



## **HSB - MONTPELLIER ESPORTS CONFERENCE 2026**

### **CONFERENCE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

**(Time Zone - Hanoi Local Time, GMT+7)**

#### **Conference Day I: Hybrid Agenda - 21st May 2026 (Thursday)**

**Reporting location: HSB-VNU, Hanoi, Vietnam**

*Detailed programme schedule (Hybrid mode)*

**Topic: HSB - MONTPELLIER ESPORTS CONFERENCE 2026 DAY 1**

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<b>Time (Hanoi Local Time)</b>	<b>Session/ Topic</b>	<b>Speaker(s)/ Affiliation</b>	<b>Mode</b>
<b>13:30 - 14:00</b>	<b>Introductory words</b> Operational and technical introduction of the conference	Dr. Florian Lefebvre, Dr. Eric Perera, Dr. Duc Loi Vu	<b>Online</b>
<b>14:00 - 14:10</b>	<b>Remark from HSB</b> Head of Scientific Research and Technology Department, HSB	Hanoi School of Business and Management (HSB-VNU), Vietnam	<b>Online</b>
<b>14:10 - 14:15</b>	<b>Remarks from Montpellier</b>	<b>Dr. Eric Perera</b> <i>University of Montpellier, France</i>	<b>Online</b>
<b>14:15 - 15:00</b>	<b>Introductory Keynote - Esports</b>	<b>Dr. Tobias M. Scholz</b> <i>University of Agder, Norway</i>	<b>Online</b>
<b>15:00 - 15:20</b>	<b>Presentation 1</b> (12 min talk + 8 min Q&A) <i>“The Construction of Mental Health Problem among Esports Athletes: from denunciation of (e)sports institutions to the governance of esports bodies (2016-2025).”</i>	<b>Dr. Nicolas Voisin</b> <i>Marie and Louis Pasteur University, Besançon, France</i>	<b>Online &amp; Offline (Montpellier)</b>
<b>15:20 - 15:40</b>	<b>Presentation 2</b> <i>“Narrative Systematic Review on the Effects of Cognitive Training on the Performance of Esports Players.”</i>	<b>Kelvin Ing (PhD Student)</b> <i>Brunel University of London, UK</i>	<b>Online</b>
<b>15:40 - 16:00</b>	<b>Break</b>	-	-



16:00 - 16:20	<b>Presentation 3</b> “Multi-layer Professional Constraints Shaping the Career Sustainability of Esports Game Companions in China’s Gig Economy.”	<b>Wenling Gou (PhD Student) - University of Montpellier, France</b> Dr. Florian Lefebvre - HSB-VNU, Vietnam Dr. Robin Recours - University of Montpellier, France Dr. Jing Yang - Mianyang Normal University, China	Online & Offline (Hanoi)
16:20 - 16:40	<b>Presentation 4</b> “Professionalism in Vietnamese eSports Tournaments: A Comparative Analysis of the Vietnam Championship Series (VCS) and Global League of Legends (LoL) Competition Systems.”	<b>Nguyễn Thị Thuỳ Linh, Đỗ Thị Trà My, Lê Thị Linh (Students) Dr. Phan Quang Anh</b> VNU School of Interdisciplinary Sciences and Arts (VNU-SIS), Vietnam	Online & Offline (Hanoi)
16:40 - 17:00	<b>Presentation 5</b> “Does How You Play Matter More than How Much? Social context, gaming intensity, psychological wellbeing and implications for sustainable esports practices.”	<b>Dao Tuan Duc (PhD Candidate)</b> HSB-VNU, Vietnam	Online & Offline (Hanoi)
17:00 - 17:20	<b>Presentation 6</b> “I Coach, Therefore I Am: Identifying Coaching Styles in eSports.”	<b>Jihane El Harizi (PhD Student) Pr. Aicha Mrhari</b> Mohammed V University of Rabat, Morocco	Online
17:20 - 17:40	<b>Presentation 7</b> “‘I Try to Make Things Happen’: Women’s Journeys in Esports in MENA.”	<b>Jihane El Harizi (PhD Student) Pr. Aicha Mrhari</b> Mohammed V University of Rabat, Morocco	Online
17:40 - 17:50	<b>Closing of Day 1</b>	Dr. Florian Lefebvre, Dr. Eric Perera, Dr. Duc Loi Vu	Online

**Conference Day II: Hybrid Agenda - 22nd May 2026 (Friday)**

**Reporting location: HSB-VNU, Hanoi, Vietnam**

*Detailed programme schedule (Hybrid mode)*

**Topic: HSB – MONTPELLIER ESPORTS CONFERENCE 2026 DAY 2**

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13:30 - 13:50	Industry Topic sharing	<b>Darine Benamara - Esports Manager</b> Montpellier Université Club (MUC), Montpellier, France	Online



14:00 - 14:20	<b>Industry Topic sharing</b>	<b>Huy Phong - Esports Manager</b> <i>Dino Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam</i>	<b>Online</b>
14:30 - 14:50	<b>Presentation 8</b> (12 min talk + 8 min Q&A) <i>“The Missing Middle Layer: Rethinking the Public-Private Relationship in China’s Esports Governance from a Corporatist Perspective.”</i>	<b>Yuxin Luo (PhD Student) - Hunan Normal University, Changsha, China</b> <i>Lu Liu (PhD Student) - Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China</i>	<b>Online</b>
14:50 - 15:10	<b>Presentation 9</b> <i>“The Legal Protection of Esports Players’ Health.”</i>	<b>Pierre-Xavier Chomiac de Sas</b> <i>Attorney and lecturer in digital law</i>	<b>Online</b>
15:10 - 15:30	<b>Presentation 10</b> <i>“Is (or Could) Esports Be a Sport? Legal Perspectives.”</i>	<b>Pierre-Xavier Chomiac de Sas</b> <i>Attorney and lecturer in digital law</i>	<b>Online</b>
15:30 - 15:50	<b>Break</b>	-	-
15:50 - 16:10	<b>Presentation 11</b> <i>“Esports Player Contracts - Developments and Legal Classification.”</i>	<b>Pierre-Xavier Chomiac de Sas</b> <i>Attorney and lecturer in digital law</i>	<b>Online</b>
16:10 - 16:30	<b>Presentation 12</b> <i>“Mapping Esports Governance in Aotearoa New Zealand: An Actor-Network Theory Analysis of the Development of a National Esports Federation.”</i>	<b>Yago Nascimento (PhD Student) - School of Sport and Human Movement</b> <i>Pr. Holly Thorpe - Te Huataki Waiora School of Health</i> <i>Pr. Belinda Wheaton - Te Kura Whatu Oho Mauri School of Psychological and Social Sciences</i> <i>Pr. Gareth Schott - School of Design, Media and Creative Technologies University of Waikato, New Zealand</i>	<b>Online</b>
16:30 - 16:50	<b>Presentation 13</b> <i>“From Gap-Filling to Embedded Refereeing: Role-Boundary Ambiguity, Governance Legitimacy, and Sustainability of Esports Referees Across Two Competition Contexts in China.”</i>	<b>Yu Fang - Guangdong Esports Association, China</b> <i>Xuhao Huang (PhD Student) - Macau University of Science and Technology, Macau, China</i> <i>Dr. Jiaxuan Liu - Guangzhou College of Applied Science and Technology, China</i>	<b>Online</b>
16:50 - 17:10	<b>Presentation 14</b> <i>“Regimes of Performance: Body Discipline and Training Governance in Chinese Professional Esports Clubs.”</i>	<b>Yueting (PhD Student)</b> <i>School of Physical Education &amp; Research Center for Sport Humanities and Social Sciences, Shaanxi Normal University, China</i>	<b>Online</b>
17:10 - 17:30	<b>Presentation 15</b> <i>“War as Salience Shock: Geopolitical Conflicts and Demand Dynamics in Military-Themed Esports.”</i>	<b>Aravind Krishnan (Research Assistant)</b> <i>Central University of Kerala '24, India</i>	<b>Online</b>



17:30 - 17:40	Closing remarks	Dr. Florian Lefebvre, Dr. Eric Perera, Dr. Duc Loi Vu	Online
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### Conference Information

**Format:** Hybrid (Offline & Online)

- Google meet link for Day I: <https://meet.google.com/wuk-xivo-ogm>
- Google meet link for Day II: <https://meet.google.com/bbr-twvb-iki>

**Venue (Offline):**

- Hanoi School of Business and Management (HSB-VNU), Hanoi, Vietnam
- University of Montpellier, France

**Online platform:** Google Meet (joining link will be circulated to registered participants prior to the event)

**Conference Co-chairs:**

- Dr. Florian Lefebvre (HSB-VNU)
- Dr. Eric Perera (University of Montpellier)
- Dr. Duc Loi Vu (HSB-VNU)

**Conference webpage:** <https://santesih.edu.umontpellier.fr/journee-detude/>

**Special issue (Sport in Society):** [https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/special\\_issues/towards-more-professionalized-and-sustainable-esports-practices/](https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/special_issues/towards-more-professionalized-and-sustainable-esports-practices/)

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