



*Public Policy, Enterprise, Governance and Sustainability
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Seminar Series

The Public Policy, Enterprise, Governance and Sustainability (PPEGS) Research Theme is pleased to announce its next presenter

Tadhg MacIntyre PhD HRI (Dept of Physical Education and Sport Sciences, EHS, UL)
and **Dr Deirdre O' Shea** (Dept of Personnel and Employment Relations, KBS, UL)

Titled: Fix the Fixing: Lessons from Sporting Integrity for Sport and Society.

Date: Today, Wednesday, 19th April 1pm to 2pm

Venue: Kemmy Business School, KB1-16

All are welcome to attend with tea and coffee provided before the seminar begins.

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Biography

Deirdre O'Shea, PhD, is Lecturer in Work and Organizational Psychology at the Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick, Ireland. Her research interests include self-regulation, proactive behaviour, motivation, emotions and emotion regulation, and psychological resource based interventions. She has published her research in journals such as *Journal of Occupational Health Psychology*, *Journal of Vocational Behavior*, *Journal of Occupational and Organisational Psychology*, *Applied Psychology: An International Review* and *Personality and Individual Differences*, amongst others.

Tadhg E. MacIntyre, PhD, HRI is a lecturer in sport, exercise and performance psychology and is based at the Health Research Institute, University of Limerick. A chartered psychologist, Tadhg is registered also with HCPC. For nearly a decade, he has been a member of the quality assurance committee of the Irish Institute of Sport which reviews case studies and applications for accreditation within the Republic of Ireland. He supervises seven PhD students on topics including practitioner self-care, mental health stigma in sport, and green exercise. On this latter topic he has recently led the development of a H2020 proposal on nature based solutions for well-being and is currently completing a text for Routledge on this topic. Funding successes include Erasmus + www.fixthefixing.eu and funding from the Irish Research Council on motor cognition. He is an Associate Editor of the top ranked journal in sport psychology (*International Review of Sport and Exercise Psychology*) and on the editorial board of *Frontiers in Psychology: Movement Science and Sport Psychology*. In 2016 he edited a special issue on mental health challenges in sport with colleagues including Prof. Marc Jones and Prof. Judy Van Raalte. Tadhg has consulted with Olympic level athletes in rowing, hockey and track and field and most recently was the sport psychologist for Munster rugby 2014-2016.

Abstract

Sport, often viewed as a microcosm of society, is increasingly linked to ethical issues from doping to corruption. Match fixing represents an ongoing threat to the integrity, reputation, and societal welfare dimension of sports. It is both an ethical issue and an illegal activity with an international dimension, and is directly linked to gambling and criminal networks exploiting unregulated gambling markets. Current evidence indicates the pervasive nature of match-fixing across levels and type of sport, and highlight the role of illegal gambling and profit-making through match fixing. In 2011, match-fixing was recognized as a major threat to the integrity of sports and the Member States of the Council of Europe were invited to adopt policies and measures to prevent and combat match-fixing across levels and types of sport. Efforts are also made at an EU-level to combat match-fixing through legislative measures. In particular, match-fixing is seen as a form of corruption, and, therefore, can be punished under anti-corruption laws (KEA European Affairs, 2012). Fix the Fixing aims to develop an evidence-based user-friendly educational tool that will be used by stakeholders to increase people's involved in sport awareness about corruption, fraud and match-fixing in different types and levels of sport; teach coping skills on resisting offers and temptations to engage in match-fixing; and indicate ways to properly report match-fixing incidents to the relevant authorities. UL has led the quantitative and qualitative elements of the project across six European countries. We will report on preliminary findings and methodological challenges of multi-country research.