



Kobe Seminar on International Law

The Public International Law Foundations of International Sports Governance

International sports law is ‘on the rise’— and not only in Japan, host to so many significant sporting events. A major societal and commercial phenomenon, global sport is subject to a fragmented body of rules and regulations. For circa two decades, this fragmented body of international sports law has commanded the attention of an increasing number of lawyers, with diverse backgrounds in contract law, private regulation, arbitration, media law, and many more.

Whilst its rise is widely recognised, international sports law is so far mostly viewed as a private, transnational project: shaped by autonomous self-governance of sports associations; reflected in the thickening jurisprudence of a private dispute settlement system organised around the CAS; and wary of state interference. In this talk, Prof. Tams seeks to shift the perspective to some degree. It will be argued that the dominant (transnational/private) perspective neglects the dependence of international sports on fairly traditional concepts of public international law. It will be suggested that familiarity with basic concepts of public international law enhances our understanding of international sports law — just as engagement with the questions of international sports can enrich public international law discourse.

Lecturer:	Professor Christian Tams (University of Glasgow)
Date & Time:	October 10th (Thursday) 17:00-18:30
Venue:	Frontier 406 , Rokkodai 1st Campus
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Christian Tams is Professor of International Law at the University of Glasgow and directs the Glasgow Centre for International Law and Security. He has published widely on questions of international law and is recognised as an authority on international courts, State immunity, investment protection, as well as core areas such as the law of treaties and State responsibility. He has acted in cases before the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the Iran-US Claims Tribunal and arbitral tribunals (PCA, ICSID, ICC). Professor Tams is also a member of the appointment board of the German Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Seminar is followed by a reception. No registration is required.

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