) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>H. Jacobs &amp; L. Brandon (Howard L. Jacobs Law Office) - <i>The Uniform Plan: A cost-benefit analysis of a proposed CAS first instance tribunal to hear all anti-doping cases</i></li> <li>J. L. Černič (Graduate School of Government and European Studies) - <i>The Rule of Law or the Rule by Law before the Court of Arbitration for Sports</i></li> <li>K. Ogawa (Rikkyo University) - <i>Good Governance through Japan Sports Arbitration Agency</i></li> </ul>
	Coffee break
15h15-16h45	<b>Panel 6: The Operation of the World Anti-Doping System</b> <b>Chair Antoine Duval</b> (T.M.C. Asser Institute) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>K. Erickson (Leeds Beckett University) - <i>Blowing the whistle on doping in sport</i></li> <li>J. Exner (Czech Olympic Committee) - <i>Anti-doping and athletes' rights: Four-year period of ineligibility as disproportionate sanction?</i></li> <li>L. Reilley (Barrister, The Bar of Ireland) - <i>A review of jurisprudence dealing with intentional rule violations under the WADA Code 2015</i></li> </ul>
	Coffee break
17h-18h	<b>Closing Keynote</b> - Richard McLaren (Western University, Canada)
18h	<b>Reception</b>

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