

**The Tokyo Games 2021: Between Hope and Fear**

**International Panel Discussion on July 7, 5-6.30pm (CET)**

On behalf of the Olympic Day, which is celebrated on June 23 around the globe to remember the founding of the IOC in 1894, the Sport Department of the Ludwigsburg University of Education (Germany) is organizing the panel discussion “The Tokyo Games 2021: Between Hope and Fear” with the following panelists:

* Prof. Dr. Bruce Kidd (Faculty of Kinesiology & Physical Education, University of Toronto, Canada, participant at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo)
* Prof. Dr. John Horne (formerly School of Sport Sciences of the Waseda University, Japan)
* Dr. Gerald Fritz (Director of the German Olympic Academy, DOA)
* Prof. Dr. Katia Rubio (Head of the Institute of Olympic Studies of the Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil)
* Prof. Dr. Yoshinori Okade (Nippon Sport Science University, Japan)
* Athlete

Organizer and moderator is Prof. Dr. Annette R. Hofmann (Ludwigsburg University of Education, ISHPES President, ICSSPE Vice President) with her team of students.

The focus of the discussion will be the much discussed controversy around the Tokyo Olympics 2021. On the one side are the IOC and the athletes from all around the world, who prepared to compete in the Olympics for many years. On the other side is the Japanese population, which fears a further spread of the Corona virus through this international mega event which will bring many foreigners to Japan. What effect has the COVID-19 Pandemic on the world´s biggest sport event, which is celebrated every four years -- an event that is not only an athletic competition but a place for intercultural exchange and international understanding? We hope to find some answers in the panel discussions on these aspects.

**Registration**

For registration send an email to olympic.day@ph-ludwigsburg.de You will then receive a link to the Streaming Channel. The event will be recorded and can also be seen in the *YouTube Channel Olimpiar* of the Universidade de São Paulo.

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