

Retos y oportunidades de la diplomacia del deporte en el siglo XXI



Una mirada global desde Eukadi.

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Descripción

Curso en inglés, euskera y español. Se habilitará servicio de traducción para seguir el Curso en cualquiera de los idiomas.

Durante el año 2023 Euskadi, y Donostia en particular, va a acoger eventos y acontecimientos deportivos que justifican la reflexión sobre un campo con una capacidad de crecimiento enorme. La acogida de las primeras etapas del Tour de France, la consolidación de la Donostia Cup o la celebración de la semifinal del Top 14 son algunos de los hitos que situarán a Euskadi en el mapa mundial. Pero más allá de estos acontecimientos, Euskadi representa por si sola una realidad dentro de la diplomacia del deporte. Una realidad que todavía no ha sido debidamente analizada.

Desde hace tiempo, Euskadi ejerce en la práctica la diplomacia del deporte. No en vano, la diplomacia del deporte es una de las herramientas más poderosas con la que cuentan las realidades subestatales, naciones sin estado o similares que aspiran a ganar relevancia y posicionamiento internacional. No obstante, existe poca conciencia al respecto. Por tanto, esta propuesta es una oportunidad para unir dos realidades que en ocasiones se ignoran. Es decir, el mundo académico preocupado por la temática y aquellos que desde la práctica ejercen la diplomacia del deporte sin ser totalmente conscientes.

Por otro lado, vivimos tiempos convulsos. La incertidumbre es la característica principal de los nuevos tiempos, en los que emergen nuevos actores en el escenario geopolítico, extendiendo a otros ejes los equilibrios de antaño. En este contexto, el deporte está llamado a jugar un papel estelar en el nuevo escenario geopolítico. Es por ello relevante abrir el debate al público general y profundizar en un ámbito que está adquiriendo un protagonismo creciente en el universo de las relaciones internacionales.

Estructura del curso

La ruta que se propone de cara al curso es la siguiente: En primer lugar, y durante las primeras sesiones, se realizará una aproximación teórica sobre los conceptos de la diplomacia del deporte. Entendemos que queda por hacer una labor pedagógica que acerque y vincule a la sociedad, en general, pero también a las diversas instituciones, agentes e individuos que trabajan en el día a día en este ámbito de formas, muchas veces, inconscientes e inconexas. Se hace necesario, por tanto, explicar sus fundamentos, su historia, las diferentes sensibilidades y aproximaciones que coexisten en él.

En segundo lugar, partiendo de lo general, se plantea ir desgranando aspectos más parciales que coadyuvan en la configuración de la fotografía general. Para ello, abriremos el espacio a aproximaciones y realidades que son insoslayables, pero que necesitan una mención especial por ser, a menudo, desplazadas a un segundo plano. Hablamos de la presencia y la participación de la mujer en el mundo del deporte; los elementos sociales de integración y de cohesión que han posibilitado procesos de reconciliación en Sudáfrica, Irlanda o Colombia; el elemento de negocio y económico que está detrás de múltiples iniciativas de carácter deportivo; la identidad nacional, regional y cultural que subyace en los fenómenos deportivos; etc.

En tercer lugar, el congreso mostrará modelos exitosos y consolidados de políticas de diplomacia del deporte. La labor que ha realizado y realiza la Secretaría de Estado del Gobierno de Estados Unidos será uno de los casos de análisis. Junto a este caso concreto se expondrán modelos de incuestionable éxito. Tomando en consideración la tipología del caso vasco, el congreso permitirá conocer realidades que por dimensión territorial, características identitarias, culturales, políticas o administrativas se acercan a la casuística vasca. Escocia, Gales, Macedonia o Nueva Zelanda serán objeto de análisis. La peculiar política que han seguido los equipos de fútbol en Euskadi o el fervor del ciclismo, cercano a la religión, que existe aquí son otros de los elementos que se abordarán en el congreso.

El congreso permitirá, además, superar ciertas visiones dominantes en el deporte. La diplomacia del baloncesto, rugby o el surf son algunos de los exponentes de miradas que transcienden a la predominancia del fútbol, por citar el paradigma clásico. Es por ello por lo que fenómenos como el montañismo (junto a otros deportes estrechamente relacionados con la naturaleza) serán objeto de análisis en el congreso. En el montañismo, por ejemplo, amen de su aspecto deportivo, concurren elementos de socialización y de identidad que requieren un análisis que no ha sido abordado hasta el momento.

Por último, el congreso dará cabida a una realidad que no es exclusiva de Euskadi. Los deportes autóctonos configuran una realidad muy relevante. Sin embargo, en ocasiones no se le ha prestado la suficiente atención. A este respecto, el jai-alai ha sido probablemente una de las herramientas o características principales de marca con el que ha contado Euskadi. No obstante, no ha sido hasta que se ha consumado su desaparición en Estados Unidos cuando nos hemos dado cuenta de su valor como

marca y como elemento que permitía a Euskadi posicionarse internacionalmente. El aspecto lúdico-deportivo de las *estropadak* es otro elemento que debe ser objeto de análisis. Asimismo, el congreso analizará otros muchos aspectos que se irán incorporando a medida que se configure el programa.

Todo ello, garantizando una mirada global que supere la visión eurocéntrica y occidental que con mucha frecuencia exponen este tipo de iniciativas. África, Asia, Oceanía y Latinoamérica tendrán un espacio relevante durante el congreso.

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Objetivos

Objetivo principal del curso

Socializar el ámbito de la diplomacia del deporte, la cual está llamada a jugar un papel relevante en el nuevo escenario geopolítico.

Objetivos específicos

- ¿Qué es la diplomacia deporte? Realizar una aproximación general al concepto.
- Definición del concepto de la diplomacia del deporte. Analizar el papel de la diplomacia del deporte en la diplomacia pública.
- Exponer modelos referenciales. El caso paradigmático de Estados Unidos.
- Mostrar y analizar modelos equiparables con el vasco. El caso de Nueva Zelanda, Macedonia del Norte, Frisia (Países Bajos), Irlanda, Gales, Quebec y/o Catalunya.
- Destacar la labor que las ciudades pueden realizar a través de la 'diplomacia de las ciudades' en el campo de la diplomacia del deporte.
- Mostrar las aportaciones sociales de la diplomacia del deporte.
- Aproximarnos a la dimensión de negocio del concepto.
- Mostrar las dimensiones identitarias y de valores que subyacen bajo el concepto de la diplomacia del deporte.
- Exponer el valor del deporte como instrumento de marca de país.

Organiza



Colabora



Programa

28-06-2023

08:45 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:30	Inauguración institucional. Orden de intervención: Imanol Galdos Irazabal Donostia Kultura Eneko Goia Laso Donostia/ San Sebastian - Mayor Marian Elorza Zubiria Basque Government - General Secretariat of External Action Bingen Zupiria Gorostidi Basque Government - Culture and Linguistic Policy Markel Olano Arrese Gipuzkoa Provincial Council
09:30 - 10:30	" 1. 1 Session: Fundamentals of Sport Diplomacy" Speaker: Stuart Murray Stuart Murray University, Australia - Sports Diplomacy Alliance & Bond Sport Diplomacy as an instrument of public diplomacy Carmen Pérez González Universidad Carlos III - Vice Dean for Academic Exchanges and International Relations; First Vice Dean (Participa via zoom)
10:30 - 11:30	"1.2 Session: A comparative look at models" a) United States Ashleigh Huffman Department of Sports Diplomacy of the United States Government - General director b) North Macedonia Silvija Mitevska North Macedonia NOC & Founder and Director at Sport Social Solutions - Founder and Managing Director at Sport Social Solutions c) EU Sports Diplomacy Richard Parrish Edge Hill University - Professor
11:30 - 12:00	Pausa
12:00 - 13:30	"1.3 Session: Major sporting events: World Cup, Olympics, Tour de France. Diverse viewpoints" Jonathan Grix Manchester Metropolitan University. - Professor Ekain Rojo Labaien University of the Basque Country UPV/EHU - Professor
16:00 - 17:00	" 1.1 Session: Round table: The role of sub-state entities (regions, cities...) and other non state actors in sport diplomacy" Carlos Pulleiro Méndez Basque Country Xavier Ginesta Portet Vic-Central University of Catalonia - Professor Ainhoa Churruca Airbe Zegama Aitzgorri - Directora Iñigo Olaizola Donosti Cup
17:00 - 18:00	"1.2 Sessión: A look at the Basque reality: the construction of an identity. A look at the Basque reality; the practice of mountaineering; estropadak; autochthonous sports. Jai Alai. Basque pelota. Cycling. Other models: Scotland." Marian Vaczi University of Reno - Professor (Participa via zoom)

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09:00 - 11:30	"Women's voices: the role of women as the key to a renewed perspective on sport" Sports diplomacy and inclusion Claire Jenkin University of Hertfordshire - Senior Lecturer in Sports Development, Sport, Human Rights and Safeguarding: Interactions and Gaps Dikaia Chatziefstathiou Canterbury Christ Church University - Reader in Olympic Studies & the Social Analysis of Sport and Director of Research Environment in the School of Psychology and Life Sciences
11:30 - 12:45	"The economic-social dimension of sport" Diplomacy in sport's geopolitical economy Simon Chadwick SKEMA Business School, Paris - Professor (Participa via zoom)
12:45 - 13:30	Pausa
16:00 - 16:45	"1.3 Sesión: Other sports. Beyond the prevalence of soccer" Lindsay Sarah Krasnoff Director, FranceAndUS (Director); Adjunct Faculty, New York University Tisch Institute for Global Sport - Director Yoav Dubinsky University of Oregon - Instructor of Sports Business. Cycling diplomacy. Neftalie Williams USC - Skateboarding diplomacy Carole Gomez University of Lausanne (ISSUL) - Graduate assistant, Institute of Sports Sciences (Participa via zoom)
17:00 - 18:00	"1. Part one Sport diplomacy and its role in international relations. The emerging scenario of the 21st century" Simon Rofe University of Leeds - Associate Professor
	"Part two-Session on the merging of sport diplomacy and broader cultural relations and cultural diplomacy (arts, music, photography, history, landscapes, heritage etc). The case of Welsh" 1. General Presentation Gavin Price SDA and Bond University - Director - UK / Europe (Participa via zoom) David Warren Welsh Government - Head of International Relations Creative Arts. Cultural activities and sports diplomacy Eluned Haf Arts Council of Wales - Head of Wales Arts international Professor of Public Policy and the Governance of Wales at Cardiff University's Wales Governance Centre Laura McAllister Cardiff University's Wales Governance Centre - Professor of Public Policy and the Governance of Wales at

18:00 - 18:05 "Diolch-Eskerrik Asko from Team Wales David Warren and/or TBC, Welsh Government "

David Warren | Welsh Government - Head of International Relations

18:05 - 18:30 " Commentary and live music set from Ani Glas "

Ani Glas | Singer

18:30 - 19:00 Fireside chat and audience questions: Ani Glas with Professor Laura McAllister

19:00 - 20:00 DJ music (Ani Glas) and drinks to continue for those who wish to stay on for longer in the evening

Dirigido por:



Imanol Galdos Irazabal

Donostia Kultura

Atesora más de 30 años de experiencia en la administración pública, ocupando diversas responsabilidades directivas. Larga trayectoria en los campos de la educación, la universidad, medios de comunicación, cultura y política. Actualmente, trabaja en la Dirección de Donostia Kultura, y fundamentalmente se responsabiliza de los asuntos internacionales. Investigador, ponente internacional y escritor sobre temas relacionados con la diplomacia pública, diplomacia cultural, diplomacia de las ciudades, gobernanza local, política cultural, política exterior, relaciones internacionales y comunicación pública. Ha sido profesor asistente en la Universidad de Reno (Nevada, Estados Unidos). Investigador y visitante en la Universidad de Boise (Idaho, Estados Unidos). Coordinador del programa Other Words/Beste Hitzak (2015-2018). Tiene una diversa y amplia formación académica en Derecho, Lingüística, Traducción e Interpretación, Relaciones Internacionales y Gobernanza y Políticas Públicas.



Gavin Price

Adjunto director

Gavin Price's career spans 15+ years of experience in international trade, intercultural relations and leadership across the Australian, UK and international public sectors. He is a PhD candidate at Bond University (Australia), an expert on sports diplomacy in small nations and football diplomacy, an Honorary Member of the Centre for Sports Law, Policy and Diplomacy at the University of Rijeka (Croatia) and co-author of the British Council's research report: Towards a Welsh sports diplomacy strategy. Mr Price pioneered the innovative field of sports paradiplomacy, including successful projects involving government, business, the sportscape and academe in Wales, the Basque Country and with other peak non-state sporting actors. An established writer and speaker, he has delivered publications, podcasts and lectures on topics as wide ranging as Australian and Asian Football Diplomacy, Athlete Activism and sports diplomacy policy and practice in major nations. He is co-director of the 2023 Australia-UK sports diplomacy dialogue series and the world's first World Congress on sports diplomacy (Donostia-San Sebastián, summer 2023).

Profesorado



Simon Chadwick

Professor Simon Chadwick is a researcher, writer, academic, consultant, policy advisor, and speaker with more than twenty-five years experience in the global sport industry. His work focuses on the geopolitical economy of sport. Chadwick is Professor of Sport and Geopolitical Economy at Skema Business School in Paris, where he is also a member of its think tank - Publika - as well as Programme Director of Skema's Global Executive MBA in Sport. Simon previously co-founded and directed Emylon Business School's Centre for the Eurasian Sport Industry, the University of London's Birkbeck Sports Business Centre, Coventry University's Centre for the International Business of Sport, and Salford University's Centre for Sport Business. In addition, he has worked at several of the world's most prestigious business schools, such as IESE in Spain, Otto Beisheim in Germany, Tsinghua in China, COPPEAD in Brazil, and Waseda in Japan. He has written numerous articles, books, and research reports for the likes of Forbes, Sloan Management Review, the Wall Street Journal, The Economist, Forbes, Thunderbird International Business Review, Mastercard, Newsweek, Reuters, Time, Routledge, and Financial Times Prentice Hall.



Dikaia Chatziefstathiou

Reader in Olympic Studies & the Social Analysis of Sport and Director of Research Environment in the School of Psychology and Life Sciences in Canterbury Christ Church University, UK. She is the author of the book Discourses of Olympism: From the Sorbonne 1894 to London 2012 published by Palgrave (2012; co-authored with Professor Ian Henry) and the Editor-in-Chief of the Routledge Handbook of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (2020). She has edited several books in relation to Olympic Studies, e.g., on Olympism, Olympic values and Olympic Education. She has also written the storytelling book Imagine my Stories for Peace containing five stories for inspiring young people to embody the Olympic values in their lives (2016; published by the International Olympic Truce Centre). In her more recent work, she is unpacking some of the diverse issues of abuse in sport. She is the Head of the Sport, Human Rights and Safeguarding Research Group that is committed to conducting high quality, values-led research to improve health, wellbeing, and welfare for those working and participating in sport. She is the winner of the inaugural Coubertin Prize 2008 awarded by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the International Pierre de Coubertin



Ainhoa Churruca Airbe

I am Ainhoa Churruca Airbe, a 43-year-old Zegamarra who is born, raised and lives there. Industrial delineator by study and profession. Siemens Gamesa, who has been working at the Asteasu company for 21 years. For eight years now, Zegama Aizkorri, director of the mountain race, volunteered. My village and surrounding mountain lover.



Enrique Cifuentes

Donostiarra desde los cuatro años. Licenciado en Derecho por la Universidad del País Vasco, ejerció como abogado durante toda su vida profesional. Actualmente jubilado. Deportista y practicante sobre todo del montañismo en Pirineos, Alpes, Andes e Himalaya. Presidente del Club Deportivo Fortuna desde 1981 y desde ese año máximo responsable de la carrera popular Behobia-San Sebastián, la más importante del calendario vasco de pruebas deportivas, con 30.000 participantes. Muy implicado en ella y por cuya recuperación histórica apostó también como directivo del club en el año 1979. Impulsor decidido del carácter abierto y popular y de la participación femenina en la prueba.



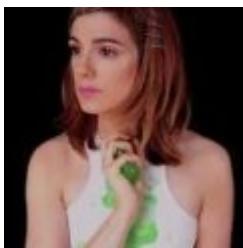
Yoav Dubinsky

Dr. Yoav Dubinsky joined the Lundquist College of Business at the University of Oregon in 2018 after completing his PhD at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Born and raised in Tel-Aviv, Israel, Dubinsky is a sports researcher and a former sports journalist with almost two decades of experience covering and researching local, national, and international sports. His interdisciplinary scholarship focuses on sports, nation branding, public diplomacy, and country image and especially how countries, cities, and communities try to improve their images and reputations through sports. As a journalist, he has covered hundreds of sports events around the world. Focusing on the Olympic Movement, Dubinsky has covered or researched the Olympic Games from Beijing, London, Rio de Janeiro, and Tokyo. He has been involved with the International Olympic Academy as a lecturer, a coordinator, and a student, using sports as a tool for inclusion in diverse international environments. Part of Dubinsky's research line focuses on Israel's use for nation branding and public diplomacy, including through cycling and the Tour de France.



Xavier Ginesta Portet

Xavier Ginesta Portet es profesor titular de la Facultad de Empresa y Comunicación de la Universitat de Vic-Universitat Central de Catalunya. Miembro del grupo de investigación TRACTE y autor de diversas investigaciones en sport place branding y diplomacia deportiva. Ha ejercido de periodista deportivo para diversos medios de comunicación. Ha trabajado como redactor deportivo en varios medios de comunicación. Es autor de La disneyització del futbol (2021) y Las multinacionales del entretenimiento. Fútbol, diplomacia, identidad y tecnología (2022).



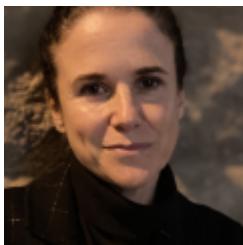
Ani Glas

Ani Saunders is an artist and an electronic pop musician and producer from Cardiff who performs under the name Ani Glass. Ani was raised in both Cornish and Welsh and is a member of Gorsedh Kernow which celebrates the cultural and linguistic heritage of Cornwall. She recently completed a doctorate at Cardiff University that explored the dynamics of agency in old industrial towns in Wales. It focussed on two case studies in Wrexham and Llanelli - the former which considered the power and influence of culture (be it art, music, football or any other form of expression) in driving change, and the latter that looked at the growing influence of health and well-being in driving change. She is looking to continue this journey by working with individuals and organisations that are seeking to empower communities to build their own agency and drive their own visions for change, specifically in the context of arts and football.



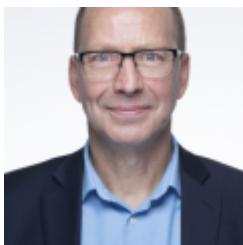
Carole Gomez

Está escribiendo su tesis sobre cómo abordan las federaciones deportivas internacionales la violencia de género dentro de su deporte. También es investigadora asociada en el IRIS, especializada en la geopolítica del deporte, y su trabajo de investigación, principalmente para instituciones francesas y extranjeras, se centra en la diplomacia deportiva, las cuestiones de integridad y la reforma de la gobernanza deportiva.



Olatz González Abrisketa

Soy profesora de la Universidad del País Vasco (UPV/EHU) y presidenta de la Asociación vasca de Antropología, Ankulegi. Mis principales temas de investigación han sido el deporte, las solidaridades sexuales y los mundos animales. Respecto al primero de ellos, soy autora de Raquetistas. Gloria, represión y olvido de las pelotaris profesionales (San Soleil, 2022), y Pelota Vasca: un ritual, una estética (Muelle de Uribitarte, 2005), publicado en inglés en 2012 como Basque Pelota: a ritual, an aesthetic (CSB, UNR). También he dirigido, junto al cineasta danés Jørgen Leth, Pelota II (2015) y he realizado la dirección científica de la exposición Jokoak. Materia y desafío, celebrada en el Museo de San Telmo en 2016.



Jonathan Grix

Jonathan Grix is a full Professor of Sports Politics and Policy in the Business and Law Faculty at Manchester Metropolitan University and leads the Faculty's Sport Policy Unit. He is a global academic leader in the politics of sport and has published over 70 peer-reviewed articles, 30 book chapters and 15 books. His areas of expertise are the politics of sport, government involvement in sport and sports mega-events and soft power. Jonathan's most recent book is Entering the Global Arena: Emerging States, Soft Power Strategies and Sports Mega-Events (2019) and he is currently working on the role of Germany in the politicization of modern sport. Jonathan is the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Sport Policy and Politics.



Eluned Haf

Eluned Haf is Head of Wales Arts International, the international agency of the Arts Council of Wales and works closely with Welsh Government to deliver cultural programmes for Team Cymru initiatives, such as the recent international cultural programme for the FIFA World Cup. A mother-tongue Welsh speaker, Eluned studied languages and journalism and worked for BBC Cymru Wales and Reuters TV before becoming press officer for the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament. She was the founder of una creative European communications agency taking up her current role. She lead the successful bid to host the World Music Expo WOMEX in Cardiff in 2013. A career high was in 2015 when language and culture was adopted as one of the seven goals in the pioneering Wellbeing of Future

Generations Act, Wales' contribution towards the UN Global Goals. Eluned loves to sing and play football with her three boys. At the age of 14, she was the first girl to attend the Bobby Charlton Soccer School, an experience that helped to shape her determination to fight for equalities for all in sports.



Ashleigh Huffman

Dr. Ashleigh Huffman is the Chief of Sports Diplomacy at the U.S. Department of State based in Washington, DC. Ashleigh works with governments, sports leagues, organizing committees, nonprofits, educational institutions, and businesses to tackle global issues and advance foreign policy priorities such as gender equity, diversity and inclusion, disability rights, climate change, mental health, and racial justice. She serves as a leading advisor on international sport policy and oversees international exchange opportunities, including world championships, the Olympics and Paralympics, and the World Cup. Before joining the State Department, Ashleigh was a professor at the University of Tennessee and co-founder of the Center for Sport, Peace, and Society. In that role, Ashleigh worked closely with the State Department and espnW to launch the Global Sports Mentoring Program, which was awarded in 2018 with the ESPN Stuart Scott Humanitarian Award and the Peace and Sport "Diplomatic Action of the Year" Award. Ashleigh has worked with professional, university, and amateur athletes and coaches from more than eighty countries, including the United States, on leadership development, cultural understanding, and social change. She frequently l



Claire Jenkin

Dr Claire Jenkin is a Senior Lecturer in Sports Development at the University of Hertfordshire in the UK. She has been in the sports development industry for over 15 years working across the UK, Australia and Zambia, ranging from working in local communities, to informing national and international policy and practice through academic research and teaching, for example, being an expert witness for the UK Government's 2020 inquiry into 'Sport in our Communities'. Her main research areas are sport for development, sports diplomacy and community sport participation for under-served communities. Claire is also the Co-Chair of the UK Sport Development Network and is passionate about knowledge exchange.



Lindsay Sarah Krasnoff

New York University, Adjunct Lecturer

Dr. Lindsay Sarah Krasnoff is a historian, writer, speaker, and consultant working at the intersection of global sport, communication, and diplomacy. Director of #FranceAndUS, she is the author of Basketball Empire: France and the Making of a Global NBA and WNBA (2023), The Making of Les Bleus: Sport in France (2013) and Views From the Embassy (2014), and has written about global sports for The Athletic, CNN International, VICE Sports, ESPN, The Washington Post, The New Yorker, and others. Krasnoff is an Adjunct Lecturer with the Robert Preston Tisch Institute for Global Sport, New York University, where she teaches classes on sports diplomacy. As a Research Associate with the Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, SOAS University of London, she co-directed the "Basketball Diplomacy in Africa" project pegged to the NBA's Basketball Africa League. A veteran of the U.S. Department of State's Office of the Historian, Krasnoff has taught at SOAS University of London, the Foreign Service Institute, The George Washington University, Queens College, Baruch College, and Riverdale Country School. In addition to serving as a SIGA Women Global Mentorship Programme mentor, Krasnoff is an advisory board member for the History Communi



Laura McAllister

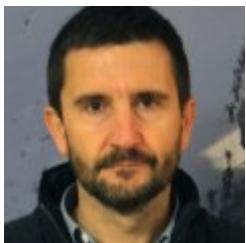
Professor of Public Policy and the Governance of Wales at Cardiff University's Wales Governance Centre. Expert on devolution, Welsh politics and elections, public policy and leadership, gender and political representation and sports governance. • Former Wales international player and captain with 24 caps. • Former Chair of Sport Wales and board member of UK Sport. • Current Director of Football Association of Wales Trust. • Deputy Chair of UEFA Women's Football Committee and member of UEFA women's strategy working group. Contested election for place on FIFA Council in April 2021. • Chair of the Welsh Sports Hall of Fame. • Co-chair of Independent Commission on Constitutional Future of Wales (with Dr. Rowan Williams), 2021-. • Chair of the National Assembly Expert Panel on Electoral Reform, 2017. • Former member of Assembly Remuneration Board, Independent Panel on AMs Pay and Support, the Richard Commission on the Powers and Electoral Arrangements for the National Assembly for Wales. • Western Mail/Wales Online columnist and media commentator on politics, elections, football and sport. • Board trustee of Institute of Welsh Affairs. • Non-executive director of Goodson Thomas Executive Search. • Honorary degrees and fellows



Silvija Mitevska

Silvija Mitevska is the co-founder and president of the non-governmental organization Sport Social Solutions focusing on creating positive change through sport and sustainable development. Silvija was the advisor to the Prime minister of North Macedonia on sports and she has designed and developed numerous national sports policies and programs, particularly in the field of sports diplomacy. She is a

certified leader from U.S .State Department Sports Diplomacy Program- Global Sports Mentoring Program and currently she is chairing the Commission on gender equality within the Olympic Committee of North Macedonia as well the Commission on sustainability at International Teqball Federation. Silvija Mitevska was a professional paragliding pilot who has won numerous awards at national and European level. She is also a writer who has published two fiction books.



Imanol Muñoz

Imanol was born in San Sebastian in 1971. Native in Basque and Spanish and with English as a language of professional communication. He has a degree in Economics and Business Administration from the University of Deusto, specializing in Marketing and has completed a postgraduate degree in International Trade at the Chamber of Commerce of Gipuzkoa. After 5 years in Strategic Marketing Consulting (Eurogap S.L.), in 1999 he took over the Marketing and Sales Management at LORPEN, driven by his passion for sports and branding, to launch the Etxalar technical socks brand worldwide. In 2015 LORPEN joins TERNUA GROUP, where he joins to take over the Commercial and Marketing Management of the sports brands ASTORE, TERNUA and LORPEN. With the development of the group, his current position is Marketing Director at TERNUA GROUP, with responsibility for the development of the ASTORE, TERNUA, LORPEN, LOREAK MENDIAN and TERNUA WORKWEAR brands



Stuart Murray

Stuart Nazioarteko Harreman eta Diplomaziako irakasle elkartua da (Bond University, Australia), Kirolaren Akademiako Global Fellow bat (Edinburgoko Unibertsitatea), Rijekako Unibertsitateko (Kroazia) Kirol Zuzenbide, Politika eta Diplomaziako Zentroko ohorezko kidea eta Griffith Unibertsitateko (Australia) Adjunct Research Fellow bat. Mundu mailan errespetatua den editore, idazle, hizlari eta Nazioarteko Harremanetan, Diplomazian eta Kirol Diplomazian aditua den batek, parekoen artean berrikusitako dozenaka argitalpen ditu, Kirol Diplomaziari buruzko liburua idatzi zuen: Jatorria, Teoria eta Praktika, eta, aldizka, gobernuei, nazioarteko erakundeei eta estatukoak ez diren eragileei diplomaziarekin, nazioarteko gaietan eta kirolarekin zerikusia duten hainbat gairi buruzko aholkuak ematen dizkie. Era berean, Kirol Diplomaziaren Aliantzaren sortzaileetako bat da, mundu mailako aholkularitza eta egiaztapen negozio bat, kirolaren ahalmena aprobetxatzen espezializatua, eragin komertzial, diplomatiko eta soziala sortzeko. Bezeroen artean gobernuak, Kango Arazoetako Ministerioak, nazioarteko kirol-erregimenak eta munduko kiroleko beste jokalari asko daude.



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Richard Parrish

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Adjunto director

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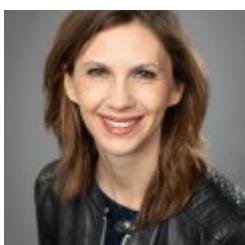
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