

Who are ordinary supporters?

Qui sont les supporters ordinaires ?

11–12 December 2025

Day 1 — Thursday, 11 December

9:00–9:30 Registration and welcome coffee

9:30–9:45 Opening remarks, **Jean-Michel De Waele**

9:45–10:15 Keynote, **Richard Giulianotti** (Loughborough University)

“Football fandom is ordinary? Some key themes for the study of football supporters in the contemporary global age”

10:15–10:35 Q&A

10:35–11:00 Coffee break

Panel 1 — Defining the ordinary: typologies, frameworks, semantics

Chair: J.M De Waele

11:00–11:15 *“Searching for ‘The Normal One’: The influence of club affiliation on supporter demands”*, **Christian Brandt** (University of Bayreuth), **Martin Kaden** (Leipzig University), **Axel Faix** (Dortmund University for Applied Sciences and Arts), **Markus Kurscheidt** (University of Bayreuth)

11:20–11:40 *“How do we know whether ‘ordinary supporters’ care? Researching the ordinary in an individualized era of universal comparison”*, **Chris Stone** (University of Nottingham)

11:40–12:00 *“Towards a definition of the ordinary football supporters. National team fans as an example”*, **Przemysław Nosal** (Adam Mickiewicz University), **Wojciech Woźniak** (University of Lodz), **Radosław Kossakowski** (University of Gdansk)

12:00–12:20 Q&A

12:20–13:50 Lunch

Panel 2 — Spaces, territories and globalisation

Chair: F. Louault

14:00–14:20 “*The territorial restructuring of fan culture in Belgium*”, **Jean-Michel De Waele, Félix Aeby** (Université libre de Bruxelles)

14:20–14:40 “*Loyalties and the Globalization of Football Fandom*”, **Chun Wing Lee** (Hong Kong Polytechnic University)

14:40–15:00 “*‘Who can represent the City?’ Football Fandom, Rivalry and Civic Identity in Shanghai*”, **Congcong Qi** (Loughborough University)

15:00–15:20 “*Football as Cultural Practice: Identity, Accessibility, and Fandom in Bodoland, India*”, **Michael Islary** (Independent researcher)

15:20–15:50 Q&A

15:50–16:10 Coffee break

Panel 3 — Political engagement, democracy and protest

Chair: Richard Giulianiotti

16:10–16:30 “*Making Members Matter: WUNC and One-Member-One-Vote at Dinamo Zagreb*”, **Andrej Ivan Nuredinović, Dino Vukušić** (Institute of Social Sciences Ivo Pilar)

16:30–16:50 “*Football fandom as an arena for democratic contestation*”, **Arne Niemann, Jonas Biel** (Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz)

16:50–17:10 “*The everyday politics of football*”, **Daniel Fitzpatrick** (Aston University)

17:10–17:30 “*Wearing Loyalty: How a Patron and Ordinary Fans Co-Construct Regional Football Identity in Thailand*”, **Nin Siriwat** (Suan Sunandha Rajabhat University, Bangkok)

17:30–18:00 Q&A

Day 2 — Friday, 12 December

Panel 4 — Social diversity, identities and ordinary practices

Chair: F. Louault

9:00–9:20 “Who are ordinary women football supporters?”, **Kristoff Reichel**, **Sophie von Weinrich** (University of Bayreuth)

9:20–9:40 “*Muslim Football Fans in England*”, **Leon Moosavi** (University of Liverpool)

9:40–10:00 “‘*We are the backbone of the team*’: *Unistar Soccer Academy's Supporters' Club (Ghana)*”, **Itamar Dubinsky**

10:00–10:20 “*The Caucasus ‘Derbies’*”, **Mikayel Zolyan** (Yerevan State Slavonic University)

10:20–10:50 Q&A

10:50–11:20 Coffee break

Panel 5 — Heritage, memories and peripheral contexts

Chair: F. Abey

11:20–11:50 “*From Dictatorship to Globalization: The Identities of Ordinary Football Fans in Albania*”, **Jordan Jorgji** (University Fan S. Noli, Korçë)

11:50–12:10 “*Ordinary Football Supporters in Extraordinary Times: Ukrainian Fandom at Home and Abroad*”, **Olga Ruzhelnik** (Université Paris Nanterre), **Oleksandr Zubarev** (Karazin Kharkiv National University)

12:10–12:30 “*An Essay on the Condition of Football Supporters in Portugal*”, **João Sedas Nunes** (Nova University, Lisbon)

12:30–12:50 “*Ordinary Supporters in Contemporary Armenian Football*”, **Mikael Sepanyan** (University of Padova)

12:50–13:20 Q&A

13:20–14:30 Lunch

Panel 6 — Section francophone : pratiques, engagements et cultures ordinaires

Président de séance : J.M De Waele

14h30–14h50 « *Les cafés comme arènes du football ordinaire au Maroc* », **Brahim Ez-Zahy**
(Université Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah de Fès), **D. Noureddine El Msaouri** (Université Sidi
Mohamed Ben Abdellah Fes)

14h50–15h10 « *Dans les coulisses d'un club « d'en bas » : les suiveurs du dimanche, des supporters
comme les autres ?* », **Jean Bréhon** (Université d'Artois)

15h10–15h30 « *OLSC France : comment supporter à distance le Liverpool FC dans un monde
global* », **Pascal François** (Sciences Po, Paris)

15h30–15h50 « *Pour une compréhension sociologique des radicalités des supporters marocains aux
mille et un visages* », **Abderrahim Bourkia** (Université Hassan II, Settat)

15h50–16h10 « *Portée et déterminants du multisupportérisme : Enquête auprès des supporters de
l'Union Saint-Gilloise* », **Félix Aeby** (Université libre de Bruxelles), **Olivier Paye** (Université catholique
de Louvain), **Thomas Laloux** (F.R.S-FNRS-ISPOLE, UCLouvain)

16h10–16h30 « *Patrimoine de marque et appropriation identitaire : proposition d'une nouvelle
typologie des fans de clubs de football professionnel* », **Benjamin Pélican** (Université de Rouen),
Nicolas Chanavat (Université Jean Monnet Saint-Étienne), **Sondès Zouaghi** (Université de Rouen)

16h30–17h00 Questions-réponses

17h00 Conclusions

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