

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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Professor John Hoberman is an intellectual luminary in global debates about sport and society. There are three key strands to his research: science, technology and the performance-driven nature of professional sport; the role of drugs and doping in elite-level sport; and issues of race and racism in sport and society. At SRE, Prof Hoberman will combine strands one and three to investigate scientific and folkloric assumptions of athletic ability according to 'race'. His talk will focus on theories of 'black' athletic aptitude in the context of the evolving area of medical genetics, whether 'scientific' assumptions of 'racial' capability are actually convincing, and the likely future of 'race politics' in light of science-race discourses in sport.

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Dr Kevin Hylton has emerged as a leading commentator on issues of race, racism and marginalisation in British sport. He has particular expertise in the area of sport policy, and has contributed to numerous community-based sport programs to encourage diversity of participation and intercultural respect. At SRE, Dr Hylton will deliver a paper that emphasises the value of theoretically informed practical efforts to address problems associated with racial discrimination in sport. Specifically, he will consider how a turn to critical race theory can contribute to a better understanding and theorising of 'race', racism and antiracism in sport. In this session Dr Hylton will focus on the inconsistencies, contradictions and pragmatics of theory and practice in sport.

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Professor John Sugden has been at the forefront of international research in sport sociology for over twenty years. His portfolio of interests includes the study of sport in divided societies; regions of the world where there have been acrimonious differences with respect to nationality, ethnicity, race and religion. These have been manifest via intercommunity conflict, including military confrontations. Prof Sugden has investigated the complicated role of sport in such difficult contexts. At SRE he will speak about the role of sport in conflict resolution, reconciliation, and peaceful coexistence between rival ethnic and religious groups in Northern Ireland and the Middle East. These are regions where innovative sport programs are part of challenging, yet promising initiatives to try to break down longstanding hostility between historically antagonistic communities.

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