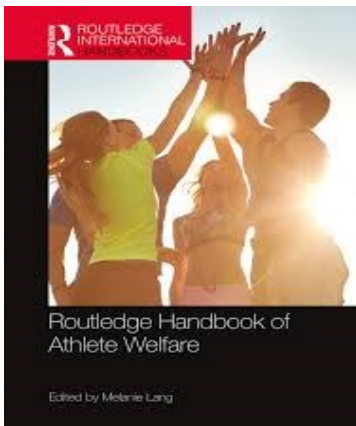


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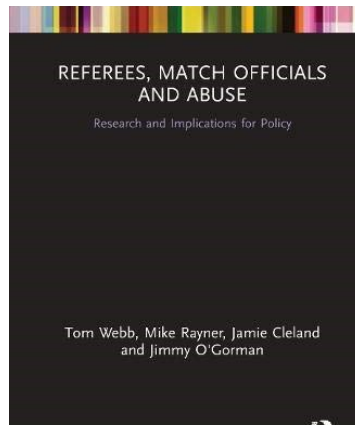
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## Athlete abuse education project funded by the IOC

Dr. Melanie Lang and a team of researchers from Australia and Canada have been awarded a prestigious grant from The International Olympic Committee's Olympic Studies Research centre to deliver a pioneering abuse education project.

The project is a collaboration with Dr. Jenny McMahon, University of Tasmania, Australia; Dr Christopher Zehntner, Southern Cross University, Australia; and Professor Kerry McGannon, Laurentian University, Canada.

As part of the project, athletes and coaches will be taught about non-sexual abuse through the use of storied examples of athletes' experiences. The athletes will then deliver workshops to other athletes, and coaches to other coaches. The aim is to empower athletes and coaches to lead the way in addressing maltreatment in sport and identify best practice in teaching athletes, coaches and other sporting stakeholders about this important issue.

The project runs from September 2020-August 2021 and will produce a series of resources for teaching about physical and emotional abuse in sport.

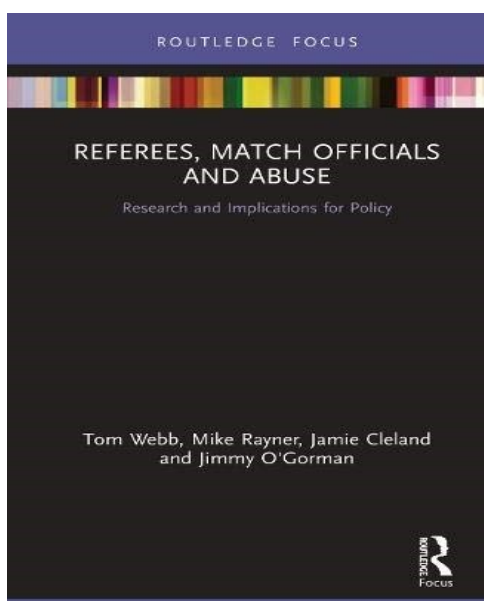


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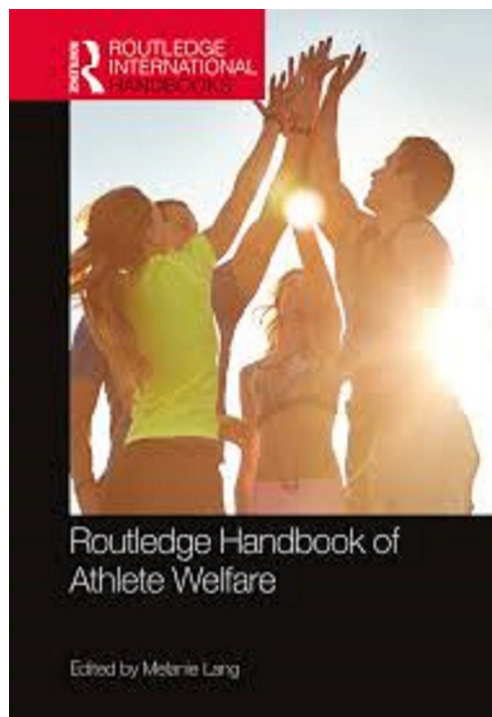
## New book on abuse of match officials



A new book co-authored by CPSS' Dr Jimmy O'Gorman draws attention to the abuse suffered by referees and other match officials and ways of developing a more inclusive environment for officials, players, coaches and spectators to take part in sport.

The book, '*Referees, Match Officials and Abuse: Research and Implications for Policy*', is the first on this topic and discusses the forms of abuse experienced by officials and the impact of this on officials' mental health. It is published in October by Routledge.

## First international book on athlete welfare



In her latest book—the first to focus exclusively on athlete welfare—CPSS' Dr. Melanie Lang brings together cutting-edge research from around the world on a range of issues that can compromise the physical, emotional, psychological, social and spiritual welfare of athletes.

'*The Routledge Handbook of Athlete Welfare*' highlights the broad range of challenges faced by athletes from violence and abuse to disordered eating, bullying, hazing and self harm. It also includes chapters on approaches taken by sport to prevent and manage these. It is released in October.

## CPSS hosts successful launch event

Earlier this year, CPSS held its inaugural conference to officially mark its launch. The one-day event was attended by more than 80 academic, practical and professional sport and safeguarding delegates from around the country.

Speakers included Director for Children and Young People at Sport England, Jayne Molyneux, CPSS Associate Member Professor Bettina Rulofs and 'survivors' of sexual abuse in sport Gloria Viseras and Karen Leach.

CPSS will be hosting more events in future—online and in person—so watch this space! And if there's something you'd like us to feature in future events, you can let us know by emailing: [CPSS@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:CPSS@edgehill.ac.uk)



Anne Tiivas @Annecpsu · 15/01/2020  
Congrats @MikeHartill1 @DrMelLang @EHU\_Research on launch of the Centre for Child Protection and Safeguarding in Sport. #CPSS\_EHU Powerful presentations @karenmleach @gloriaviseras @B\_Rulofs @paolao Peter Donnelly @Sport\_England Child/athlete voice must be central.



## Who are we?

CPSS comprises nine members from Edge Hill University and one external associate member:

- Professor Mike Hartill (Director)
- Nick Ashley
- Leon Fraser
- Sarah Hunt
- Dr. Michelle Jones
- Dr. Melanie Lang (Assist. Director)
- Dr. Jimmy O'Gorman
- Dr. Laura Purdy
- Paul Rimmer
- Professor Bettina Rulofs (external associate member)

CPSS members have expertise in a range of areas relating to safeguarding and the welfare of all involved in sport, including but not limited to:

- Abuse education
- Athlete (and children's) rights
- Athlete transitions
- Child abuse
- Disordered eating
- Duty of Care in sport
- Evaluation of policy
- Match official/ referee welfare
- Mental health
- Physical contact/ 'touch' in sport
- Policy development & implementation
- Prevalence of abuse/violence
- Safe recruitment
- Safeguarding disabled people in sport
- Safeguarding athletes in conflict zones
- Sexual violence/ abuse
- 'Survivor' research

## Contacting CPSS

If you would like to find out more about who we are, the work we do or how we could help you in making sport a safer place for all, email the team at: [CPSS@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:CPSS@edgehill.ac.uk) or visit our website [here](#).



## Spotlight on CPSS members



Paul Rimmer is the Programme Leader for the Social Work element of the Integrated Masters in Nursing and Social Work at Edge Hill. He currently leads a several modules across all Social Work programmes and has a special interest in Mental Health Social Work. Before working in Higher Education, Paul worked for many years in front-line social work practice at a senior level. Paul has significant experience of undertaking complex child abuse investigations under the provisions of section 47 Children Act 1989. He also has experience of

experience of undertaking joint child abuse investigations with police including interventions in the context of safeguarding in sport.

Paul holds the Full Post Qualifying Award in Childcare Social Work (PQSW). He is a Best Interests Assessor (BIA) and an Approved Mental Health Professional (AMHP) within the meaning of the Mental Health Act 1983. He has a professional social work qualification and MA in Social Work and is registered with Social Work England (SWE). Paul is a member of the Executive Committee of the Edge Hill University Unit of the UNESCO Chair of Bioethics, an interdisciplinary unit of enhancement, engagement and collaborative research within the Edge Hill University Medical School. He has substantial experience of assessing people under the Mental Health Act and the practical application of Mental Health Law. Paul is particularly interested in making sense of complex ethical decision making in relation to individuals who experience mental distress and continues to undertake research into the role of the Approved Mental Health Professional.

Paul is interested in how sport and physical activity can act as a protective factor to ensure children experience positive mental health. He continues to practice within an Emergency Social Work setting and maintains a current AMHP warrant. He is also a father of three children who are all involved in sport at school, club and county levels. Paul's eldest daughter is a football referee and has a keen interest in how junior referees are safeguarded on the pitch.

## Free event!



### The Routledge Handbook of Athlete Welfare

#### Free online conference

Friday 6th November 2020, 1pm - 4pm

**Location:** Online (a secure link will be distributed upon registration). The day will include presentations from Melanie and an international line-up of speakers who have contributed to this important and innovative collection.

This event – jointly supported by the Centre for Child Protection and Safeguarding in Sport (CCPS) and the Institute for Social Responsibility (ISR) at Edge Hill University – will showcase some of the topics in this collection—the first text on athlete welfare.

The event is free but delegates need to register in advance to receive a secure access code to join the event. Please feel free to join and leave the event as your schedule allows.

We will allow time for short screen breaks between sessions and there will be opportunities for questions at the end of each presentation and for questions and discussion at the end of the event.

To book your place and receive the link to the event, please email:

[Melanie.Lang@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:Melanie.Lang@edgehill.ac.uk)

#### PROGRAMME

The Routledge Handbook of Athlete Welfare  
Edited by Dr Melanie Lang

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| 1.00pm   | Welcome and Presentation 1:   |
| - 1.40pm | Developments in athlete welfare<br>Dr Melanie Lang (Edge Hill University)   |
| 1.40pm   | Presentation 2:   |
| - 2.20pm | Confronting the bureaucratisation of athlete welfare with an ethics of care<br>Dr G. Z. Kohe (Kent University)<br>& Dr L. G. Purdy (Edge Hill University) |
| 2:20pm   | Break   |
| - 2:45pm |   |
| 2:45pm   | Presentation 3:   |
| - 3:30pm | The welfare of disabled people in sport<br>Professor Hayley Ditzgerald (Leeds Beckett University)   |
| 3:30pm   | Questions, discussion   |
| - 4:00pm | & close   |



To find out more about  
The Routledge Handbook  
of Athlete Welfare, scan:

**ISR**  
Institute for  
Social Responsibility

**CPSS**  
Centre for  
Child Protection  
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## Members' recent scientific publications

**O'Gorman, J., Partington, M., Potrac, P. & Nelson, L.,** (in press)2020. Translation, intensification and fabrication: professional football academy coaches' enactment of the Elite Player Performance *Plan*. *Sport, Education and Society*. Available: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13573322.2020.1726313>

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McMahon, J., Zehrtner, C., McGannon, K. & **Lang, M.,** 2020. The fast tracking of elite athletes into coaching roles: A practice contributing to the perpetuation and recycling of abuse in sport? *European Journal for Sport and Society*. Available: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/16138171.2020.1792076>

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