Day 1 - Thursday 26 October 2023

12:30 – 13:00  Registration

13:00 – 13:15  Opening – Mark James (Manchester Metropolitan University) and Antoine Duval (Asser Institute)

13:15 – 14:15  Hybrid Discussion - Sport, Neutrality, and the Law – Co-organised with the Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences
   • Antoine Duval (Asser Institute)
   • Mark James (Manchester Metropolitan University)

14:15 – 14:30  Coffee break

14:30 – 15:45  Panel 1 – The future of the neutrality of sport after the Ukraine invasion by Russia – Chair: Antoine Duval (Asser Institute)
   • Shubham Jain (Cambridge University) - Sanctioning Athletes for Sovereign Political acts: An International Human Right Law (IHRL) analysis of restricting the sporting participation Russian and Belarussian Athletes
   • Viktoria Sheehan (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz) - The Autonomy and Neutrality of the Olympic Movement against Recent Developments in Sport and Geopolitics
   • Zachary R. Calo (Hamad Bin Khalifa University) and Marko Begović (Molde University College) - The Fragile Future of Political Neutrality in Sport

15:45– 16:00  Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:15  Panel 2 – Neutrality: Can sport be depoliticised at the global and national level? – Chair: Mark James (Manchester Metropolitan University)
   • Animesh Anand Bordoloi (Jindal Global Law School) - The Neutrality Paradox in Sports – To Rethink or Rework
• Eben Koen (BDP Attorneys) and Lyrique Dominic Du Plessis (BDP Attorneys) - Football Administrations in Post-Colonial Africa: Transposing Political Neutrality into the Regulation and Governance of Sport
• Niyati Pandey (Gujarat National Law University) and Tarun Singh (Gujarat National Law University) - The 50:50 Rule: A Study of Legal Dilemmas on Political Expression vis-a-vis Neutrality in Sports with special reference to the Wrestling Federation of India

17:15– 18:15  Keynote Lecture – Stephen Weatherill (Oxford University)

19:00  Conference dinner

Day 2 - Friday 27 October 2023

9:00 – 10:15  Panel 3 – The European Union and the governance of football (I) – Chair: Stephen Weatherill (Oxford University)
• Tsjalle van der Burg (University of Twente) - Why a transfer system with transfer fees improves market competition, and why the Bosman ruling was flawed
• Peter W. Heermann (Universität Bayreuth) - Will the football agents’ service fee cap survive the current legal attacks? - Regulation of football agents between the poles of autonomy of sports organizations and European antitrust law
• Frea De Keyzer (KU Leuven) and Frank Hendrickx (KU Leuven) - Can football governance meet the EU’s public-private cooperation ambition? The case of match-fixing

10:15 - 10:45  Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00  Panel 4 – The European Union and the governance of football (II) – Chair: Ben Van Rompuy (Leiden University)
• Sarah Carrick (Manchester Metropolitan University) - Equal Pay and Equal Treatment in Women’s Football: An analysis of the current state of play in the EU and beyond
• Seán Ó Conaill (University College Cork) - Brexit, Ireland and the EU - An Island apart in the international transfer system
• Mikael Hansson (Uppsala universitet) - Implied categories in the pricing of football work

12:00 – 13:00  Keynote lecture – Silvia Camporesi (University of Vienna and King’s College London)

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch

14:00 – 15:15  Panel 5 – The transnational regulation of gender by Sports Governing Bodies – Chair: Silvia Camporesi (University of Vienna and King’s College London)
• Marcus Mazzucco (University of Toronto) and Jensen Brehaut (University of Toronto) - The Use of Doping Control Samples to Administer Sex-Based Eligibility Regulations under the World Anti-Doping
Code: An Analysis of WADA’s Non-Compliance with Canada’s Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act
• Marjolaine Viret (University of Lausanne) - Regulation of transgender participation in international sports as ‘value arbitrage’
• Jonathan Cooper (Gloucestershire Business School, University of Gloucestershire) - Protecting human rights in sport: What are the implications of decision of the European Court of Human Rights in Semenya v Switzerland?

15:15– 15:30 Coffee break

15:30– 17:00 Panel 6 – Contemporary issues of International and European sports law

Chair: Shaylla Shabbir (Barrister and Managing Editor of the International Sports Law Journal)
• Johan Lindholm (Umeå University) - Party-Appointed Sports Arbitrators: Hercules, Hired Guns, or Harmoniously Aligned?
• Massimiliano Trovato (King’s College University) - Super Leagues Before It Was (Not) Cool: The Competition Law Treatment of ‘Private’ Sports Leagues
• Brendan Schwab (former Executive Director of the World Players Association) - Has anything changed in 8 years? A critical reflection of the sport and human rights movement

17:00 Reception