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Event	Title	Organizer	Moderator(s)	Panellists	Date and Time UTC	Zoom Info
AGM	ISSA 2020 Annual General Meeting	Mike Sam, NZ	Mike Sam, NZ	ISSA Executive Board	<a href="#">Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 09:00:00</a>	<a href="#">Link to AGM</a>  Password: 595208
Panel Discussion	<i>The Consequences of COVID-19 for Women's Sport</i>	Lucie Schoch, CH  Hélène Joncheray, FR	Madeleine Pape, CH	Holly Thorpe, NZ Cheryl Cooky, US Fiona MacLachlan, AU Nicole LaVoi, US	<a href="#">Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 21:00:00</a>	<a href="#">Link to Session</a>  Meeting ID : 897 244 6186  Passcode: 422939
Panel Discussion	<i>Latin American Sport in COVID-19 Times</i>	Christine Dallaire, CA	Rolando Dromundo, MX  Rosa Lopez D'Amico, VE	Renato Marques, BR Nemesia Hijós, AR Simona Safarikova, CZ Rodrigo Soto Lagos, CL	<a href="#">Monday, October 12, 2020 at 20:00:00</a>	<a href="#">Link to Session</a>  Meeting ID: 958 8861 7065  Passcode: .Uvd5H
Panel Discussion	<i>Pandemics and Protests: Is this a turning point for In/equity in sport?</i>	Brent McDonald, AU	Jacco van Sterkenburg, NL	Kevin Hylton, UK Akilah Carter-Francique, US Barry Judd, AU Tzu-hsuan Chen (Sean), TW	<a href="#">Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 12:00:00</a>	<a href="#">Link to Session</a>  Meeting ID: 974 0235 3347  Passcode: 286547
Graduate Symposium	<i>Graduate Study and Careers: Opportunities and Challenges in a Post-Covid World</i>	Steve Jackson, NZ	Steve Jackson, NZ	Marcelle Dawson, NZ Cecilia Stenling, SE Sarah Gee, CA	<a href="#">Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 20:00:00</a>	<a href="#">Link to Symposium</a>  Passcode: 277564
Panel Session	<i>The Future of International Sport Events in a (Post?) Pandemic World</i>	Dóczy Tamás, HU  Parissa Safai, CA	Dóczy Tamás, HU	Jung Woo (Jay) Lee, UK Laura Misener, CA Jules Boykoff, US Billy Graeff Bastos, BR	<a href="#">Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 15:00:00</a>	<a href="#">Link to Session</a>  Meeting ID: 930 4258 9282  Passcode: 866810

**Panel Description: *The Consequences of COVID-19 for Women's Sport***

The aim of this virtual panel is to discuss the potential impacts of the coronavirus crisis on women's sport. When the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic, the majority of sports leagues around the world were cancelled, suspended or postponed. While men's leagues and championships are now subsequently able to return, the situation appears to be proceeding more slowly for women. There are good reasons to believe that the pandemic will disproportionately and significantly impact women's sport and that those impacts could be long-lasting. Indeed, the pandemic seems to have exposed the veneer of genuine support for the development of women's sport at professional and elite levels, with likely consequences for grassroots participation as well. The panel considers key questions about (1) How is the coronavirus pandemic affecting women sport in different parts of the world and at different levels? (2) What does it reveal regarding women's place in sport and its presumed "progress" in recent years? (3) What will COVID-19 mean for the future of women's sport, and what might sports governing bodies do differently to ensure the current crisis transforms the vastly unequal structures of sport for the better?

**Panel Description: *Latin American Sport in COVID-19 Times***

Latin America has been hit hard by the coronavirus. Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Colombia, and Peru are battling major outbreaks and figure amongst the top 10 countries with the highest numbers of confirmed cases. This panel brings together colleagues from a variety of countries to provide internal and external perspectives on the characteristics of the Latin American reality and the challenges Latin American countries face in the context of this pandemic and related public health measures. Colleagues from ISSA, ALESDE and CLACSO will discuss the consequences of COVID-19 on research and the work of sport sociologists, sport and physical activity policies, sport for development and sport practices.

**Panel Description: *Pandemics and Protests: Is this a turning point for In/equity in sport?***

This virtual panel will provide an opportunity to discuss the potential for the combination of protest and pandemic to challenge or reinforce inequity in sport and society. Whilst the coronavirus has had a global effect, the nature of protest is more contextually based, and as such this panel will draw on research from Taiwan, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Australia to highlight the tensions and intersectionality between the local and the global. Can sport be a site for an activism that has the capacity to change current power relations and imbalances, or is it a return to 'business as usual'?

**Graduate Symposium: *Graduate Study and Careers: Opportunities and Challenges in a Post-COVID World***

The landscape of higher education has been transforming in complex ways over the past three decades and the COVID-19 pandemic presents new challenges. The aim of this graduate symposium is to provide a forum for students to gather together in a virtual environment to consider the opportunities and challenges that they may face as academics in a pandemic/post-pandemic world. Following an overview of the state of higher education, including the impact of COVID-19 on universities (for example, the

consequences of turning education into an export commodity, state/university dependency on international students and the impact of the pandemic on international study and student recruitment), panellists will explore the challenges of research and teaching during COVID. This will include discussing more foundational elements of developing and maintaining a successful academic career including: how to choose a thesis topic of significance; how to make your research relevant to multiple audiences; how to navigate through the research and publication process; the importance of teaching and related experience; understanding what makes a candidate attractive to a university employer; and discussing the potential impacts of COVID-19 and government policy on career opportunities in higher education.

**Panel Description: *The Future of International Sport Events in a (Post?) Pandemic World***

Critical sport scholars have long established that international sport events, particularly but not limited to sporting mega-events like the Olympics and Paralympics, are contested (ideological and otherwise) terrain. These events serve as sites where, on one hand, existing and inequitable power dynamics get reinforced and yet, on the other hand, individuals and groups mobilize together to advance social justice. Like every other aspect of our lives, COVID-19 has disrupted international sport events, forcing sport governing bodies to scramble in response to both global public health dictates (physical distancing, the imposition of regional lockdowns, and sweeping international travel restrictions) as well as to growing scrutiny of and vocal calls for sport event organizers to foreground public health and safety above all. The 'big stop' proved to be costly: athletes losing motivation, fans losing their favourite pastime, organizations losing revenues, policies losing legitimacy. All of this posed the imperative to re-launch a number of events and series even despite unchanged epidemiological circumstances, re-shaping athletes' rights and obligations and, without spectators, their experience of competing as well. This panel discussion aims to explore the impact of the pandemic on international sport events, and to consider what the future of international sport events may hold for athletes, spectators, sport governing bodies, governments, and other key stakeholders.

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