

**Thinking the Olympics:
modern bodies, classical minds?
18-19 September 2008
Institute of Classical Studies
University of London**

This international, interdisciplinary conference seeks to appraise the changing relevance of the classical tradition within the new globalised context of Olympic culture, and to move beyond the exposure of invented Olympic traditions towards an understanding of how the modern Games, and protests around them, have re-directed those traditions to communicate well beyond the cultures that claim to inherit the classical world.

The potential scholarly importance and impact of the conference is suggested by recent events in the Olympic calendar. That the movement for the independence of Tibet decided to disrupt the 2008 torch ceremony at the heart of the ancient Games, Olympia, indicates that the classical tradition of the Olympics possesses abiding cultural resonance as a focus of contestation no less than idealisation.

CONFERENCE FEE

In paying a full conference fee delegates will be entitled to attend all sessions, and participate in coffee/tea/lunch/reception on both days, as noted in the schedule (see <http://www.goldsmiths.ac.uk/ecl/thinking-olympics.php>). The conference does not offer accommodation; however, several reasonably priced hotels are within walking distance of the Institute.

Conference fee: £28 (£18 for registered students)

Single day:

The day rate (includes refreshments and lunch) for those attending only one day of the conference (please specify day) is £15 (£10 for students).

Thanks to a limited amount of funding from the Classical Association, we are pleased to make available some travel bursaries for postgraduate students. Please contact Prof. Barbara Goff (b.e.goff@reading.ac.uk) explaining how attendance at the conference will advance your research plans, and request your supervisor to send a letter of support.

Please print off and fill out the attached booking form and send it to Nina L Aitken, School Administrator, with payment by the **28th July 2008**. We are able to accept only cheques in pounds sterling (made payable to “**The University of Reading**”) or credit cards (please fill in required information below).

Contact details for the return of the form (please mark the envelope “**Thinking the Olympics**”) are:

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Confirmation of booking will be sent out one month prior to the event taking place.

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