‘Paralympic Sport and Social Justice: Toward a Happy Marriage or Difficult Separation?’

Speaker: Dr David Howe

Dr David Howe works at the Peter Harrison Centre for Disability Sport at Loughborough University, United Kingdom. His research interests comprise two related strands, both of which are theoretically informed by social theories of embodiment, notably those developed by Bourdieu, Foucault and Merleau-Ponty. The first of these strands concerns the impaired sporting body, health and identity. This area of work is being developed through a life long involvement in, and commitment to, the Paralympic sporting movement. His experience as athlete and administrator and latterly journalist and coach, has facilitated access to this rapidly changing sporting environment. His first major publication in this area came out in 2008 entitled The Cultural Politics of the Paralympic Movement: Through the Anthropological Lens. London: Routledge.

Discussant: Dr Shuaib Manjra

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