

Draft Programme**ISLJ Conference 2025*****20 years of the World Anti-Doping Code in Action***

The Hague, The Netherlands

6 November – 7 November 2025

Day 1 – Thursday 6 November

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| 12:30 – 13:00 | Registration |
| 13:00 – 13:15 | Opening – Mark James (Manchester Metropolitan University), David Pavot (University of Sheerbrooke) and Antoine Duval (Asser Institute) |
| 13:15 – 14:15 | Opening Keynote – WADA at 25: From Fierce Watchdog to Henhouse Fox – Travis T. Tygart (CEO, USADA) |
| 14:15 – 14:30 | Coffee Break |
| 14:30 – 15:45 | Panel 1: The Governance of the World-Anti-Doping Regime: Between knowledge and power – Chair Mark James (Manchester Metropolitan University) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Johan Lindholm (Umea University), Jan Exner (Charles University Prague) and Josef Fahlén (Umea University) – Revising the World Anti-Doping Code: Understanding Positions, Argumentation, and Influence in Sports Policy Making• Marjolaine Viret  (University of Lausanne) – Science on Steroids? – a study of WADA's Scientific Advisory System• Genevieve F. E. Birren (State University of New York) – Legal and governance implications of the growing dispute between the United States and the World Anti-Doping Agency |
| 15:45 – 16:00 | Coffee Break |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | Panel 2: The Glocal dimension of the World Anti-Doping Regime: National approaches to anti-doping – Chair David Pavot (University of Sherbrooke) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laurence Marquis  (Université de Sherbrooke) – The Application and Impact of the World Anti-Doping Code in North America• Julie Demeslay (Université Paris Nanterre) – French anti-doping policy and the World Anti-Doping Code in the context of the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games |

- **Josepha T. Nehring** (Levy Kaufmann Kohler) – National Tribunals in the WADA System: A Comparative Overview of the Swiss Sports Tribunal and the UK's National Anti-Doping Panel
 - **Animesh Anand Bordoloi**  (Jindal Global University) – Navigating Anti-Doping Challenges in Developing Nations: Need for Reforms or Consistency?
- 17:30 – 18:30 **Keynote discussion** on adjudicating anti-doping cases with **Mark Hovell** (Mills and Reeves, CAS arbitrator).
- 19:00 **Dinner - De Dagvisser**, Dr. Lelykade 26, 2583 CM Den Haag

Day 2 – Friday 7 November

- 9:00 – 10:00 **Panel 3: Due process rights of athletes in the World Anti-Doping Regime** – Chair Daniela Heerdt (Asser Institute)
- **Marcus Mazzucco** (University of Toronto) & **Seamus Byrne** (Manchester Metropolitan University) – Child athletes must be seen and heard: the necessity of a child's rights framework to critically review and reform the world anti-doping regime
 - **Shubham Jain**  (University of Cambridge) – The 2027 World Anti-Doping Code: Assessing the Procedural and Substantive Human Rights compliance of the WADC Revision
- 10:00 – 10:30 **Coffee Break**
- 10:30 – 12:00 **Panel 4: Boundaries of Athletes responsibility** – Chair Antoine Duval (Asser Institute)
- **Björn Hessert**  (Epartners AG)– The reasonable athlete
 - **Lou Levadoux** (Université de Sherbrooke) – World Anti-Doping Code and Contaminations : What's wrong ? What's new ? What's next ?
 - **Emile Merkt** (Bratschi) – The Sharapova-Johaug Saga – Delegation of Anti-Doping Duties
- 12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Panel 5: Revisiting the key pillars of the WADC** – Chair Johan Lindholm (Umea University)
- **Eben Koen and Lyrique Dominic Du Plessis** (BDP Attorneys) – Liability, Strictly Speaking: A Re-analysis of a Cornerstone of the Code through the Lens of Good Governance
 - **Mario Vigna and Anshul Ramesh** (Coccia De Angelis y Associati) – Whereabouts failures under anti-doping regulations: Lessons drawn from CAS jurisprudence & future developments
 - **Olga Kostyshyna** (LCF Law Group) - The Standard of Proof in Anti-Doping Cases: Between Strict Liability and Fairness

14:30 – 15:00

Coffee Break

15:00 – 17:00

Panel 6: Enforcement and sanctioning of the Code – Chair Antoine Duval (Asser Institute)

- **Yuliya Chernykh** (University of Inland Norway) – Ultra-contractualisation of Anti-Doping Regulation
- **Clémence Chevalier** (Université de Sherbrooke) – The Role of Whistleblowers in Enforcing Compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code
- **Aude Brejon and Maxime Lassalle** (Université Bourgogne Europe) – The World Anti-Doping Code and Global Criminal Law
- **Cécile Chaussard** (Université Bourgogne Europe) – The Evolution of the fight against doping: from analytical testing to a comprehensive approach incorporating Intelligence and Investigations (I&I)

17:00

Closing Reception

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