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Preface

Online Lecture Series of the International Pierre de Coubertin Committee

When Pierre de Coubertin delivered his famous radio speech *The Philosophic Foundation of modern Olympism* on 4 August 1935, he stated that celebrating and understanding the Olympic Movement and Olympism meant to lay claim to history. Let us extend this view to promote a contemporary reading of Coubertin. An objective assessment of the growing complexity of the Olympic Movement requires a generation and dissemination of substantial Olympic knowledge.

Without a doubt, various initiatives already exist with the aim to promote and disseminate Olympic knowledge. The International Pierre de Coubertin Committee (IPCC) made a contribution in 2021 and 2022 by organizing an online lecture series. The aim was to offer multi-and interdisciplinary topics providing knowledge on Pierre de Coubertin, a modern reading and application of his concept of Olympism as well as the contemporary aspects of modern Olympic Movement.

The lecture series for teachers of the IPCC network of Coubertin Schools and members of National Pierre de Coubertin Committees were a success and enjoyed high number of attendees. This success has motivated the IPCC Executive Board to upload all presentations on the IPCC website and make them available for researchers. It also motivated the Editorial Board of *Diagoras International Academic Journal* to publish full articles of almost all the lectures. Therefore, the lectures are not only available to members of the IPCC but also to a broader audience composed of colleagues at Olympic Studies Centres.

The editorial team of *Diagoras* is grateful to all involved in the online lecture series and for making available their articles.

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