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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)

Current research and teaching topics:

- Critiques of Olympic education and participation legacies
- Clauses & a/effects of athlete contracts
- The Football Pools and Government
- High performance disability sport
- Sporting nationalism and digital space
- Sports workers and organisational politics

Recent research

Purdy, L.G., **Kohe, G.Z** & Paulauskas, R. (Forthcoming) *“Changing it up: Implications of mid-season coach change on basketball players’ career and professional identities”*, *Journal of Career Development*

Kohe, G.Z. & Purdy, L.G. (2016) In Protection of Whose “Wellbeing”? Considerations of “Clauses and A/Effects” in Athlete Contracts, *Journal of Sport and Social Issues*, 1-19, DOI: 10.1177/0193723516633269

Kohe, G.Z. (2015) For the good of the game(?): The legacy of the Football Trust, the Football Pools & the dangerous seduction of political promise. *The International Journal of the History of Sport*, DOI:10.1080/09523367.2015.1077810

Kohe, G.Z. (2015) London 2012 (Re)calling: Youth memories and Olympic ‘legacy’ ether in the hinterland. *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*. DOI: 10.1177/1012690215581604

Kohe, G. Z. & Peters, D.M (Eds). (2016) *High Performance Disability Sport Coaching*. Oxon: Routledge
<https://www.routledge.com/High-Performance-Disability-Sport-Coaching/Kohe-Peters/p/book/9781138860377>

The ITW topics

Topic 1

Whose 'wellbeing' matters? Sports workers lives, experiences and transitions through unique employment terrain

The increasing professionalization of sport, and burgeoning forms of employment within the sport industry, have precipitated debate over the career experiences and long term welfare of sports workers (e.g., athletes, coaches, team assistants, administrators, agents and other stakeholders). From initial contract to career cessation, sports workers are confronted with an array of social, political, psychological, cultural and economic concerns that invariably contribute to their professional identity. These issues can include negotiation and tension over working conditions, medical and health disclosures; lifestyle, behavioural and body choices, restrictions beyond the sport; adherence to organizational philosophy and commitments, and social media and publicity constraints. Utilising empirical data derived from varied sports workers employed across the continent, in this lecture I discuss aspects of the current landscape of the elite sport industry (with an emphasis on elements of the European setting). I then analyse some of challenges sports workers experience when entering, navigating, transiting through and exiting their careers. Lastly, I pose future considerations regarding how sports workers' advocacy, representation and voice may be advanced.

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.