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My Topics for the 22nd International Teaching Week:

1) What is Sport Good For?

This session will discuss how sport is applied for various purposes that have nothing to do with the intrinsic purposes of sport. We will look at how sport is applied to international development, peace building, and other policy-oriented goals at a global level and what evidence there is that supports the claims of what sport actually does or is good for.

2) Teaching Values through Physical Activity in Sport for Development

This practical session will provide examples of values-based pedagogy as used by Football4Peace. It will draw out the importance of values underpinning physical activities, how to teach them and participatory exercises of how values are taught in divided societies and post-conflict contexts.

3) Lecture at Faculty of Science, Department of Development and Environmental Studies:

The Promises and Challenges of a Sport for Development and Peace organization

This session will discuss the issues in running an NGO in the international development sector using Football4Peace as a case study. We will be discussing what is promised, feasible, and achievable from an on-the-ground perspective and how that does and does not synchronize with policies at national or international levels.