

## CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT & Call for Abstracts

\*Sport & Technology: Philosophical Dimensions\*

Friday, May 29, 2009 - Sunday, May 31, 2009

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. William J. Morgan, University of Southern California

Dr. W. Miller Brown, Trinity College

Hosted by Continuing Studies & the Department of Philosophy

Langara College

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

### Conference Information

The world has witnessed the breaking of world and Olympic records in unheralded numbers in recent years. Advances in training, equipment, doping substances and methods, and potentially even genetic engineering have apparently changed sport from its historical origins. These events invite philosophical discussion and analysis of the ethical dimensions of the use of these new technologies and, also, of their broader implications for the conception of sport itself. Some questions that should be asked include: What role does technology play in sport, and what role ought it to play? What responsibilities do sport governing bodies have over the regulation of technology in their individual sports? Ought cutting-edge technology be available to all competitors, or is the design and utilization of technology a legitimate component of strategy within sport? Is some technology acceptable, and other not? What is the threshold for acceptable technological advantage? What is the moral difference, if any, between the use of technology to aid performance in sport and the use of performance enhancing drugs? The conference aims to open philosophical dialogue on these and other topics related to technology and sport.

We invite participation on any topic that addresses the philosophical dimensions of technology in sport. Papers on other topics related to philosophy of sport will also be considered and will be accepted if there is room on the conference agenda.

Articles submitted in full by April 15th will be considered for publication in a special fall 2009 issue of *The Journal of Philosophy of Sport*.

Please submit abstracts (250 - 400 words) electronically to all listed below:

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Abstract Deadline: March 1st, 2009 (note extension)  
Notification of Acceptance: By March 15th, 2009

Registration: Form available at  
<http://www.langara.bc.ca/cs/media/pdfs/register.pdf> . Conference fee is \$100 Cdn. (\$65 Cdn for students enrolled in a post-secondary program). Indicate under "Course" that you are enrolling in "Sport and Technology: Philosophical Dimensions." The course code is 60580. See [www.langara.bc.ca](http://www.langara.bc.ca) for information about Langara College. The conveners will send further information to registrants, including plans for a golf tournament (the College adjoins a golf course), seawall runs and/or a hike up Grouse Mountain, and a dinner.

Accommodation: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Plaza 500 Hotel, which is a short bus trip to Langara College and close to downtown. Call 1-800-473-1811. Room rates are \$139 Cdn/night. (The Canadian dollar is currently \$.81 US.) <http://www.plaza500.com/>

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