

WADA Social Science Research (SSR) Symposium

In connection with the [WADA Global Education Conference \(GEC\)](#)
Cultivating our collective creativity ... through research

Hosted at Université Côte d'Azur

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

February 27, 2024

08:00 **Arrival / Networking**

08:30 **Official welcome and opening remarks**

08:45 **Overview of the day and affirmation of aims**

09:00 **Session 1: How can we work together effectively?**

Speakers: Susan Backhouse Thais Cevada
 Karine Corrion Catherine Ordway
 Erik Meinadier Kim Nolte
 Francesca Rossi

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.

10:45 **Networking Break**

11:15 **Session 2: Working internationally, across disciplines and engaging athletes**

Moderators: Derwin Chan
Jules Woolf
Andrew Heyes

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.

12:15 **Networking lunch - Poster Presentations**

Presenters: Millán Aguilar-Navarro
Julia Cook
Isaac Lockett
Tristan Belen / Thomas Lenter

13:15 **Session 3: Future focus**

Session 3a: Future Focus – Panel discussion with the SSR Collaboration Platform

Moderator: Mike McNamee Speakers: Nuria Puig
Camila Ubilus Deur
Ryan Murphy
Liene Kozlovska
Tony Cunningham

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. For more information on the SSR Collaboration Platform, please visit <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/social-science-research-collab>.

Session 3b: Future Focus – Facilitated discussion on research priorities

Moderator: Ian Boardley Speaker: Kelsey Martin

WADA's first SSR Strategy will end in 2024. WADA will look to develop a new strategy. It is likely that identifying and promoting research priorities will be a key initiative for the new Strategy. Input and opinions from the informed audience of the SSR Symposium is welcomed and will be facilitated.

14:45 **Closing remarks**

16:00 – 18:00 **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 antidoping organizations present practical elements and activities of their education programs.

18:30 **2024 Global Education Conference opening and welcome cocktail**