



Maria Kavussanu, PhD

A native of Greece, Maria Kavussanu is a Senior Lecturer in Sport & Exercise Psychology at the University of Birmingham. She has a PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a MSc from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Maria's main area of research is morality in sport, which she has been studying for the past 20 years using a variety of methods and research designs. She is trying to understand antecedents and consequences of prosocial and antisocial behaviour in sport. Maria's latest work focuses on identifying antecedents of doping intentions and developing interventions to prevent doping in sport. She has also conducted research on motivation and emotion in sport, coaching effectiveness, and performance under pressure. Maria has published nearly 90 journal articles and book chapters, most of them on morality and motivation in sport. She has received funding for her research from the Economic and Social Research Council, the Nuffield Foundation, the World Anti-Doping Agency, and the International Olympic Committee, and research awards from the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity and the European College of Sport Science. Maria is Editor-in-Chief of *Sport, Exercise and Performance Psychology* published by the American Psychological Association and has been involved with most sport psychology journals as Editorial Board member or Associate Editor. She has been invited to present her research at international conferences in several countries (e.g., Denmark, Lithuania, Turkey). In her spare time, Maria plays tennis and swims.

