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Rhine – Ruhr 2025 FISU World Conference

Call for Papers

The World University Games is a multi-sport event that has been held every two years (in odd-numbered years), with both summer and winter editions. In 2020, the Games were renamed the 'FISU World University Games', and they are the most important competition in international university sport.

The FISU World University Games are, however, not only a major sporting occasion, but also a multi-faceted, intercultural event. With its origin dating back to 1960, the FISU World Conference is a core element and the academic highlight of the FISU World University Games. Within a three-day programme, the FISU World Conference creates a platform for interdisciplinary scientific exchange and stimulates research and creativity beyond the scope of academia. In 2025, the FISU World Conference will include outstanding keynotes and panelists and further provide a platform for innovative formats and engaging opportunities which are open to the general public.

Time	17 – 19 July 2025
Location	Jahrhunderthalle Bochum An der Jahrhunderthalle 1 44793 Bochum, Germany
Format	Offline participation plus online broadcasting of keynotes
Registration	Registration will open 1 December 2024 and close 31 March 2025 and is accessible via the homepage . More information will be available via the Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games website.
Registration fee	Registration fee is 239€ for regular participants and 159€ for students (including conference programme, ground pass access to all sporting events, public transport ticket for the entire period of the Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games, coffee breaks, lunches, participation certificate, cultural activities, conference dinner). Tickets without access to the conference dinner will cost 199€ for regular participants and 119€ for students. A third category of tickets, explicitly for students and only including access to the conference, ground pass and public transport ticket will cost 69€. Accommodation and travel expenses are not included. Irrespective of abstract acceptance, participants are required to purchase a conference package.

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Theme	Competing for change: Exploring sustainability and (mental) health through sports
Subthemes	(1) Mental health and performance under pressure among athletes (2) Balancing acts: Work-life balance and resilience among high-performance coaches, referees and the entourage (3) Ecological sustainability on campus (4) Health and well-being in sports and physical activity
Events	Keynote speeches Parallel sessions Poster sessions Panel discussions Workshops Cultural events
Abstract Submission	Requirements <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Abstract submission opens on 1 October 2024 and is accessible via the homepage. Open the form to start the submission process. All abstracts must be submitted electronically, and submissions received in any other way, including hard copy, will not be accepted.2. In the form, clearly indicate the subtheme you address and format (poster / presentation in a parallel session) you prefer.3. Submission deadline is 21 December 2024. Abstract submissions received after the due date will not be accepted.4. Each abstract will be reviewed in a double-blind process by international experts of the field. Successful applications will be chosen based on the quality, diversity, and the degree to which the proposed content informs, engages, and addresses the selection criteria.5. Acceptance of abstract will be communicated at the latest by 31 March 2025. Abstract submission does not constitute the legal right to have the abstract accepted and / or participate in the conference as a speaker.6. Full paper / poster shall be shared no later than 15 June 2025.

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Further notes:

1. Registration and submission must be done by the first author. In case of a shared-first authorship, each person may submit the abstract.
2. Each first author can only submit a maximum of 2 abstracts. It is no problem if a first author has submitted 2 abstracts and is listed in another abstract as a co-author.
3. The author shall ensure authenticity and objectivity of the content of the abstract and is held responsible for the abstract.
4. The abstract cannot have been published before.
5. Please submit the abstract in pdf format, English (no other language will be accepted), British spelling and grammar. No brand names are permitted within the submitted abstract.
6. Please ensure the following formal standards:
 - a. 300 words maximum (not including title, subheadings, author block and references)
 - b. The title of the abstract is limited to 15 words
 - c. Upload the names, institutional affiliations, and email addresses of all authors in a separate pdf document. Do not list degrees.
 - d. The abstract cannot include photos, illustrations, graphs, tables, charts etc. within the text.

Sustainability

Please try to reduce your carbon footprint. You will get free public transport with your conference ticket, and we also encourage participants to use rental bikes which are available in Bochum. Further mobility tips and exciting biking routes will be provided on the website and within the event app.

Childcare

Primary care giver with children under the age of 6 have the possibility to bring an accompanying person to ensure that they can attend the full conference programme. Parents with children aged 6-12 have the possibility to register their child(ren) for childcare during the programme of the FISU World Conference to ensure that they are able to attend. Both services are free of charge but require prior registration and verification. No participant has the legal right to demand a spot in this programme.

Accessibility

The conference venue is fully accessible and if you would like a sign language interpreter, please indicate this when registering. Further details on accessibility will be provided on the website.

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Scope

These Terms and Conditions apply to the submission conducted by university researchers (students, PhD candidates, postdoctoral researchers, professors, etc.) who submit an abstract to present their research at the FISU World Conference (“Conference”), organized by Rhine-Ruhr 2025 FISU World University Games gGmbH (“RR2025”), either as a lecture or poster presentation (“abstract”, the submission of the abstract the “abstract submission”).

Participation as a speaker

The selected applicants (“speakers”) must register to attend the Conference and be available to speak at any time during the Conference. If not attending the full day, speakers are requested to advise the Organising Committee of RR2025. Registration, travel, accommodation and any other associated costs will be the responsibility of the speaker. Expenses for the preparation of the presentations and for participant documentation will also not be reimbursed. RR2025 reserves the right to make alterations to the speakers and the Conference programme, venues and timings.

Insurance

RR2025 encourages speakers to obtain independent advice regarding insurance to cover potential risks including (but not limited to) costs of travel, accommodation, Conference fees, personal property, health and medical expenses, injury, death and any other risks.

Privacy and Intellectual Property, Usage rights

Speakers guarantee that their abstract, any additionally submitted documents and their presentation do not contain any content which is illegal, blasphemous, defamatory, indecent, political, or which infringes the rights of any third parties including any intellectual property rights. Speakers confirm that their presentation does not violate any proprietary or personal rights of others (including, but not limited to, any copyright, trademark, or privacy rights). For the abstract, any additionally submitted documents and their presentations, the speakers grant RR2025 the necessary usage rights for the promotion of the presentation (e.g., in print media, social media, newsletters, mailings), inclusion in the Conference programme (print and online), recording and live broadcasting of the session, and making the recording and slides available on the Conference portal.

Data Protection

For all data processed by RR2025 gGmbH in connection with the abstract submission, the Privacy Policy for Call for Papers applies, which is provided to the respective candidate along with these Terms and Conditions and brought to their attention.

Liability

RR2025 and its legal representatives shall be liable for damages, regardless of the legal basis, only in cases of intent or gross negligence, or – limited to the foreseeable, typical contractual damage – in cases of breach of essential contractual obligations. This limitation of liability does not apply to claims for damages resulting from injury to life, body, or health, or due to other legally mandatory liability provisions.

Final provision

Should individual clauses of these Terms and Conditions be wholly or partially invalid, the validity of the remaining clauses or the remaining parts of such clauses shall not be affected. In the event of the invalidity of any provision, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to replace it with a provision that most closely approximates the economic purpose of the invalid provision. The same applies to any gaps within these Terms and Conditions.

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