

Long-term contracts in sport: The private foundations of sports law and governance

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Introduction

Yuliya Chernykh (University of Inland Norway, Norway)

On long-termness. How time shapes legal obligations

1. Contractual & Regulatory

- **Antti Aine** (University of Turku, Finland)
Asymmetrical positions of the parties and legal regulation on long-term contracts in sport.
- **Emilie Weible and Marjolaine Viret** (University of Lausanne, Switzerland).
[the title TBC; on the legal architecture of sport under Swiss law]
- **David Pavot** (University of Sherbrooke, Canada).
Contractual approach, Treaty-based delegation of power or abuse of rights: a critical analysis of certain relations between Arbitration Clauses as Contracts of Adhesion: Long-Term Procedural Commitments in Sport governments and WADA

2. Employment & Football

- **Deep Ray, Tarsh Khanna and Tarun** (Gujarat National Law University, India)
Functional Long-Termism in Indian Football Contracts: The Validity and Consequences of Unilateral Extension Options
- **Lovro Badžim** (IBLAW) and **Marko Begović** (Molde University College)
The Limits of Long-Term Labour Contracts in Croatian Sports Law
- **Leanne O’Leary** (Trinity Colleague Dublin, Ireland)
The Role of CBAs in European Sports Regulation

3. Olympic Games and Mega Sports Events

- **Mark James and Guy Osborn** (Manchester Metropolitan University and University of Westminster, UK)
The unanticipated impacts of increasing the length of OHCs
- **Daniela Heerdt** (Centre for Sport and Human Rights, Switzerland/UK)
Exploring the impact of human rights contractual requirements in mega-sporting event governance: case studies from UEFA, FIFA, and the IOC

Keynote

Antoine Duval (T.M.C. Asser Institute, Netherlands)

Framing contracts as legislation: The CAS and the public/private nature of the SGB’s statutes and regulations