



**Problems, Possibilities, and Promising Practices:
Critical Dialogues on the Olympic and Paralympic Games**

**Call for Abstracts
11th International Symposium for Olympic Research
October 19 & 20, 2012**

**The University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario, Canada**

The 11th International Symposium for Olympic Research, hosted by the International Centre for Olympic Studies (ICOS) at The University of Western Ontario, will be held on October 19 & 20, 2012, at the Ivey-Spencer Leadership Centre in London, Ontario, Canada.

Scholars, researchers, students, and professionals interested in the socio-cultural study of the modern Olympic or Paralympic Games are invited to submit abstracts for conference presentation. Papers in the area of history, sociology, anthropology, philosophy, political science, and sport management, as well as other disciplines that contribute to our cultural understanding of the Games are particularly encouraged. ***Details for submission of abstracts follow below.***

As in years past, ICOS will produce a peer-reviewed collection of edited contributions from the Symposium papers. In an effort to foster this dissemination worldwide, and following a global trend in scholarly production, the edited collection will now be provided to all delegates in electronic format. As well, scholarly distribution will continue through LA84, reinforcing ICOS' positive stance on open access policies (www.la84foundation.org/index.html, under Digital Archive, Periodicals and Series). ICOS no longer produces hard copies of Symposium papers. Presenters who wish their paper(s) to be considered for the edited collection will be required to submit their full papers on or before July 27, 2012.

A Graduate Essay Competition will also be instituted for the 2012 Symposium. The award winner will receive all expenses paid (including registration, economy air travel, and conference hotel) to present the winning paper at the 2012 Symposium. The paper will also be considered for publication in *Olympika: The International Journal for Olympic Studies*. Full-time graduate students (at the master's or doctoral level) who are enrolled in a post-secondary institution for 2012-2013 are eligible for the competition. Full papers are due June 1, 2012.

Special room rates, which include a hot breakfast buffet, have been secured for all symposium delegates at the Ivey-Spencer Leadership Centre. More information about this hotel can be found at: <http://www.dolce-spencer-leadership-centre-hotel.com/>

The Symposium registration fee will include an electronic copy of the edited contributions, participation in all sessions, including keynote presentations, as well as access to all-day food and drink refreshments, two hot luncheons, and one evening reception. Organizational details concerning registration fees and payment, hotel registration, submission procedures for the edited collection and Graduate Student Competition will follow soon. Please check the ICOS website for updated information (www.uwo.ca/olympic).

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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Authors must send their abstract(s) in the body of their email message (please do not send attachments) and include the following information:

- Name, affiliation and position (if applicable), phone number, postal and email address for each of the authors;
- Title of the paper (maximum 15 words);
- Abstract (maximum of 300 words and only one paragraph), which must include:
 - the main question, problem or issue to be addressed in the paper;
 - the evidence that will be used;
 - the significance of the paper to our understanding of the modern Olympic and Paralympic Games

Please email all abstracts to:

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Deadline for submitting abstracts:

- Monday, January 6, 2012

Presenters will be informed of acceptance of their papers no later than January 20, 2012. All presenters must register for the conference.