

WADA Social Science Research (SSR) Symposium

Hosted at Université Côte d'Azur

In connection with the [WADA Global Education Conference \(GEC\)](#)

Cultivating our collective creativity ... through research

Université Côte d'Azur – Château de Valrose (campus Valrose), 28 avenue Valrose, 06100 Nice

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Symposium Aims

- Working together effectively
 - i. Exploring ways of bridging the gap between research and practice in clean sport
 - ii. Examining ways to increase research impact through knowledge exchange
 - iii. Identifying ways to support the clean sport practice/policy community
- Building an SSR Community
 - i. Facilitating opportunities to build connections and network
 - ii. Avoiding duplication and improving sharing between organizations and researchers
 - iii. Contributing to the development of future research priorities for WADA's SSR program?

Target Audience

- Academic researchers currently working in anti-doping/ clean sport social science research
- Anti-doping practitioners or policy makers who are interested in applying evidence to inform their work
- Researchers from the wider sport integrity area or other industries interested in knowledge transfer
- Early-career researchers or PhD students currently researching anti-doping or in the wider sport integrity area

Overview of Day

- 07h00 **Meeting point for bus transfer (collection point to be confirmed)**

- 08h00 **Arrival / Networking**

- 08h30 **Official welcome and opening remarks**

- 08h45 **Overview of the day and affirmation of aims**

- 09h00 **How can we work together effectively?**

Bridging the gap between knowledge generated through research and how it can be applied in practice or inform policy is a common challenge for all industries. This session will examine this topic through the lens of clean sport, exploring how we can more effectively work together across fields, drawing from examples through WADA's SSR Program, and most importantly, from the shared experiences of participants in the room.

- 10h45 **Networking Break**

- 11h15 **Working internationally, across disciplines and engaging athletes**

Doping is a complex problem that effects all countries and sports. Conducting impactful research in this environment requires international cooperation, a multi and trans-disciplinary approach, as well as ultimately, buy-in from athletes and their primary influencers. This session will delve into these topics through a 'World Café' format, facilitating the exchange and capturing of ideas.

- 12h15 **Networking lunch (*Poster Presentations*)**

There may also be an opportunity for poster presentations during this time. WADA are particularly interested in platforming early-career researchers and PhD students who may have relevant findings to share with this community. You can contact us expressing interest at ssr@wada-ama.org.

- 13h15 **Future focus**

Social science research will play an increasingly prominent role in the protection of clean sport, with emerging issues requiring robust evidence to inform both policy and practice interventions. This session will explore the future including the role that funders and/or facilitators of research will play. It will also canvas input on what research priorities need to be considered to continue to evolve our understanding of the enablers and barriers to clean sport.

- 14h45 **Closing remarks**

- 15h00 **Bus transfer**

For those attending the GEC, a bus transfer will depart from the SSR Symposium venue.

– 16h00 **ADO Show and Tell (as part of 2024 GEC)**

Participants of the SSR Symposium will be able to attend this session, providing an opportunity to see anti-doping organizations present practical elements and activities of their education programs.

– 18h00 **End of ADO Show and Tell**

– 18h30 **2024 Global Education Conference opening and welcome cocktail**