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OLYMPIC EDUCATION AS A PATH TO PEACE AND INCLUSION

20 MAY 2025
SALONE D'ONORE - CONI
PIAZZA L. DE BOSIS, 15 - ROME
3.30-6 P.M.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SEMINAR

Olympism represents a philosophy of life that combines sport, culture, and education to build a more peaceful and inclusive society. Since its modern foundation in 1894, the Olympic Movement has promoted the values of excellence, friendship, and respect, seeking to overcome cultural, political, and social barriers through the universal language of sport.

One of Olympicism's fundamental principles is its commitment to peace and understanding between peoples. This commitment is expressed symbolically in the concept of the Olympic Truce, taken from the ancient Greek tradition of ekecheiria. This truce, created to guarantee free passage for athletes and spectators during the Games, is today a model for conflict resolution and promoting dialogue between nations.

Olympic education is how these ideals are transmitted to the new generations. Beyond the simple teaching of Olympic history and disciplines, it constitutes an interdisciplinary pedagogical path integrating sports, ethics, global citizenship, and social justice. In schools and universities, Olympic education is used to develop cooperation, leadership, critical thinking and social inclusion skills.

In a world marked by geopolitical tensions and profound inequalities, the combination of sport and peace education assumes crucial importance. The role of the media in disseminating Olympic ideals, promoting inclusion through Paralympic sport and applying Olympic principles in educational and diplomatic contexts are just some of the challenges this seminar aims to address.

Through a multidisciplinary approach, the seminar will explore the historical roots, educational models and communication strategies that can help strengthen the link between sport and peace. With the help of experts in the field, case studies and innovative proposals for an Olympic education capable of transforming sport into an instrument of social change will be analysed.

PROGRAMME

15:30 - 15:50 |

Institutional greetings and introduction to the topics

PROF. FABIO PIGOZZI

Deputy Rector, University of Rome 'Foro Italico' - Italy

DR. ROSSANA CIUFFETTI

Director of Scuola dello Sport, Sport e Salute - Italy

PROF. KONSTANTINOS GEORGIADIS

IOA and University of Peloponnese - Greece

SEMINAR

CHAIRMAN: PROF. EMANUELE ISIDORI

University of Rome 'Foro Italico' - Italy

15:50 - 16:10 | PROF. CLEA HADJISTEPHANOU-PAPAELLINA

University of Cyprus - Cyprus

Olympic education: foundations, values and challenges for the future

16:10 - 16:30 | PROF. ELSA M. BRUNI

G. d'Annunzio University of Chieti-Pescara, and INDIRE - Italy

Training for Coexistence: Olympism for Civic and Peace Education

16:30 - 16:50 | PROF. PATRICK FINDLER

Kwantlen Polytechnic University - Canada

Philosophy of Olympism, sport and non-violence

16:50 - 17:10 | PROF. SURREYYA YIGIT

New Vision University - Georgia

Olympism, peace and international relations

17:10 - 17:30 | PROF. ANGELA MAGNANINI

University of Rome "Foro Italico" - Italy

Paralympic sport as a tool for peace and inclusion

17:30 - 18.00 | Final debate and conclusions