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4th – 8th July 2025

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4th, 7th and 8th July 2025 (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law)

Program

9:00 CET time (8:00 UK time)

Opening Ceremony:

- Assoc. Prof. dr. Vanja Smokvina (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, *Institute for Sports Law, Sports Policies and Sports Diplomacy & EU Sports Law, Policy & Diplomacy Jean Monnet Chair*)
- Prof. dr. Dario Đerđa (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Dean, Croatia)
- Prof. dr. Davor Vašiček (University of Rijeka, Interim Rector, Croatia)
- Prof. dr. Iva Rinčić (City of Rijeka, Mayor)
- Mr. Tonči Glavina (Ministry of Tourism and Sport of the Republic of Croatia, Minister)
- H. E. Zrinka Ujević (Head of the European Commission Representation in the Republic of Croatia)

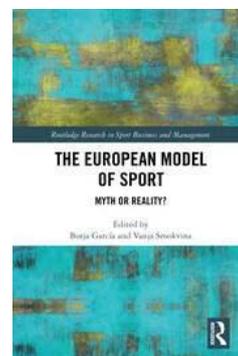
DAY 1 – CONFERENCE & SUMMER SCHOOL DAY

4th July 2024 (Friday)

09:30 CET (8:30 UK time) – 10:15 CET (9:15 UK time)

Round table on the European Model of Sport and the presentation of the book:

[The European Model of Sport, Myth or Reality?](#)
[\(Eds. Borja Garcia & Vanja Smokvina\), Routledge, 2025.](#)



Intro Assoc. Prof. dr. Adrijana Martinović (Jean Monnet Inter-University Centre of Excellence)

- *Key-Note Intro speech dr. Zlatko Mateša (NOC of Croatia President & EOC EXCO member)*
- *Dr. Borja García García (Loughborough University, UK)*
- *Prof. dr. Richard Parrish (Edge Hill University, UK)*
- *Assoc. Prof. dr. Vanja Smokvina (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Croatia)*

COFFEE BREAK

10:30 CET (9:30 UK time) – 11:30 CET (10:30 UK time)

Panel - SPORTS LAW & SPORTS DIPLOMACY

- Key-Note Intro speech Prof. dr. Jacopo Tognon (*University of Padova, Italy*)
(EU) Sports Law in context of the recent CJEU decisions
- Mr. Samir Barać (*Croatian water polo team captain, Olympic, World & European champion*)
- Mr. Aramis Naglič (*Croatian basketball team, '92 Barcelona Olympic Games silver medallist and European clubs champion with Jugoplastika Split 1990&91*)
- Mr. Alvaro Načinović (*Croatian handball team, '96 Atlanta Olympic Games gold medalist and European clubs champion with Zagreb Loto 1992*) TBC

LUNCH BREAK





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12:30 CET (11:30 UK time) – 13:30 CET (12:30 UK time)

Key-note speech - 1ST Lecture

Prof. dr. Richard Parrish (Edge Hill University, UK)

European Model of Sport and Key EU Sports Cases

13:30 CET (12:30 UK time) – 14:30 CET (13:30 UK time)

Key-note speech - 2nd Lecture

Dr. Borja García (Loughborough University, UK)

European Union Sports Policy and the Governance of Sport

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DAY 2 – SUMMER SCHOOL

7th July 2025 (Monday)

9:30 CET (8:30 UK time) – 11:00 CET (10:00 UK time)

3rd Lecture

Prof. dr. Carmen Pérez González (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain – YUFE, YERUN)

Sport and Human Rights in International and European Law

BREAK

11:00 CET (10:00 UK time) – 12:30 CET (11:30 UK time)

4th Lecture

Prof. dr. Jürgen Mittag, Maximilian Seltmann (Cologne Sport University, Germany)

Athletes' Employment and Social Relations: A Key Priority of European Sport Policy?

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DAY 3 – SUMMER SCHOOL

8th July 2025 (Tuesday)

9:00 CET (8:00 UK time) – 10:30 CET (9:30 UK time)

5th Lecture

Dr. David McArdle (Stirling University Law School, Scotland, UK)

Gambling, Match Fixing and the Limits of European Law

BREAK





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11:00 CET (10:00 UK time) – 12:30 CET (11:30 UK time)

6th Lecture

Dr. Simon Rofo (University of Leeds, UK)

Sports Diplomacy: Concept and Practice

BREAK

13:00 CET (12:00 UK time) – 14:30 CET (13:30 UK time)

7th Lecture

Assoc. Prof. dr. Vanja Smokvina (University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law, Croatia)

CJEU and Football (Sports) Cases – Some Unknown Legal Stories

14:30 CET (13:30 UK time) – End of the Summer School

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