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Originally from New Zealand, Dr Geoffery Kohe joined the University of Worcester in September 2010. His research strengths traverse the socio-cultural, historical, and political aspects of the Olympic movement, national identity and public memory, moral pedagogy, politicizations of the body, sport tourism and museums, and historiography.



Qualifications

Ph.D (University of Otago, New Zealand, 2010)

BPhED Hons (First Class – Professional Studies) (University of Otago, New Zealand, 2006)

Teaching

Dr Kohe's research project have included the centennial history of the Olympic movement in New Zealand (funded by the New Zealand Olympic Committee), analyses of sport museums, interdisciplinary work on dance and sport studies, and critiques of sport organisations' education and legacy discourse.

Current research topics:

- Critiques of Olympic education and participation legacies
- Clauses & a/effects of athlete contracts
- The Football Pools and Government
- (dis)Ability and the body
- Sporting nationalism and digital space

My ITW topics

Topic 1

Adventures in an Olympic state

This lecture will look at issues around the hosting of mega sporting events (for example, the Olympic Games) and the implications for sport, physical activity and physical education policy development and interventions. Drawing on the context of the London 2012 Olympic Games, the session will cover some of the key debates and issues regarding the notion of 'legacy/legacies' for sport, physical activity and physical education. A particular emphasis will be placed on the tensions between government pressures, the realities for physical education teachers, and the everyday lives of young people. A discussion will also be fostered around the increasing international prevalence of private stakeholders (e.g., sport trusts, charities, corporate enterprises, coaching and recreation companies) taking an interest within physical education and sport settings.

Topic 2

Finding unexpected pleasures in physical activity obsession: Geocaching, healthy lifestyles and global participatory communities

This lecture considers the possibilities for democratic physical activity interventions against the broader context of global health, physical activity and well-being issues. The lecture considers some of the primary health and physical activity guidelines and regulations; with a focus on the engagement of special populations. The session draws on ethnographic field notes and experiences taken from ongoing involvement and participation in the international geocaching community. The discussion will also consider academic research on digital play and the futures of physical activity possibilities.