

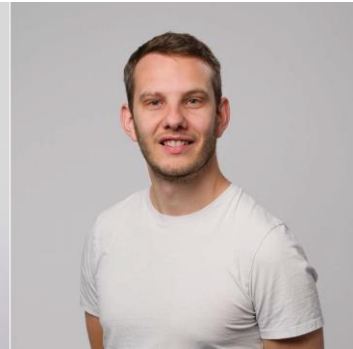
UNESCO Chair Biannual Lecture

Physical Education and Sports Pedagogy for Sustainable Development

4 June 2026 | 13:00–17:00 | Room E033 | University of Vechta

Hybrid Event – On-site and Online Participation Possible

Open to students, researchers, teachers and practitioners



Keynote Lecture I

The role of Sport in the context of Development Policy.

Challenges and Perspectives from the Academic and the Political Sector

Prof. Dr. Karen Petry

Keynote Lecture II

*An emancipatory education for sustainability in physical education:
from the development of PE teacher competencies to implementation
in the classroom with students*

Thomas Royet & Valérian Cece

Programme

13:00 Welcome & Introduction

13:15 Keynote I

14:00 Keynote II

14:45 Reflection & Group Discussions

15:45 Plenary Discussion

16:15 UNESCO Chair Dialogue

16:45 Closing Remarks

Speaker Profiles & Workshop Information

Karen Petry

Professor at the German Sport University Cologne and UNESCO Co-Chair on Sport for Development, Peace and Environment. Her work focuses on sport and social transformation, sport policy, ESD, and impact evaluation.

Thomas Royet

Doctoral assistant at HEP Vaud and affiliated with Aix-Marseille University. His research focuses on implementing education for sustainability in physical education and on PE teacher competencies.

Valérian Cece

Lecturer at HEP Vaud and co-supervisor of Thomas Royet's PhD. His research focuses on sustainability, health and innovation in physical education.

About the UNESCO Chair

The UNESCO Chair 'Physical Education and Sports Pedagogy for Sustainable Development' promotes research, teaching and international collaboration at the intersection of physical education, sports pedagogy and sustainable development.

Website: [UNESCO Chair - University of Limerick](#)

Registration and online access:

sekretariat.erziehungswissenschaften@uni-vechta.de