

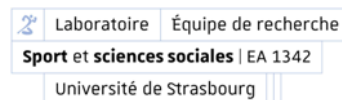
Symposium ONLINE

University of Strasbourg

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC BIDS

FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – FROM 9 AM

PROGRAM



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This symposium aims at analysing the role of citizens in the definitions of public policies regarding Mega-Sports Events (MSE) and more precisely the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Protest movements are increasingly developing against states and cities' bids to host such events. Yet it is also becoming increasingly common for organizers – and their political leaders – to set up participatory or direct democracy apparatuses to involve citizens in public decisions, in order to make it more attractive and socially acceptable to host them. This scientific gathering revolves around two themes: “Strategies to conquer publics” and “protest movements” that emerge on the occasion of MSE and in particular Olympic and Paralympic Games. This symposium is held by the research unit “Sport and social sciences” of the University of Strasbourg, in relation to the Initiative of Excellence (IdEx) “Citizen’s participation in European bids to host 2024 OPG” carried between 2018 and 2020 to analyse the socio-political construction of protest fronts against 2024 Olympic bids in Europe through a study of four cities (France, Germany, Hungary and Italy). Some results of this research program will be presented on this particular occasion.

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FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – 9 AM - 12.30 PM

9 am ▶ **Welcome and opening remarks**

Catherine Florentz, Vice-president Research and Doctoral Training, University of Strasbourg

Pr. Michel Koebel, “Sport and social sciences” research unit, University of Strasbourg – France

9.15 am ▶ **To Bid or Not to Bid: The Public Opinion Battle in Potential Host Cities**

Pr. Harry Hiller, Department of Sociology, University of Calgary – Canada

9.45 am **Pause**

10 am ▶ **Local opposition to the organization of Olympic Games. Paris, Rome and Hamburg 2024 bids**

Dr. Hugo Bourbillères, Lecturer at the laboratory « Violences Innovations Politiques Socialisations et Sport » (UR 4636) of the University of Rennes 2 – France

Pr. William Gasparini, European Jean Monnet Chair, “Sport and social sciences” research unit, University of Strasbourg – France

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Comparative synthesis by Dr. Hugo Bourbillères, Lecturer at the laboratory « Violences Innovations Politiques Socialisations et Sport » (UR 4636) of the University of Rennes 2 – France

11.45 am **Stakes and effects of referendums and opinion survey on Olympic bids**

Pr. Dr. Wolfgang Maennig, Pr. Wolfgang Maennig, Department of Economics, University of Hamburg - Germany

12.30 pm **Lunch break**

FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – 2 PM - 5.30 PM

2 pm	Popular demonstrations at mega-sporting events in Brazil: from popular demand to political use Dr. César Castilho, Postdoctoral fellow at the Federal University of Paraná, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Medical Sciences of Minas Gerais (FCMMG) and the Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais (PUC-MG) - Brazil
2.45 pm	Affirmation and Opposition on Olympic bids 2016 in local sports associations and sport clubs. Three case studies from the largest clubs of Hamburg Pr. Dr. Hans-Jürgen Schulke, Macromédia School, Hambourg – Allemagne
3.30 pm	Pause
4.00 pm	No Boston Olympics' Role in an Informal International Network of Olympic Bid Opponents The testimony of Chris Dempsey, co-founder of "No Boston Olympics" – USA
4.45 pm	Closing conference Pr. Nicola Porro, Department of Human, Social and Health Sciences, University of Cassino and South Lazio - Italy
5.30 pm	End of the day