



ISLJ Conference 2023

The Hague, The Netherlands
26 October – 27 October 2023

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*
- Viktoriia 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*