

The 9th Annual Symposium in German Studies

SPORTS: ALLURE AND ETHICS

University of Toronto, March 17-18, 2016

Jackman Humanities Building, Room 318

Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 1:30 – 2:00 PM: Welcome and Introductory Remarks

David Cameron, Michael Lauber, Markus Stock, John Zilcosky

2:00 – 3:30 PM: Keynote Lecture

Hans Ulrich Gumbrecht (Stanford University). What Do Sports Spectators “Invest”?

Coffee Break

3:45 – 6:00 PM: Session 1. Ancient Allure, Ancient Ethics

Sofie Remijssen (Universität Mannheim). The Allure of Greek Athletics

John Zilcosky (University of Toronto). Wrestling, or the Art of Disentangling Bodies

Charles Stocking (University of Western Ontario). The “Beautiful” Body in the Ancient and Modern Olympics

Friday, March 18, 2016 at 9:30 – 11:45 AM: Session 2. Allure and Ethics in Modern Europe

Rebekka von Mallinckrodt (Universität Bremen). Attraction and Repugnance:

Running Races in 18th-Century Germany and Britain

Wolf Kittler (UC Santa Barbara). Gymnastics as Preparation for War:

A Brief History of the Horizontal Bar, the Parallel Bars, and the Pommel Horse

Sarah Panzer (William and Mary). Importing a German Kampfsport:

The Reception and Practice of Japanese Martial Arts in Interwar Germany

Lunch: 12:00-1:15 PM

1:00 – 3:15 PM: Session 3. Fair or Foul? The Allure and Ethics of Cheating

Mohammed Abed (Cal State, Los Angeles). Doping and the Idea of Fairness in Sport.

Karin Helmstaedt (Deutsche Welle, Berlin). The Fantasy of Fair Play

Annette Vowinckel (ZZF Potsdam). The Ethics and Aesthetics of the Foul

Coffee Break

3:30 – 5:45 PM: Session 4. Allure and Ethics on the World Stage; the Future of Sports

Stefan Willer (Humboldt-Universität, Berlin). The “Summer’s Tale” Gone Bad?:

On the Allure and Ethics of the 2006 Soccer World Cup

Grant Farred (Cornell University). Going Quietly: The Sublime Retirement of Barry Sanders

Bruce Kidd (University of Toronto). Democratizing the Subjectivities of Sports



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