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ICOS R.K. Barney Student Essay Competition 2024

Western University's International Center for Olympic Studies (ICOS) is pleased to announce the 2024 edition for the **ICOS R.K. Barney Student Essay Competition 2024!**

Eligibility Criteria:

- Participants must be enrolled as full-time graduate students at a recognized university at the time of submission and be registered for the Symposium.
- Please see the link below and note that early bird registration is available until March 15th, 2024. <https://conference.has.uwo.ca/Register/default.aspx?code=C001842>

Submission Guidelines:

- Essays should be on any topic within the field of Socio-cultural studies on the Olympic/Paralympic Games and the Olympic/Paralympic Movement.
 - Can include topics on sport history, sport philosophy, sport sociology, sport anthropology, critical studies, etc.
- The essay must be a single-authored piece and the original work of the participant.
- Submissions must be written in English following AMA writing style.
- Each participant may only submit one essay.

Essay Format:

- The essay should be no longer than 3000 words, including references.

Prize:

- The winner will receive a prize of USD 500.

Review Process:

- Submissions will undergo blind review. Therefore, please ensure that your essay document is anonymized to conceal your identity.
 - See the submission process below.

Submission Process:

- Please send your submission in Word format via email to uwoicos2024@gmail.com with the subject line "R.K. Barney Student Essay Competition."
- Submit two separate documents:
 - Cover sheet: Include your name, email address, university affiliation, and the title of your essay.
 - Essay document: Anonymized to ensure the identity of the participant remains undisclosed.

Deadline:

- The deadline for submissions is April 1st.

Evaluation Criteria:

- Originality of the essay topic and treatment.
- Analytical rigour of the essay's argument.
- Critical engagement with relevant philosophical literature, including works in the Philosophy of Sport.
- The decision of the jury is final.

Accommodations

- We recommend accommodations to be planned well in advance. Options are listed in the following link:
https://www.uwo.ca/olympic/img/symposium2024/hotels_besancon.pdf

Please ensure that your submission adheres to all guidelines to be considered for the **2024 ICOS R.K. Barney Student Essay Competition**. We look forward to receiving your insightful contributions!