Pathways: Critiques and Discourse in Olympic Research

9th International Symposium for Olympic Research

August 5-7, 2008

Monday Afternoon: August 4th

Early Registration – 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Tuesday Afternoon: August 5th

Registration – 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Tuesday Evening: August 5th

Gala Opening Dinner for all Registrants – 6:00 PM in Capital’s Grand Restaurant

Gala Opening Ceremonies – in Capital’s Grand Auditorium – 7:30 PM

Welcome -- Dr. Yinchuan Li, President of Capital Institute

Entertainment -- Olympic Angel Chorus of Yanfandian Center Elementary School

Keynote Address -- Richard W. Pound, IOC Member (Canada)

The Future of the Modern Olympic Movement: Promised Land or Train-wreck?

Official Opening of Capital Institute’s Olympic Education Museum

Wednesday Morning, August 6th, 8:30 – 10:15,

Session 1A -- Room #1: Re-Examining Pierre de Coubertin

Moderator: David E. Barney (USA)

8:30-8:55 -- Jeffrey Segrave (USA), Dikaia Chatziefstathiou (UK) Pierre de Coubertin’s Ideology of Beauty from the Perspective of the History of Ideas

8:55-9:20 -- Per Jørgensen (Denmark) The ‘Greek Department’ in Denmark and Pierre de Coubertin’s Manipulations

9:20-9:45 -- Otto Schantz (Germany/France) Pierre de Coubertin’s ‘Civilizing Mission’
9:45-10:10 -- Norbert Müller (Germany)  

Pierre de Coubertin and Michel Breal: The Idea of the Olympic Marathon Race

Session #1B – Room #2:  Doping Dilemmas and the Games

Moderator: Nigel B. Crowther (Canada)

8:30-8:55 – Ken Kirkwood (Canada)  

What’s At Stake? Considering the Immaterial Costs of Reversing Current Olympic Doping Control Policy

8:55-9:20 -- Stephen Wassong (UK)  

Clean Sport: A Two-fold Challenge in the History of the Modern Olympic Games

9:20-9:45 -- Sean Smith (Switzerland)  

WADA and the Emergence of Sporting Empire: Prospects and Shadows

9:45-10:10 -- Ann Pegoraro/Norman O’Reilly/Judith Madill (Canada)  

Social Marketing, Anti-Doping, and the Olympic Games

Coffee Break – 10:15 – 10:30

Wednesday Morning, August 6th – 10:30 – 12:15

Session 2A – Room #1:  The Body Politic and the Olympic Games

Moderator: Stephen Wenn (Canada)

10:30-10:55 -- Maureen Smith (USA)  

Examining the ‘Rhodesia Issue’: The IOC and African Politics in the 1970s

10:55-11:20 – Charles Little (UK)  


11:20-11:45 -- Ying Wushanley (USA)  

Waltzing on Ice: Lake Placid, the Carter Doctrine, and China’s Return to the Olympics

11:45-12:10 -- Larry Gerlach (USA)  

An Uneasy Discourse: Salt Lake City 2002 and Olympic Protest

Session 2B – Room #2:  Olympic Legacy

Moderator: Stephan Wassong (UK)

10:30-10:55 -- P. Bondonio/C. Guala/A. Mela (Italy)  

Legacies of Torino 2006: Lessons Learned for the IOC and ‘Olympic Territories’ from Torino’s Olympic Winter Games

10:55-11:20 -- Robert K. Barney (Canada)  

Some Thoughts on General Economies of Cities/States/Provinces after Hosting Olympic Games
11:20-11:45 -- Guy Masterman (UK) Losing Bids, Winning Legacies: An Examination of the Need to Plan for Olympic Legacies Prior to Bidding


Lunch -- 12:15 – 1:30

Wednesday Afternoon, August 6th, 1:30 – 3:15

Session 3A – Room #1: Olympic Moments

Moderator: Maureen Smith (USA)

1:30-1:55 -- Stephen R. Wenn (Canada) Two Days Lausanne Stood Still: The 108th Extraordinary IOC Session, March 1999

1:55-2:20 -- Carly Adams (Canada) Trials of Controversy: Jean Holes, the 1928 Olympic Games, and Women’s Athletics in Canada

2:20-2:45 -- David E. Barney (USA) American Genesis: The Archaeology of Women’s Swimming at 1920 Olympic Games

2:45-3:10 -- Peter Warning (China)/Kristine Toohey & Dwight Zakus (Australia) Establishing One Field of Olympic Studies: A Content Analysis of a Decade of ‘Olympika’

Session 3B – Room #2: The Media and the Olympic Games

Moderator: Donnie Pei (China)

1:30-1:55 -- John Hellstrom (Sweden) The Transition from ‘National’ to ‘Individual’ in Swedish Newspaper Discourse on Olympic Heroes

1:55-2:20 -- Karl Lennartz (Germany) Some Case Studies on How Media Constructs Olympic Legends

2:20-2:45 -- Garry Whannel (UK) Caught in the Spotlight: Media Themes in the Build-up to the Beijing Olympic Games

2:45-3:10 -- Jilly Traganou/Jaeho Kang (USA) Transforming Global Identities in the Mediated Public Spheres: The Beijing 2008 Olympic Games from the Interdisciplinary Perspective of Media Design Studies

Coffee Break – 3:15 – 3:30
Wednesday Afternoon, August 6th – 3:30 – 5:15

Session 4A – Room #1:  *New Beijing? Emergent Journalistic Practice at the Olympics*

3:30-5:15 – Panel:  Moderator: Andy Miah (UK), Participants: Beatriz Garcia (UK), Robert Scales (Canada/China), Garry Whannel (UK), Tian Zhihui (UK), Kris Krug (Canada), Ana Adi (UK)

Session 4B – Room #2:  Icons and ‘Grand Old Men’ of the IOC

3:30-3:55 -- Erik Nielsen (Australia)

3:55-4:20 -- Leif Yttergren (Sweden)

4:20-4:45 -- Scott G. Martyn (Canada)

4:45-5:10 -- Byron Peacock (Switzerland)

Free Wednesday Evening

Thursday Morning, August 7th – 8:30 – 10:15

Session 5A – Room #1:  “Olympism “ and Philosophical Considerations

Moderator: Ken Kirkwood (Canada)

8:30-8:55 -- Dikaia Chatziefstathiou/Ian Henry (UK)

8:55-9:20 -- Heather Reid/Christos C. Evangeliou (USA)

9:20-9:45 -- Lisa Reithmann (Germany)

9:45-10:10 -- Samantha Nanayakkara (UK)

Session 5B – Room #2:  Women and the Olympics

Moderator: Carly Adams (Canada)

8:30-8:55 -- Amanda N. Schweinbenz (Canada)

8:55-9:20 -- Yi Wen Chin/Ian Henry (UK)/Fan Hong (Ireland)
9:20-9:45 -- Jason Laurendeau (Canada)  Making Inroads: Reproductive and Resistant Agency in the Case of Women’s Ski-Jumping

9:45-10:10 -- Louise Mansfield/Helen Curtis (UK)  Competing Women: Representations of Gender, Femininity, and National Identification at the Olympic/Paralympic Games

Coffee Break – 10:15 – 10:30

Thursday Morning, August 7th – 10:30 - 12:15

Session 6A – Room #1: Beyond the Games: Youth, Culture, Collectibles
Moderator: Scott Martyn (Canada)

10:30-10:55 -- Emese Ivan/Carla Vidoni/Larry Judge (USA)  ‘The World Youth to Share’! Challenges and Opportunities in Hosting Youth Olympic Games


11:20-11:45 -- Richard Baka (Australia)  Youth-Based Programs and Initiatives of the Australian Olympic Movement: An Investment in the Future

Session 6B – Room #2: Athletes and the Quest for Excellence: ‘Winning Olympic Games’
Moderator: Larry Gerlach (USA)

10:30-10:55 -- Douglas A. Brown (Canada)  From the ‘Pursuit of Excellence’ to ‘Own the Podium’: An Ideological Slip in Canadian Olympic Sport

10:55-11:20 -- Otavio Tavares (Brazil)  Democracy is Not the Holy Grail: Concepts and Attitudes of Olympic Athletes Toward the IOC Athletes Commission

11:20-11:45 -- Peter McClelland (Canada)  A Comparison of Canadian Olympic Committee Standards for Olympic Nomination: Athens vs. Beijing

11:45-12:10 -- Guogi Xu (USA)  The United States Connection and China’s Involvement in the Modern Olympic Movement

Lunch – 12:15 – 1:30

Thursday Afternoon, August 7th – 1:30 – 2:30

18th Annual Earle F. Zeigler Commemorative Address -- Susan Brownell (USA)

Western Centrism in Olympic Studies and Its Consequence in the 2008 Beijing Olympics
Coffee Break – 2:30 – 2:45

Thursday Afternoon, August 7th – 2:45 – 4:30

Session 7A, Room #1: Ancient Symbols and Modern Olympic Links

Moderator: Ying Wushanley (USA)

2:45-3:10 -- Nigel Crowther (Canada)


3:10-3:35 -- Naofumi Masumoto (Japan)

The Birth of the Modern ‘Olympic Truce’: The Chronological Approach

3:35-4:00 -- Richard Cashman (Australia)

The Australian Olympic Caravan in Beijing

4:00-4:25 -- Norbert Müller (Germany)

Recent Startling Findings at Olympia: The Ancient Hippodrome and German Archaeology

Session 7B, Room #2: Gathering Momentum: Olympic Education in Lands Far and Wide

Moderator: Robert K. Barney (Canada)

2:45-3:10 -- Christina Kwauk (USA)

An Olympic Education: From Educational Reform to Neo-Imperialism

3:10-3:35 -- Donnie Pei (China)

Talking the Walk, Walking the Talk: Planning and Implementation of Olympic Education Programs in China

3:35-4:00 -- Daimar Lell/Kalle Voolaid (Estonia)

Every Nation has Its Own Olympics: The Olympic Image in Estonia

4:00-4:25 -- Michael Heine (Canada)

‘Symbology of Success’: Aboriginal Games and the Insignia of Olympic Validation

Thursday, August 7th – 7:00 -- Closing Banquet

Friday, August 8th – Bus Tour to the Great Wall and Ming Tombs