

Leadership Studies Division has the pleasure to invite you to debate

SPORTS, POLITICS, PROTEST.

Political protests against racism and discrimination revealed themselves in 1968 at the Summer Olympics in Mexico. They became popular in 2016, when Colin Kaepernick knelt down while the U.S. national anthem was being played before the start of NFL games. After this famous protest by the quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, more and more sport players and teams in the whole United States are trying to express their opposition towards racial discrimination and police brutality. Americans are divided in their responses to this protests: some support the protesters, others accuse them of disrespecting the flag and the national anthem. The issue of protests and politics in sports will be brought up during the debate.

Participants:

Radosław Leniarski — editor-in-chief of Gazeta Wyborcza sports magazine

Tomasz Jacheć — assistant Professor in the English Studies Department of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn. Enthusiast of American sport and culture.

Aleksandra Leniarska — Humanity in Action Fellow having completed John Lewis Fellowship on racism and social injustice. Ph.D candidate specializing in North American literature and culture.

Debate language: Polish.

Date and time: November 16, 2017. 4 p.m. Place: 1st floor, Room 116
American Studies Center, Al. Niepodległości 22