

# GLOBAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ATHLETES

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The newly launched 'Global Sport and Human Rights Research Network', an initiative jointly hosted by the [T.M.C. Asser Institute](#) and the [Centre for Sport and Human Rights](#), together with the European Union funded project '[Human Rights Empowered Through Athletes Rights \(H.E.R.O.\)](#)' is organizing a conference on **October 23 in The Hague** on the human rights of athletes engaged in European and international sports.

The aim of the conference is to map the human rights relevant to athletes, discuss how they are affected (and sometimes threatened) by decisions and regulations of sports governing bodies, determine whether and how they can be vindicated or claimed in practice through a range of legal and non-legal processes, as well as assess their effects in practice for athletes.

The conference will be kicked off by a presentation of the H.E.R.O. team on their research results and followed by 3 panels on different aspects related to the topic of athletes' rights.

Researchers from all disciplines interested in the intersection between athletes and human rights are invited to submit their abstracts focusing, for example, on:

- Case studies of human rights violations affecting athletes
- The functioning and effectiveness of existing processes to protect the human rights of athletes
- The intersection between sports governance and the human rights of athletes
- Strategies to improve the protection of the human rights of athletes
- Gaps in athletes' rights protection,
- Dispute resolution and enforcement of athletes' rights,

Please submit your abstract of more than 300 words (incl. references) together with your CV (feat. a selection of relevant publications) to [d.heerdt@asser.nl](mailto:d.heerdt@asser.nl) by **31 July 2024**. We will inform those selected by **18 August 2024**. In the first week of October, we would like to receive and share a draft paper of 3000-4000 words.

We are currently exploring publication opportunities for the conference papers and aim for a special issue on athletes' human rights in a relevant journal. More information will be shared before or during the conference.

We offer limited travel and accommodation grants to the participants who do not have a travel budget.