

Sport&EU 15th Annual Conference 18th&19th June 2020 Rijeka&Opatija (Croatia)

Call for papers



Rijeka



Opatija

1. Introduction:

The 15th Annual Conference of the *Association for the Study of Sport and the European Union* will take place in **Rijeka - the European Capital of Culture 2020** (<http://www.visitrijeka.eu/>) & **Opatija - the place where Croatian tourism was born** (<https://www.visitopatija.com/en>). The host of the conference is the Faculty of Law of the University of Rijeka (<https://www.pravri.uniri.hr/en/>).

2. Conference papers:

We invite academics and practitioners to submit paper and/or panel proposals that analyse issues in one of the three broad pillars of EU Sport Policy as defined in the current EU Work Plan for Sport: Economic impact of sport, social inclusion in and through sport, and sport integrity.

Contributions from diverse disciplines (law, politics, social sciences, economics, management, philosophy etc.) are accepted, and interdisciplinary papers are encouraged.

Papers related to the following topics are encouraged:

- Institutional dynamics in EU sport policy design and implementation
- Competition policy and legal issues in sport
- The integrity and governance of sport
- Sport policy and politics in Central and Eastern Europe
- Equality and diversity in and through sport

For the 2020 conference delegates will have the opportunity to present two types of papers:

- Short 10' papers: presenting new ideas, comments on cases or early work. These papers might be fundamentally empirical, with authors seeking feedback on early analysis, possible follow up or theoretical contribution.
- Full 20' papers: These should be more elaborate papers and appropriate to an academic context. It is expected that authors include aims, methods, result and discussion.

Paper proposals (both short&full) will be reviewed by a Scientific Committee of the Sport&EU Association.

The best full papers will be published in the ***International Sport Law Journal*** (<https://link.springer.com/journal/40318>) a peer-reviewed journal of extreme high level quality indexed in highly appreciated databases such as Scopus, EBSCO, ProQuest etc.

Another opportunity is that a paper could be published in the ***Collected Papers of the Faculty of Law University of Rijeka*** (<https://www.pravri.uniri.hr/en/scientific-research/collected-papers.html>) also a high quality journal indexed in highly appreciated databases such Web of Science Core Collection (WoSCC) - Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), HeinOnline, EBSCO etc.

In both cases, please note that despite the name of the publications we are **not seeking** only law papers for the publications.

Following our traditional policies of equality and diversity, Sport&EU encourages PhD students and young career academics to submit their proposals for this conference. Equally, we encourage female academics to submit their proposals. Papers with a gender perspective or a feminist theoretical framework are welcome. For panel proposals, please note that all-male panels will not be accepted.

2.1. How to submit your paper or panel proposal

For single paper proposals (**this applies both to short and full papers**)

- Submit a one page abstract (all-inclusive)
- Please use 12 point Arial font, single spacing.
- Please include the full names of author(s), institutional affiliation, and email.
- You need to indicate 3 choices (abstracts not indicating these choices will be returned):
 - o Whether you are proposing a short or full paper
 - o Which of the priority topic areas (see above) your paper belongs to.
 - o Which of the following categories applies to your paper (choose only ONE, see infra AD4 for information): Empirical, Conceptual, teaching, or methodology
- Abstracts should not include figures and tables. Include in-text citations but NOT a list of references – acknowledgement of relevant prior research and sources of words, ideas and data is expected.
- The main body of the abstract should include: Research objectives/questions, methodology, results and discussion of the relevance of your findings.
- **Incomplete abstracts not following these guidelines will be returned.**

For panel proposals (**this applies to panels of both short and full papers**)

Submit a 350-words abstract for the panel **plus one abstract (as per the format above) per paper.**

The panel abstract should also include the following:

- Indicate whether your panel is composed of short or full papers.
- Indicate which topic (see above) your panel belongs to.
- Indicate name, institution and email of the panel convenor.
- Indicate who will chair the panel.
- Indicate whether you will also arrange a discussant (not compulsory).

Remember you also need to include one abstract per paper (following the guidelines for single papers above).

- **Incomplete abstracts not following these guidelines will be returned.**

All male panel proposals should be avoided. Panel proposals should include both female and male paper givers. Proposals of all male panels will not be considered.

Panel and paper proposals should be submitted by email to rijeka.sport.law@gmail.com

Deadline for paper proposals is 1 November 2019.

Decisions on accepted papers will be made on a rolling basis and no later than the end of December 2019. Accepted full papers will be invited to send the final version of the full paper (according to the journal authors' guidelines) by the end of March 2020 in line to have the peer-reviewed accepted article at the 2020 Conference

3. Registration Fee

The Registration fee for the 2020 Conference will be (VAT included, payment details to follow by the end of the year):

- €120 as for a regular fee
- Early Bird Offer: €100
- PhD students: €80

Boat trip: The organisers may guarantee a boat trip (included in the registration fee) for the early birds registrations. More information about social events during the conference to follow.

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4. Paper proposal evaluation process

Abstracts will be double-blind peer reviewed by at least one anonymous reviewer. You will receive a decision as soon as possible with feedback to make modifications if needed. The evaluation criteria, for your information, are as follows.

Review criteria for full papers

Empirical

Work that uses research to test or build sport management theory and concepts, or reports data collected in the context of consultation to a sport organization.

1. Relevance/significance of the topic to sport management
2. Review of relevant literature
3. Clarity of purpose/objectives of the study/timeliness
4. Appropriate methodology and data analysis
5. Discussion/implications/applications
6. Contribution to the body of knowledge

Conceptual

Work that presents new conceptual frameworks or expands existing ones, and which typically does not collect new data.

1. Relevance/significance of the topic to sport management
2. Review of relevant literature
3. Clarity of purpose/objectives/timeliness
4. Quality of theoretical/conceptual framework
5. Discussion/implications/future directions
6. Contribution to the body of knowledge

Teaching

These presentations focus on classroom methods or innovations. The purpose of these presentations is to acquaint sport management faculty with new methods or procedures that have proven useful in the classroom.

1. Relevance/significance of the topic to sport management instructors
2. Review of relevant literature
3. Clarity of purpose/objectives of the presentation

4. Potential for impact on teaching quality
5. Originality of teaching innovations suggested
6. Contribution to the body of knowledge

Methodology

Methodology presentations focus on new methods or innovative applications of established methods for sport management research. These may be illustrated with empirical examples, but the empirical component in this case should be intended to illustrate the method.

1. Relevance/significance of the topic to sport management
2. Review of relevant literature
3. Clarity of purpose/objectives of the presentation
4. Potential for impact on sport management research
5. Originality in sport management of suggestions in presentation
6. Contribution to the body of knowledge