



# 2025 ANNUAL SPORT&EU CONFERENCE

## IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CORSO DI PERFEZIONAMENTO IN DIRITTO DELL'UNIONE EUROPEA: LA TUTELA DEI DIRITTI

University of Naples Federico II, Department of Law  
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30 June-1 July 2025

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### 30 June 2025

#### 09.00-9.30 Coffee & Registration

#### 09.30-9.45 Institutional Greetings

Matteo Lorito, Rector of the University of Naples Federico II  
Carla Masi Doria, Director of the Department of Law

#### 09.45-10.00 Introductory Remarks

Fabio Ferraro

#### 10.00-11.00 Session I (plenary): Internal Market and Sport

Chair: Roberto Mastroianni

Keynote: Paolo Stancanelli *"Effective judicial protection in sport-related disputes"*

Discussant: Stefano Bastianon

#### 11.00-12.30 Session II (two parallel sessions):

##### Parallel session 1: Football Transfer System

Chair: Michele Colucci

Speaker 1: Antonello Schettino & Alessandro Coni *"The football transfer system under EU judicial scrutiny: FIFA called offside once again in the Diarra case"*

Speaker 2: Pierluigi Ruffo *"The CJEU's ruling in case C-650/22 ("Diarra"): a further step in redefining the boundaries of sporting autonomy under EU law"*

Speaker 3: Marko Jović *"Diarra case: a new game-changer in football regulations"*

Speaker 4: Lorenzo Vittorio Caprara & Martina Cannata *"The Diarra case and no-poaching agreements in football: a turning point for the transfer system?"*

Speaker 5: Simone Landi *"The dual mandate of sports agents: a comparison of national and international regulations"*

## **Parallel session 2: Antidoping**

Chair: An Vermeersch

Speaker 1: Jan Exner *"Mandatory public disclosure of sanctions for doping and the GDPR. NADA and Others, NADA, Austria and Others"*

Speaker 2: Stefano Guadagno *"Antidoping procedures and the protection of fundamental rights of athletes"*

Speaker 3: Aleksandra Peplowska *"Would sponsors pay for doping scandals in the EU? Doping as reputational risk and pressure for sports funding organizations in the era of the CRSD/ESRS regulations"*

Speaker 4: Angela Busacca *"Microdosing" and "inadvertent contamination" in doping. Are too stringent regulations really a protection of the integrity of sport?"*

## **12.30-14.00 Lunch**

## **14.00-15.00 Session III (plenary): The Fate of the European Sport Model: Between Legacy and Reform**

Chair: Borja Garcia

Keynote: Simona Kustec *"The European Model of Sport: Reality or Myth?"*

Discussant: Jaime Andreu

## **15.00-16.30 Session IV (two parallel sessions):**

### **Parallel session 3: Inclusion and Sport**

Chair: Arne Niemann

Speaker 1: Maria D'Arienzo *"Sport as a vehicle of inclusion of religious identities"*

Speaker 2: Carla Acocella *"Inclusion and territorial rebalancing through sport: the Italian case of sports facilities recovery and enhancement"*

Speaker 3: Dikaia Chatziefstathiou *"Preventing sexual violence revictimization through trauma-informed care in sports: the case study of a recreational sport programme for female refugees in a south-European country"*

Speaker 4: Kai-Li Wang *"A study on legal oversight for sports coaches working with children and youth"*

### **Parallel session 4: Sport Autonomy and Competition**

Chair: Jan Exner

Speaker 1: Giorgia Costa & Carlo Rombolà *"The Seraing case and the future of international sports arbitration"*

Speaker 2: Viktoriia Smirnova *"A critical view of the Autonomy of sport concept in light of recent developments"*

Speaker 3: Marco Lupi *"Competition law in sports: from the perspective of the Court of Justice to a systemic reflection"*

Speaker 4: Andrea Lottini *"FIFA football agent regulation: the intersection between sports governance and EU competition law"*

16.30-17.30 20 years of Sport&EU (plenary)

17.30-19.30 Aperitif

20.00 Dinner

**1 July 2025**

**9.00-10.00 Session V (plenary): Arbitration and Sport**

**Chair: Stefano Bastianon**

Keynote: Maria Beatrice Deli *"Trophies and (Arbitral) Awards"*

Discussant: Elena Zucconi Galli Fonseca

**10.00-11.30 Session VI (two parallel sessions):**

**Parallel session 5: Sport and Audio-Visual Rights**

Chair: Enrico Maria Cotugno

Speaker 1: Emilia Lamonica *"Right to report and commercialization of sports audiovisual rights (focus on the Melandri Decree)"*

Speaker 2: Emanuele Indraccolo & Andrea Cattaneo *"Balancing competition and commercialization: the impact of the Superleague Case on media rights in European and Italian Sport"*

Speaker 3: Rosarita Cuccoli *"Social analysis in the media coverage of sport"*

Speaker 4: Davide Carmelo Calderone & Angelo Francini *"Regulating the audiovisual rights market: innovative engagement models to combat piracy"*

Speaker 5: Miquel Aznar Company *"Sports Broadcasting: Geoblocking and Competition Law perspectives"*

**Parallel session 6: Sport, Religion, and Fundamental Rights Protection**

Chair: Maria D'Arienzo

Speaker 1: Ghina Jazzar *"Effect of physical activity and/or probiotics on body composition and certain physiological and psychological parameters in women"*

Speaker 2: Fabio Balsamo *"The contribute of religiously inspired sports entities of the Third Sector in processes of social inclusion"*

Speaker 3: Caterina Gagliardi *"Gender identity, sexual orientation and religious affiliation in sports. Questions of guaranteeing the principle of equal opportunities in sport"*

Speaker 4: Noorhidayo Binti Ismail, Dikaia Chatziefstathiou, *"Intersectional feminism and sport for development (SFD): Advancing sustainable development goals (SDGs) through inclusive sports programs in Malaysia"*

**11.30-12.00 Coffee Break**



## **12.00-13.30 Session VII (two parallel sessions):**

### **Parallel session 7: Sport Governance and Public Policy**

Chair: Richard Parrish

- Speaker 1: Björn Hessert *"Safeguarding as an objective of national and international sport associations"*
- Speaker 2: Arne Niemann *"Fan-ning the European flame: fan zones as sights of European identity during Euro 2024"*
- Speaker 3: Luka Zivić *"The new EU work plan for sport. Towards a new white paper on sports?"*
- Speaker 4: Jürgen Mittag *"Sport governance between policy advisory and agenda setting: topics, objectives and evaluation of the commissioning of studies by the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the EU"*
- Speaker 5: Erika Riedl *"Crime proofing of current esports integrity policies and programs of e-games participating in the Olympic Esports Games"*

### **Parallel session 8: Sport, Society and Power**

Chair: Geoff Pearson

- Speaker 1: Samuele Di Palma *"Investigating digital governance in sport organizations: a literature review and proposed research protocol"*
- Speaker 2: Borja Garcia *"It was all his fault!" An analysis of published and public opinion reactions to the Luis Rubiales kissing scandal in Spain"*
- Speaker 3: Marie Lou Jeanne Noirot *"Accessibility and inclusivity of volunteers with disability for sport events: a case of Paris 2024 volunteer programme"*

## **13.30-14.30 Lunch**

## **14.30-16.00 Session VIII (two parallel sessions):**

### **Parallel session 9: Environmental Sustainability in Sport Organization**

Chair: Fabio Ferraro

- Speaker 1: Flavia Rolando *"Environmental Impact of Sport Activities: the Contribution of Green Public Procurement in Sports Events"*
- Speaker 2: Francesco Liguori *"Sustainable Play: Rethinking SGEIs in the Context of Sporting Events"*
- Speaker 3: Pierludovico Arnese *"The pivotal role of sport facilities for a real environmental legacy"*
- Speaker 4: Emanuela Maio *"E-sports and social sustainability: a legal perspective on private law"*
- Speaker 5: Lucy Amis *"Sport and climate action: the added value of a human rights lens"*

### **Parallel session 10: Sport, Immigration and Human rights**

Chair: Adriano Maffeo

- Speaker 1: Katie Ann Stoker *"Bosman after Brexit: an opportunity for homegrown talent or for further discriminatory obstacles in professional football in England and Wales?"*
- Speaker 2: Filippo Borriello *"Access to sport and use of sports facilities between fundamental rights and social inclusion"*
- Speaker 3: Sid Panayi *"How post-Brexit immigration policies are shaping employment in UK football leagues"*
- Speaker 4: Haydar Burak Gemalmaz *"Nature and extent of state responsibility for the conduct of sports governing bodies under the European Convention on Human Rights"*

### **16.00-16.30 Coffee Break**

### **16.30-18.00 Session IX (two parallel sessions):**

#### **Parallel session 11: Integrity and Values of Sport**

Chair: Flavia Rolando

- Speaker 1: Mariagiulia Trapanese *"Integrity and values in Sport: the role of taxation as a tool for promoting Ethics and Sustainability"*
- Speaker 2: Emanuele Di Marino *"Classification disputes in parasport: the need for an independent arbitration system"*
- Speaker 3: Claudia Campese *"Sinner's fault? Challenge to accidental doping responsibility"*
- Speaker 4: Mees Brenninkmeijer & Paul E. Trinel *"EU law, CAS arbitration and the judicial review of arbitral awards: the good, the bad and the ugly"*
- Speaker 5: Ilaria Infante *"Human rights protection in sport: the possible implication of the Semenya case for sports arbitration and Federations"*

#### **Parallel session 12: Sport and Ethics**

Chair: Andrea Cattaneo

- Speaker 1: Carlos Pulleiro Mendez *"State Sports diplomacy and the Paris 2024 Olympics: an unequal symbolic exclusion criterion to Russia-Belarus and Israel?"*
- Speaker 2: Ana Sousa Borges *"How long until the professionalisation of the football referee in Portugal?"*
- Speaker 3: Daniel Lovin *"The involvement of betting companies in the sponsorship of Sports organizations. Between necessity and lack of sports ethics. Case study Romania"*

### **18.00 Closing Remarks**