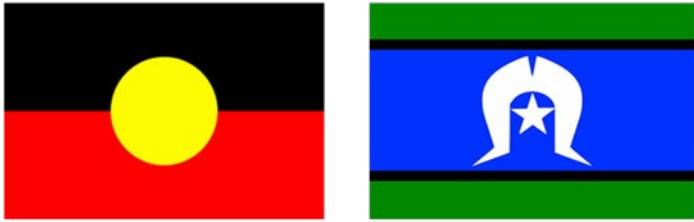


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Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge, recognise and respect the Ancestors, Elders and families of the Traditional Owners of University land where our campuses are situated. In Victoria, the Bunurong/Boonwurrung, Wadawurrung and Wurundjeri/Woiwurrung of the Kulin Nation; in Sydney, the Gadigal and Guring-gai of the Eora Nation; and in Brisbane, the Turrbal and Yugara people.

As we share our own knowledge practices within the University, we acknowledge that the land on which we meet, learn and grow is a place of age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. We honour the depth of wisdom held by Aboriginal communities and recognise their enduring connection to Country. Sovereignty has never been ceded.

Agenda

OPRC Overview

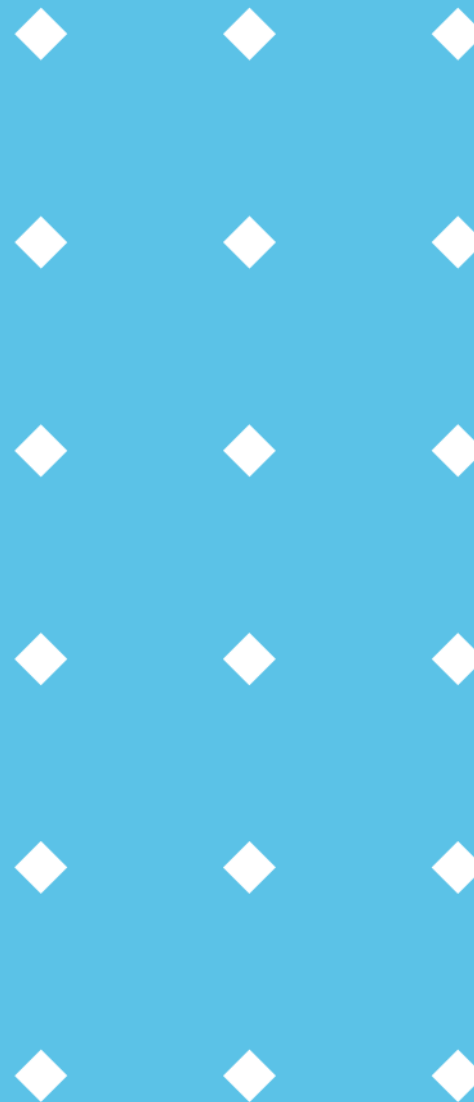
Media Engagement

Keynote Address:

Professor Andy Spalding Olympic Issues

Q and A

Refreshments





- ◆ 85 Olympic Studies and Research Centres in 28 nations
- ◆ Three Olympic Studies Centres in Australia
 1. Queensland Centre for Olympic & Paralympic Studies University of Queensland (1996)
 2. Australian Centre for Olympic Studies & Sports Studies (1996 UNSW) (2005 UTS)
 3. The Olympic and Paralympic Research Centre at Victoria University (est 2021)
- ◆ Require NOC endorsement and recognised by the IOC Olympic Studies Centre as a member of the global Olympic Studies and Research Centres network

VU OPRC Leadership team



OPRC Key Activities

- ◆ **Media requests for Olympic Games**
- ◆ **Research collaboration (conferences, publications, research grants, etc.)**
- ◆ **Relationships with other OSCs**
- ◆ **Networking within the Olympic Community (AOC & IOC connections - IOC Annual Report)**
- ◆ **UG courses/subjects and PG students**
- ◆ **Research Associates Engagement**



OLYMPIC STUDIES CENTRES COLLOQUIUMS

1st Colloquium Loughborough U (LONDON 2012)

2nd Colloquium PUCRS: (RIO 2016)

**3rd Colloquium Tsukuba Univ. Japan: prior to 2021
Games (online only due to Covid)**

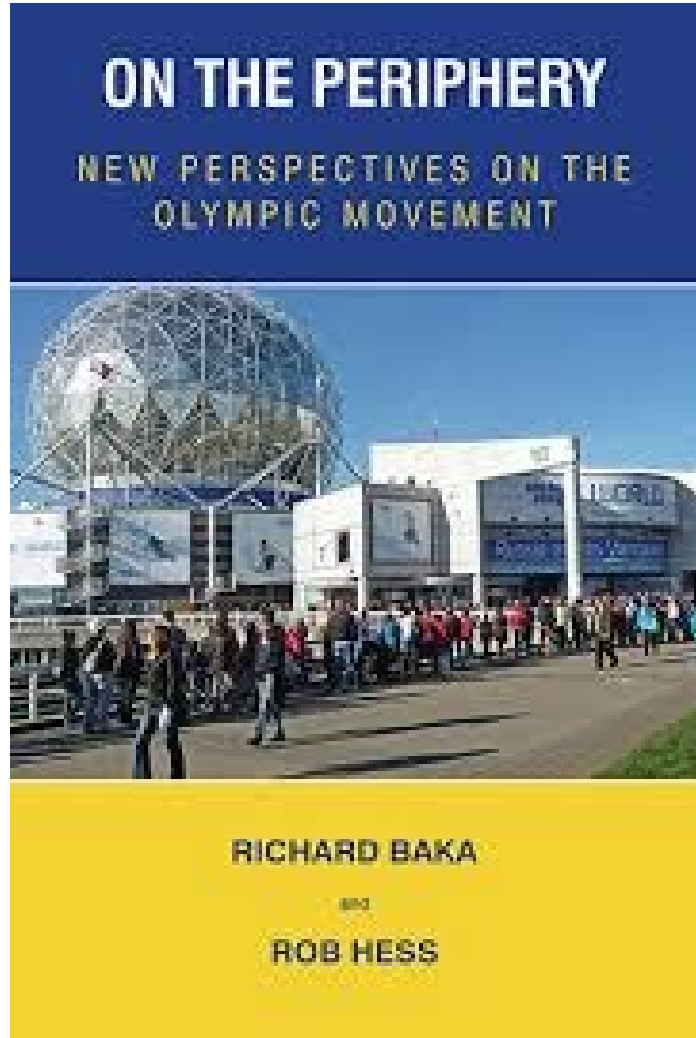
**4th Colloquium, Besancon, France, CEROU (2024
PARIS)**



PICOSR Olympic Conference in Korea in November 2023



Research Collaboration/Networking



Changes to the Summer Olympics Sports Programme:
Keeping Pace with a Changing World: What is in Store
for Los Angeles 2028, Brisbane 2032 and Beyond!



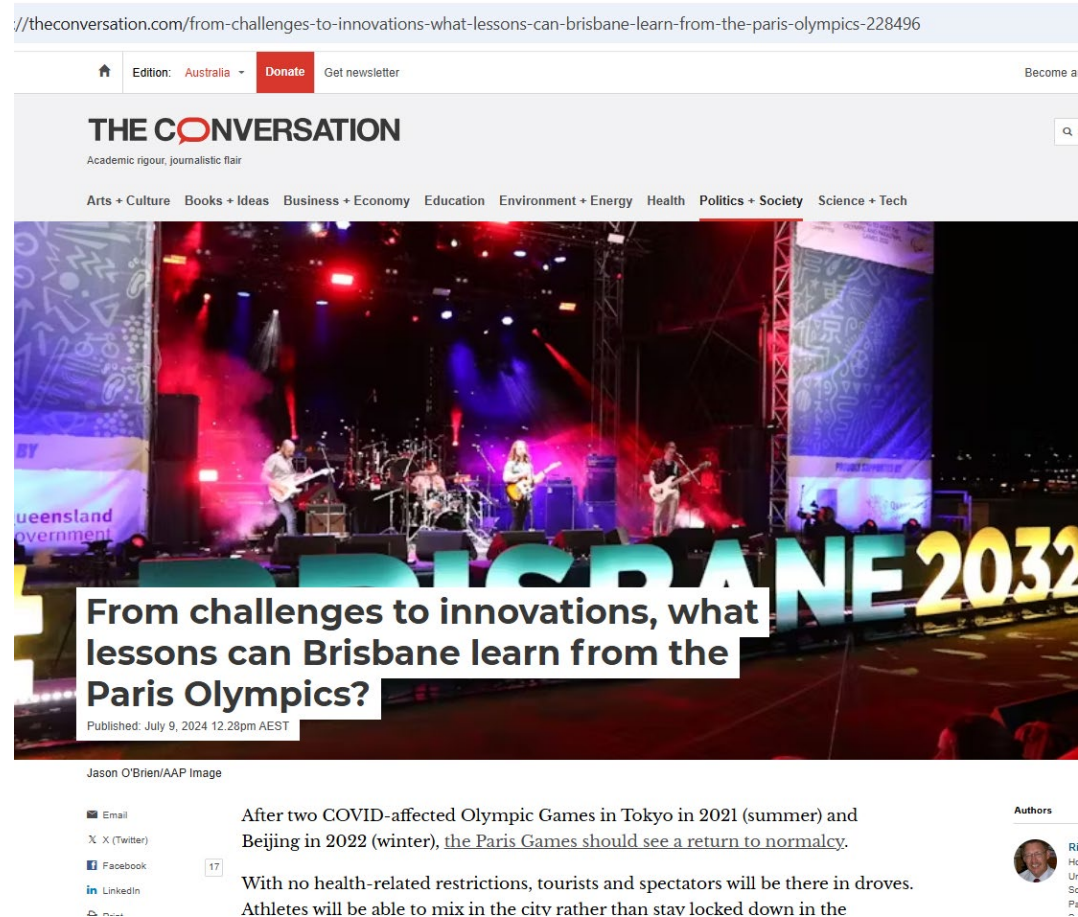
DR RICHARD BAKA AND PROFESSOR TRACY TAYLOR



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MEDIA ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Radio: all over Australia and OS
- ◆ TV: Channel 9: A Current Affair, ABC, Al Jazeera TV
- ◆ Print Media (Newspapers)
- ◆ Podcasts and online platforms
- ◆ Student interviews for papers/assessments



IOC's OSC Services & Programs

The mission is to:

- collect, share and make Olympic knowledge accessible
- foster and support education, studies and research about the Olympic Movement
- offer a platform for dialogue between the academic world and the Olympic Movement

OSC Newsletter

On The Pulse



Olympic World Library



International Case Study Competition

Olympic Library and Study spaces for visiting scholars overlooking Lake Geneva

IOC OSC Research Grant Programs

- ◆ The Advanced Olympic Research Grant Programme - for established researchers every two years
- ◆ PhD Students and Early Career Academics Research Grant Programme: run annually for early career researchers



IOC related activities/educational programs

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- Executive Master in Olympic Sport Organisations

- Advanced Sport Management Course

- IOC Young Leaders program

- Athlete 365

- Olympism 365

- International Seminar on Olympic Studies For Postgraduate Students



OPRC Associates

- Associates (Internal at VU)
- External (researchers, other OSCs, AOC, IOC, etc)
- Other (media)

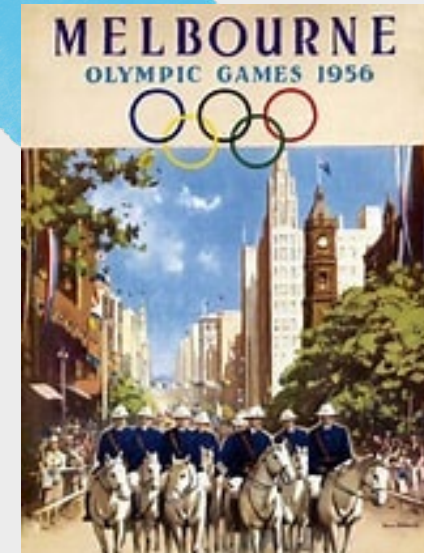


YOUR HOME OF THE OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS



OPRC Resource Centre at VU (Footscray Park Campus)

- Various Olympic resources
- Archives (e.g. John Deane collection)
- Journals (e.g. Olympic Review, ISOH Journal of Olympic history, etc.)
- Books, posters and memorabilia
- Work stations for staff and visiting academics



Why Should Academics Get Involved: The Olympics Inspire

- Research Grants and Research Collaboration
- Exciting conference locations around the world and ability to see the Games afterwards
- Opportunities to highlight research via the media
- Close affiliation with the IOC and the AOC
- Stimulating add-on to your career
- Mentoring by senior academics
- Camaraderie and the social aspect

Thank you
Questions?

