
Sports Ethics Research Centre

Mission

The Centre brings together sport philosophers, sport ethicists, MAISI students, doctoral students, visiting scholars and associated members to promote collaborative research on contemporary ethical and conceptual issues in sport.

The mission of the centre is:

- to promote collaborative research on contemporary ethical problems in sport.
- to contribute to public discussion and policy development at national and international levels;
- to develop research outputs of high quality;
- to participate in national and international sports ethics projects.

Themes

The team focuses on applied sports philosophy and applied sports ethics, especially topics such as the categorization of athletes in sport (sex, age, weight, dis/ability), issues in parasport, contemporary problems in female sport, ethical problems in the use of social media by athletes, corruption in sport, sport and technology, democratic governance of sport organizations, moral education and theory of Olympism, body ecology and the quality of athletes' experiencing in sport, and ethics of the outdoors and martial arts/combat sports.

Members

Academic Staff

Irena P. Martínková
Jim Parry
Klára Daňová
Michal Vágner

Doctoral Candidates at FTVS

Whitney Bragagnolo:	Sport Integrity Responsibilities of Mega Event Bidding Hosts & Owners
Jacob Giesbrecht:	Social Media and Freedom of Expression in Sport
Olivia Howe:	Oppression versus Empowerment: A Philosophical Analysis of Female Participation in Sport (completed June 2024, presently postdoc at KU Leuven)
Breana McCoy:	Towards Democratic Sports Systems – Examining the Concept of Stakeholder Democracy
Qian Wang:	Temporality and embodiment of the human being in contemporary sport and movement practices
Anna van Dijk:	Towards Sustainable Paralympic Games
Ladislav Mravec:	Threats to sport – gambling, match-fixing and corruption
Petr Kříž:	Phenomenological notion of the body and its possible consequences for practice of body-oriented disciplines (completed March 2024)
Matyáš Kubů:	Gender a pohlaví ve sportu a v tělesné výchově – inkluze transgender osob do sportovního prostředí (Gender and

	sex in sport and physical education – inclusion of transgender people in the sport environment)
Michal Zapala:	Filosofické a etické nahlížení hodnot ve sportu skrze vzdělávací proces (Philosophical and ethical view of values in sport through educational proces)

Doctoral candidates elsewhere

Theo Poliopoulos:	Doctoral candidate in Univ of Peloponnese, Greece (co-supervisor J. Parry) 2017-2022 (PhD. awarded) Good governance in football organisations from an ethical perspective and a proposal for Greek football's reformation
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Visiting Scholars

Neslihan Feliz	(Turkey) 2022-23, post-doc
Mateus Ludwiczak	(Poland) 2022-23, doctoral placement

Associate Members

Alberto Reppold	Professor, UFRGS Porto Alegre, Brazil	(Book project collaborator)
Pete Allison	Penn State University, USA	(Book project collaborator)
Miroslav Imbrisevic	Heythrop College, University of London, UK	(Co-author)
Simon Robinson	Professor, Leeds Met Univ, UK	(Co-author)
Lynley Anderson	Professor, University of Otago, New Zealand	(Co-author)
Taryn Knox	University of Otago, New Zealand	(Co-author)
Marcus Campos	Post-doctoral fellow, KU Leuven	(Co-author)
Catherine Ordway	Assoc Prof at University of Canberra, Australia	(Co-supervisor, Co-author)
Kostas Georgiadis	Prof at University of the Peloponnese, Greece	(Co-supervisor)
Mike McNamee	Professor at KU Leuven and Swansea Uni, Belgium/UK	(Co-author and MAiSI director)
Yves Vanlandewijck	Professor KU Leuven, Belgium	(Prague MAiSI teacher)
Angela Schneider	Professor at Western Uni, Canada	(Prague MAiSI teacher)
Sigmund Loland	Professor at NIH Oslo, Norway	(Prague MAiSI teacher)
Silvia Camporesi	Assoc Prof at Kings College, London, UK	(Prague MAiSI teacher)
Andy Harvey	Assoc Prof at Swansea, Wales, UK	(Prague MAiSI teacher)
Cesar Torres	Professor, SUNY Brockport, USA	(Prague MAiSI teacher)
Aya Sadamasu	Chiba University, Japan	(Co-author)
Jusa Impio	MAiSI, Charles University, Czechia	(Co-author)

International cooperation

Collaborative Teaching 2020-2022

1. **MAOS, University of the Peloponnese, Greece** - Master's Degree Programme in Olympic Studies, Olympic Education, Organization and Management of Olympic Events. Teaching Unit M1.4 - Philosophy and Ethics
2. **MAHPA, University of Foro Italico, Rome, Italy** - Master's Degree Programme in Health and Physical Activity. Teaching on Research Methodology module.
3. **International Olympic Academy, Ancient Olympia, Greece** – teaching at various sessions: Postgraduate Session, Main International Session, and Session for NOCs and NOAs.

Projects

1. Research collaboration within the [SUPPORTER - SecUring sPORTs Education thRough innovative and inclusive Gender Equality Plans](#) (2023-2025)
2. Collaboration (teaching and admin) on the [Erasmus Mundus MA in Sports Ethics and Integrity](#) (2017-2025), alongside 5 partners: KU Leuven, JGU Mainz, UPF Barcelona, UoPeloponnese, Swansea, UK. Funded by a €7million EU grant.
3. Research collaboration within the [Cooperatio project](#) (funded by Charles University) on fundamental ethical problems of contemporary sport, from the perspective of analytic philosophy
4. **Grant Agency of Charles University (GAUK)** funded projects 2022-2023

Whitney Bragagnolo:	Power, Sex & Corruption in Sport
Breana McCoy:	Towards Democratic Sports Systems – Examining the Concept of Stakeholder Democracy
Qian Wang:	What does the body mean to us? Merleau-Ponty's concept of Embodiment in understanding esports and traditional Chinese movement practices

5. **Grant Agency of Charles University (GAUK)** funded projects 2024-2027

Matyáš Kubů :	Gender a pohlaví ve sportu a v tělesné výchově - inkluze transgender osob do sportovního prostředí (Gender and sex in sport and physical education - inclusion of transgender people in the sport environment)
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6. **Post-GAUK** funded project 2022-2023

Olivia Howe:	The Impact of Coercive Sex Segregation in Women's "Basket" Sports
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7. **Strategic partnership** projects of Charles University with University of Melbourne 2018-2022

International Publications 2017 - 2025

2025

- [Martinkova, I., J. Quay & J. Parry. \(2025\) Instrumentalization of the athlete: Interpreting Dokic and Agassi via Kafka's Metamorphosis. Sport, Ethics & Philosophy. \(online first\)](#)
- [Bragagnolo, W. & Y. Lezama. \(2025\). Unveiling sextortion in sport: a global inquiry into the nexus of sexual violence, abuse of power, and corruption for enhanced safeguarding Crime, Law and Social Change, 83, 13.](#)
- [Wang, Q. \(2025\). Bodily Movements in Video Game Practice: A Phenomenological Analysis of Digital Virtuality. Body & Society \(online first\)](#)

2024

- [Martínková, I. & J. Parry \(2024\). Eligibility rules in Sport. Movimento \(Special Issue\), 30, e30055, 2024. DOI: 10.22456/1982-8918.143565.](#)
- [Parry, J., I. Martínková & A. Reppold \(2024\). Sport Ethics around the globe. Movimento \(Special Issue\), 30, e30051, 2024. DOI: 10.22456/1982-8918.143568.](#)
- [Bragagnolo, W. & Y. Lezama. \(2024\). Sextortion in sport: an applied ethics approach to misconduct. Movimento, 30, e30057. DOI: 10.22456/1982-8918.143277](#)
- [Martínková, I., J. Giesbrecht & J. Parry. \(2024\). Weight in Sport: changing the focus from 'weight-sensitive sports' to risk groups of athletes. Sport, Ethics & Philosophy, 1-18.](#)
- [Sadamasu, A., A. K. Travlos, I. Martínková & J. Parry \(2024\). Transgender athletes and the sex category: change in competition level. European Journal for Sport and Society, 1–21. \(online first\)](#)
- [Wang, Q. & I. Martínková \(2024\). Spontaneous movement: an exploration of the concept. Journal of the Philosophy of Sport, 51 \(3\), 439–459.](#)
- [Howe, O.R. \(2024\). Ethical Risks of Systematic Menstrual Tracking in Sport. Bioethical Inquiry.](#)
- [Ludwiczak, M., J. Parry & M. Bronikowska \(2024\). Improving moral competence in adolescents through non-linear pedagogy in the context of physical education and sport. Journal of Sports Medicine and Physical Fitness 64 \(6\), 599-608.](#)
- [Impiö, J. & J. Parry \(2024\). Freeride skiing – the values of freedom and creativity. Journal of the Philosophy of Sport 51 \(2\), 350-366](#)
- [Martínková, I. \(2024\). Ultra sports as nature sports \(propre\). Journal of the Philosophy of Sport 51 \(2\), 285-301](#)
- [Parry, J. \(2024\). The Philosophy of Olympism. In C.R. Torres \(Ed.\) Olympic Knowledge - Essential Readings Series. Lausanne: IOC Olympic Studies Centre.](#)
- [Martínková, I. & Wang, Q. \(2024\). A phenomenological perspective on embodiment in sports and esports. In A. Hofmann, M. Reeves & P. Camara \(Eds.\), *Critical Perspectives on Esports* \(pp. 23-35\). London: Routledge.](#)

2023

- [Martínková, I. \(2023\). Inclusion as the value of eligibility rules in sport. *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* 50 \(3\), 345-364.](#)
- [Parry, J. & J. Giesbrecht. \(2023\). Esports, real sports and the Olympic Virtual Series. *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* 50 \(2\), 208-228.](#)
- [Howe, O.R. \(2023\). Netball and the interpellation of feminine body comporment. *Sport in Society* 26 \(10\), 1647-1664.](#)
- [Campos, M., J. Parry & I. Martínková \(2023\). WADA's concept of the 'Protected Person'. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* 17 \(1\), 58-69.](#)
- [Parry, J. \(2023\). On the Definition of Sport. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* 17 \(1\), 49-57.](#)
- [Martínková, I., J. Parry & M. Imbrišević \(2023\). Transgender Athletes and Principles of Sport Categorization: Why Genealogy and the Gendered Body Will Not Help. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* 17 \(1\), 21-33.](#)
- [Krein, K., J. Parry, I. Martínková, G. Breivik & R. Humphreys. \(2023\). Book Symposium: Kevin Krein's Philosophy and Nature Sports. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* 17\(2\), 240-274.](#)
- [Giesbrecht, J. \(2023\). In Defense of Lightweight Rowing. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* 17\(3\), 290-305.](#)

2022

- [Martínková, I. & J. Parry \(2022\). Mixed Martial Arts is not a Martial Art. In Holt, J. & Ramsay, M. \(Ed.\), *The Philosophy of Mixed Martial Arts: Squaring the Octagon* \(pp. 4-16\). London: Routledge.](#)
- [McCoy, B. & I. Martínková \(2022\). Democracy, philosophy and sport: animating the agonistic spirit. *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* 49 \(2\), 246-262.](#)
- [Howe, O. R. \(2022\). Hitting the barriers – Women in Formula 1 and W series racing. *European Journal of Women's Studies* \(online first\).](#)
- [Howe, O. R. \(2022\). Henley Women's Regatta and Cultural Preservationism. *The International Journal of Sport and Society* 13 \(1\), 71-83.](#)
- [Martínková, I., & Q. Wang \(2022\). Shikantaza – The Practice of 'Just Sitting': Ultimate Slowing Down and its Effect on Experiencing. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* 16 \(2\), 221-236.](#)
- [Martínková, I., B. Andrieu & J. Parry \(2022\). Slow Sport and Slow Philosophy: Practices Suitable \(Not Only\) for Lockdowns. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* 16 \(2\), 159-164.](#)
- [Martínková, I., T. Knox, L. Anderson & J. Parry \(2022\). Sex and gender in sport categorization: aiming for terminological clarity. *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* 49 \(1\), 134-150.](#)

2021

- [Parry, J. & I. Martínková \(2021\). The logic of categorisation in sport. *European Journal of Sport Science* 21 \(11\), 1485-1491.](#)
- [Parry, J. \(2021\). Esports Will Not Be at the Olympics. *Journal of Olympic Studies* 2 \(2\), 1–13.](#)
- [Mravec, L. \(2021\). Match-fixing as a Threat to Sport: Ethical and Legal Perspectives. *Studia Sportiva* 15 \(2\), 37-48.](#)
- [Quay, J., I. Martínková & J. Parry \(2021\). Phenomenological Human Science Via Phenomenological Philosophy: A Phenomenomethodological Approach to Education Research. In E. Creely, J. Southcott, K. Carabott and D. Lyons \(Eds.\), *Phenomenological Inquiry in Education: Theories, Practices, Provocations and Directions* \(pp. 52-67\). London: Routledge.](#)

2020

- [Martínková, I. \(2020\). Open Categories in Sport: One Way to Decrease Discrimination. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* 14 \(4\), 461-477.](#)
- [Martínková, I. \(2020\). Unisex sports: challenging the Binary. *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* 47 \(2\), 248-265.](#)
- [Martínková, I. & J. Parry \(2020\). Olympic Winter Games, 'Cold Sports', and Inclusive Values. *The International Journal of the History of Sport* 37 \(13\), 1236-1251.](#)
- [Parry, J. \(2020\). The Concept of Sport in Olympism. *Diagoras: International Academic Journal on Olympic Studies* 4, 131-148.](#)
- [Parry, J. & P. Allison \(Eds.\) \(2020\). *Experiential Learning and Outdoor Education*. London: Routledge.](#)
- [Reppold, A., I. Martínková & J. Parry \(Eds.\) \(2020\). *PE & Sport Research in Brazil and the Czech Republic*. Porto Alegre: UFRGS Press.](#)

2019

- [Parry, J. \(2019\). E-sports are Not Sports. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* 13 \(1\), 3-18.](#)
- [Kříž, P. \(2021\). Merleau-Ponty's Discovery of the Pre-objective Body and Its Consequences for Body-Oriented Disciplines. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* 15 \(1\), 122-138.](#)
- [Martínková, I., J. Parry & M. Vágner \(2019\). The Contribution of Martial Arts to Moral Development. *IDO MOVEMENT FOR CULTURE. Journal of Martial Arts Anthropology* 19 \(1\), 1–8. ISSN 2084-3763.](#)

2018

- [Girginov, V. & J. Parry \(2018\). Protecting or undermining the integrity of sport? The science and politics of the McLaren report. *International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics* 10 \(2\), 393-407.](#)
- [Martínková, I. \(2018\). Education and Olympism: Coubertin's Unfinished Symphony. *Diagoras: International Academic Journal on Olympic Studies* 2, 47-60.](#)

- Robinson, S. & J. Parry (2018). The impact of corruption on individual athletes, teams, and organisations. In L. A. Kihl (Ed.). *Corruption in Sport: Causes, Consequences, and Reform* (pp. 91-109). London: Routledge.
- Andrieu, B., J. Parry, A. Porrovecchio, O. Sirost (Eds.) (2018). *Body Ecology and Emersive Leisure*. London: Routledge.
- Martínková, I. & J. Parry (2018). Heidegger, sport and body ecology. In B. Andrieu, J Parry, A. Porrovecchio, O. Sirost (Eds.), *Body Ecology and Emersive Leisure* (pp. 136-149). London: Routledge.

2017

- Gardiner, S., J. Parry & S. Robinson (2017). Integrity and the corruption debate in sport: where is the integrity? *European Sport Management Quarterly* 17 (1), 6-23.
- Martínková, I. (2017). Body Ecology: Avoiding body–mind dualism. *Loisir et Société / Society and Leisure* 40 (1), 101-112.
- Martínková, I. & Jim Parry (2017). Safe Danger – On the Experience of Challenge, Adventure and Risk in Education. *Sport, Ethics and Philosophy* 11 (1), 75-91.
- Torres, C. & J. Parry (2017). Boxing and the Youth Olympic Games. *Diagoras: International Academic Journal on Olympic Studies* 1, 169-190.
- Van Dijk, A., K. Daďová & I. Martínková (2017). Intellectual disability sport and Paralympic classification. *AUC Kinanthropologica* 53 (1), 21–34.