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9th of July

Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM)

Facultad de Ciencias Políticas y Sociología (Seminario 2627)

15:00 am – 15-30 Welcome and Introduction (Daniele & Simón)

**Panel 1: Sport in a Changing World: Politics,
Institutions and Transnational Exchanges,
(15:30-17:30)**

Animation: Claudia Portillo (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid)

Erminio Fonzo (University of Salerno) *International Protests against Italian Athletes and Teams during Fascist Era.*

Gianluca Sorrentino (University of Lausanne) *Governance, institutions, and neutrality: How Switzerland negotiate the implementation of the Bosman ruling to the local context (1995-2005)*

Mickael Langlois (University of Lausanne), *In the shadow of wars of decolonisation and the Vietnam War: the world of Vietnamese martial arts in France — between evolution and implications (1950s–1975)*

Lorenzo Venuti (University of Bologna), *“There is no place for racist rugby”: the protest against the Springbok tour in Italy in 1974.*

20:30: Welcome dinner and informal discussion on future collective projects, publications, etc.

10th of July

Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM)

**Facultad de Ciencias de la Actividad Física y del Deporte-
INEF, room 202**

Panel 2: Protest, Mega Sporting Events and International Federations (9:30-11:30)

Animation: Amós Del Castillo (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Sylvain Dufraisse (Nantes Université, Institut universitaire de France), *Protesting within International federations: Soviet and socialist delegates' actions to "democratize" them (1950s-1960s).*

Axel Elías Jiménez (Instituto de Investigaciones Histórico-Sociales, Universidad Veracruzana), *Right to the City for Whom? Urban struggles in Mexico City prior to the Men's FIFA World Cup Finals, 2021-2026.*

Kamil Potrzuski (Józef Piłsudski University of Physical Education in Warsaw), *Ryszard Parulski - Polish fencer, lawyer, co-author of the unrealised concept of the 'Nadwiślańskie Olympic Games Warsaw 2012'. Contribution to biography*

Paul Batcabe-Lacoste (Université de Strasbourg) «*L'éducation des coureurs est un chemin de croix*»: résistances individuelles et collectives des coureurs cyclistes dans la Course de la Paix (1952-1968)

11:30pm-12:00pm coffee break

12:00pm – 14:00pm Tour of the 19th-Century Gymnasium Museum and the facilities of the Madrid High Performance Centre

14:00pm-15:00pm: lunch break (Faculty cafeteria)

Panel 3: Between political activism and athletes as agents of protest (15:00-16:30)

Animation: Livia G Magalhães (Universidade Federal Fluminense)

Grégory Quin (University of Lausanne), *Summits, Borders and Lakes: Conflicts of use, political opposition and landscape aesthetics surrounding the lake landscapes of the Engadine (1934-1972)*.

Noé Varrin (University of Lausanne), *How Transnational Climbers Negotiate the Protection of The Matterhorn (1907-1972)*

Kateryna Chernii (Leibniz Centre for Contemporary History Potsdam ZZf), *Ukrainian athletes as Autonomous Agents of National Resistance: The Alternative Front*

Panel 4: Conclusions (16:30-17:00)

Nicola Sbeti (University of Bologna)

21:00pm: dinner in the Moncloa-Arguelles neighbourhood

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