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## **ELECTION OF THE 2016-2019 ISSA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Elections for the 2016-2019 ISSA Executive Board are currently being held until March 31 2015.

The Executive Board is comprised of 6 members: the President, the Vice-President (Conferences), the Vice President (ISA), the Vice President (ICSSPE), the Vice President (Awards) and the General Secretary. These 6 members must represent 6 different countries.

### **The objectives of ISSA include:**

- fostering research in the social scientific study of sport
- encouraging international communication among scholars
- promoting collaborative cross-national research projects
- developing scholarly exchange via:
  - promoting communication with other national and international sport-related organizations
  - sponsoring annual symposia
  - publication of the International Review for the Sociology of Sport

### **The 8 Nominees description follows (in alphabetical order):**

#### **Cora Burnett (South Africa)**

I am a research professor at the University of Johannesburg with a doctorate in Anthropology and in Dance ethnology. For the past 20 years I focused on developing the sociology of sport as academic subject at Universities and co-authored a textbook with Jay Coakley in 2014. I spearheaded the first Olympic Studies Centre in Africa in 2014. I assisted in strategic research for the Commonwealth Games Federation and aims to bring 'local voices' to world forums. This includes recruiting post-graduate students and scholars to the field and demonstrates praxis for bringing about social transformation for vulnerable populations in African countries.

#### **Christine Dallaire (Canada)**

Since 1999, I have been a professor in the sociocultural studies of sport at the University of Ottawa in Canada conducting research on the discursive production of identities, particularly Francophone and Canadian minority and national communities. (See <http://www.health.uottawa.ca/shk/personnel/cdallaire.htm>) Acting as General Secretary since January 2012, I am committed to serve again on the Executive Board to ensure continuity in efforts to improve ISSA services. Drawing on past experience and on the 2014 membership survey, I would focus on enhancing academic and networking experiences at the congress, ensuring efficient online congress processes and up-to-date information on the new ISSA website.

#### **Jinxia Dong (China)**

Dong Jinxia is a professor at Peking University and a prominent scholar in sports culture and feminism. She is the youngest scholar ever receiving International Max & Reet Giwekk Award of NASSH. Her award-winning book *Women, Sport and Society in the New China* received international accolade. She was invited as visiting scholar at Yale, and selected as advisor for ICSSPE Editorial Board and IWG. Professor Dong received her Ph.D. from University of Strathclyde of UK. Having organized the ISSA 2014 World Congress, she is running for ISSA executive board hoping to make the organization more energetic, globalised and academically appealing.

#### **John Horne (UK)**

I have long-standing experience of service in scholarly associations, research committees and journal editorial boards, at national and international levels. My objectives, should I be given the opportunity to serve on the EB, are: To ensure that ISSA retains a leading role in the consolidation, future development, and extension of the sociology of sport; To promote new methods of facilitating exchange and discussion within ISSA and with other national and international groups sharing complementary scholarly interests; To encourage scholars, at all stages of their careers, to be involved in the association. For more details about my research interests see [http://www.uclan.ac.uk/staff\\_profiles/professor\\_john\\_horne.php](http://www.uclan.ac.uk/staff_profiles/professor_john_horne.php).

**Helene Joncheray (France)**

I am Helene Joncheray, an Associate Professor in the Sociology of Sport at Paris Descartes University, Sorbonne Paris Cité. In 2006, I was awarded a PhD in Social Sciences from Macquarie and Paris Descartes – Sorbonne Universities. I am currently organizing the ISSA 50th anniversary congress with a great team. I have always found in ISSA Congresses, ever since my first one in 2010, what makes me passionate about research: constructive and collaborative exchanges with open-minded researchers. I hope being a member of the Executive Board will allow me to help perpetuate this way of thinking and doing research.

**Wolfram Manzenreiter (Austria)**

Currently I am a professor in East Asian Studies at the University of Vienna, though the study of sport has always been central for my professional career. Publications in English, German and Japanese document 20 years of research on football, climbing, sport mega-events, mass sport and gambling. As social anthropologist, I am highly sensitive to the great variability of physical cultures and local differences in the meaning of sport. Paying attention to the power asymmetries that obscure this heterogeneity would guide my service on the ISSA Executive Board. I also would strive to continue the excellent work done in the past and aim to make sport sociological research more relevant for social theory at large.

**Brent McDonald (Australia)**

Brent McDonald, Ph.D.

Sociology of Sport & Physical Activity

School of Sport and Exercise Science

Victoria University

I first attended ISSA in 2001 and found it to be an inclusive and intellectually stimulating organisation. My objective in running for a position on the executive board is to have the opportunity to contribute more directly to the ongoing success of the organisation and to enhance the profile and impact of the sociology of sport more generally. I'm particularly motivated by the thought of being able to assist young scholars in providing a platform (whether IRSS or conferences) for them to be seen and heard.

**Mary McDonald (USA)**

Dr. Mary G. McDonald

Georgia Institute of Technology

School of History, Technology, and Society

Atlanta, Georgia, USA

I have presented papers at several ISSA conferences since 1998 and am currently on the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* editorial board. Given my positive experiences with this organization, I am looking to more actively contribute to ISSA's broader governance and functioning. If elected, I will bring a great deal of related experience having previously served in various capacities for the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport including as a Board Member and as NASSS President. My vision for ISSA is consistent with previous ISSA initiatives dedicated to maintaining a transparent, inclusive, and intellectually vibrant community.

**Michael Sam (New Zealand)**

Mike Sam, PhD

School of PE, Sport and Exercise Sciences

University of Otago, New Zealand

Mike's research is in sport policy (with a focus on local government and stadia, national redistributive politics and alcohol sponsorship). Underpinned by a decade of membership to sport sociological associations such as NASSS and ISSA, Mike's goals as a member of the ISSA Board are: To support emerging Regional Associations by aiding with the challenges of advocacy and governance development; To act as a bridge builder, continuing ISSA's promotion of related sub-disciplines (e.g., disability sport, critical sport management) and their organisational networks.

## ISSA members eligible to vote

All honorary members and regular members in good standing in 2014 and in 2015 are eligible to participate in the election held in February/March 2015 and should have received an email invitation to participate in the election.

If you were a member in good standing in 2014 you still have time to renew your 2015 membership to participate in the Executive Board election. **The list of ISSA members currently eligible to vote is published at the end of this eBulletin.**

**Please communicate with ISSA General Secretary, Christine Dallaire ([christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca](mailto:christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca)), if you note any omissions in this list of individuals who were members in good standing in 2014 and have renewed their 2015 membership or to confirm that you have since renewed your 2015 membership.**

For any questions or comments regarding the upcoming ISSA Executive Board election, please feel free to communicate with ISSA President, Elizabeth Pike ([E.Pike@chi.ac.uk](mailto:E.Pike@chi.ac.uk)).

## Renew your 2015 ISSA membership

ISSA membership is for the full calendar year. This means that your ISSA membership expires on December 31st regardless of when you joined ISSA.

### All members receive:

- IRSS (8 issues per year) Print and Online
- Information and discounts on ISSA conferences and publications
- Access to members' only area of websites
- The ISSA eBulletin

Please note: The ISSA membership fee will increase by 15% in 2016. If you renew now for a 2 or 5 year period you will not pay the new membership fee until your next renewal.

Membership category details are available on the ISSA website:  
<http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/membership.html>

Membership renewal details are available on the SAGE – *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* website:

**Members from Europe:** <http://www.uk.sagepub.com/journals/Journal200937>

**Other members: please start from the above URL and then click on the top left hand corner link: Change location.**

Indicate your region on the world map. This will ensure that you access the SAGE web page that will allow you to pay your subscription/membership fees. Once your correction location is indicated in the top left hand corner, write 'IRSS' in the search box in the top middle of the page. This will bring you back to the web page for the journal and you can proceed with renewing your membership.

Please use the online payment subscription process on the SAGE IRSS web page. It is secure and ensures that membership applications are processed in a timely fashion. It also provides you with an automated reply that confirms your membership.

## ISSA 2015 WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT



In June 2015, the International Society of Sport Association (ISSA) will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Paris Descartes, Sorbonne Paris Cité university's "Techniques et Enjeux du Corps" (EA 3625) team has the honour of organising this ISSA congress, which will have as its theme *The Sociological Lens and the Wellbeing of Sport*, between the 9th and the 12th of June.

This congress' aim is twofold: first of all, to gather together sociologists of sport around the notion of wellbeing in order to exchange new thoughts and share work in this field. The congress will allow common interests linked to this theme to emerge, teams from different countries to put in place research projects, and international scientific knowledge in human and social sciences to spread. Moreover, the ISSA's 50th anniversary will be the occasion to encourage a dialogue about the sociology of sport's dynamism for the past 50 years. This congress is organised with the support of the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme Paris-Nord, the Caisse Nationale de Solidarité pour l'Autonomie, the Institut National Supérieur de formation et de recherche pour l'Education des jeunes Handicapés et les Enseignements Adaptés (INS HEA) and its Grhapes research team (EA 7287), the Paris Descartes IUT's social communication lab as well as the Université de Lausanne, among others.

### The sociological lens and the wellbeing of sport

Please visit <http://www.issa2015.org/call-for-papers/> for the full description of the congress theme.

### Key Dates

- **Confirmation of abstract acceptance / rejection:** by the end of January 2015
- **End of early bird registration:** 28th Feb 2015
- **End of registration:** 15th Mar 2015

Visit [www.issa2015.org](http://www.issa2015.org) for more details about:

- Registration
- Accommodation
- And more!

Vous pouvez aussi faire votre communication en français.

Tous les détails sont disponibles en français sur [www.issa2015.org](http://www.issa2015.org)

## ISSA 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

As part of our preparations to celebrate our 50th Anniversary in 2015 the ISSA Executive Board is calling on all past and current members to submit photos, documents and other materials that document the history of the association, congresses and journal.

We will gladly accept any items. We will be happy to copy and return these to you, or to add relevant items to the ISSA Archive as part of our ongoing efforts to record the history of the ISSA and IRSS.

For further information about the Archive and/or to donate items, please contact the ISSA President, Dr. Elizabeth Pike ([E.Pike@chi.ac.uk](mailto:E.Pike@chi.ac.uk))

## MEMBERS' NEWS

*ISSA is happy to share information about conferences, seminars, awards, jobs etc. We will gladly include your news in our eBulletin and the ISSA website. ISSA is always looking for ways to improve communication and serve our members. We encourage you to submit comments and suggestions.*



*Please send any feedback and information to the ISSA General Secretary, Christine Dallaire at:*  
[christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca](mailto:christine.dallaire@uottawa.ca)

*N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec moi en français!*

*In addition: Please remember that ISSA also has its own **Facebook** page, and you are welcome to share information via this group.*



## INTERNATIONAL REVIEW FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF SPORT



### Expanding to Eight Issues a Year in 2015

We are pleased to announce that the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, the most longstanding scholarly publication focused on sport and culture, will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year of publication in 2015. To mark its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the *IRSS* will be expanding publication to eight issues a year, a change that will enable a 33% increase to 1024 annual pages. As a special benefit to members of the International Sociology of Sport Association, there will be no membership fee increase in 2015 associated with *IRSS* subscriptions included with ISSA membership. While fee increases in 2016 are expected to be small, we encourage scholars who wish to defray fee increases to “lock in” their ISSA membership and *IRSS* subscription for multiple years at 2014 rates by visiting the *IRSS* SAGE Publications site at <http://www.sagepub.com/journals/Journal200937/subscribe>

### Double Special Issue to Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of ISSA and *IRSS*

As a benefit to ISSA members and *IRSS* subscribers, a 2015 double special issue of the *IRSS* entitled “50@50: Assessing the Trajectory and Challenges of the Sociology of Sport,” co-edited by ISSA President

Elizabeth Pike, past ISSA President Steven Jackson, and *IRSS* Editor Lawrence Wenner, features 50 articles by 50 leading international scholars in a consideration of the state of the field to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Sociology of Sport Association. The *IRSS* 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue of approximately 300 pages will be published in June 2015 and will be available prior to the start of the ISSA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary World Conference in Paris.

### Call for Papers

The *IRSS* solicits research articles seated in the sociology of sport that shed light on social and cultural understandings of sport. Reaching its 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2015, the *IRSS* continues as the most longstanding scholarly publication focused on sport and culture. Interdisciplinary, inclusive, and global, the *IRSS* is the journal of the International Sociology of Sport Association and is published in partnership with SAGE Publications. Please visit the journal website for more information about its Aims & Scope, the Editorial Board, manuscript submission guidelines, and sample issues at <http://irs.sagepub.com/>.

Beginning in 2015, the *IRSS* publishes eight issues each year, a change that will allow for a 33% increase to 1024 annual pages. The *IRSS* uses the SAGE Track online manuscript submission site powered by ScholarOne Manuscripts to expedite review and publication. When combined with the SAGE OnlineFirst publication program that makes accepted manuscripts available to scholars within weeks of acceptance, the *IRSS* has the ability to get scholarly work promptly disseminated.

Under the guidance of Editor-in-Chief Lawrence Wenner, the *IRSS* has seven distinguished Corresponding Editors from across the globe available for consultation and a 40 member international Editorial Board. Articles considered by the *IRSS* include standard-length research articles as well as shorter research reports. The *IRSS* aims to be an open and attractive place for the prompt publication of research aimed at the international community. The *IRSS* editorial team looks forward to having the opportunity to consider your work. Manuscripts may be submitted at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/irss> .



**International Sociology of Sport Association  
Special Initiatives Application Form**

The International Sociology of Sport Association will consider applications to fund Special Initiatives which meet the mission of the association.

Eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must have been full members of the association for at least two years. Associate members and student members are not eligible to apply.
- Funding will not be awarded for congress attendance or research projects.
- Initiatives will be considered on a case-by-case basis, with respect to their commitment to the ISSA mission, and the Executive Board reserves the right not to award any funding.
- Timescale: the deadline for submission of initiatives is June 1<sup>st</sup> 2015; decisions on successful applications will be announced by August 1<sup>st</sup> 2015; all initiatives must be completed, and a full report on activities received, by May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. Send applications to ISSA President, Dr Elizabeth Pike at [E.Pike@chi.ac.uk](mailto:E.Pike@chi.ac.uk).
- The electronic version of this application form can be downloaded from the ISSA website at <http://www.issa.otago.ac.nz/>

<b>Name of applicant</b> <i>Must be ISSA full member</i>
<b>Title of initiative</b>
<b>Amount of funding requested</b> <i>Include breakdown of costs and explanation of why funding is not available elsewhere</i>
<b>Rationale for funding</b> (maximum 1,000 words) <i>With reference to ISSA mission:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>To promote international cooperation in the field of sociology of sport.</i></li><li>• <i>To exchange information among all countries concerning the results of research in the sociology of sport.</i></li><li>• <i>To convene international seminars or symposia on aspects of the sociology of sport.</i></li><li>• <i>To prepare and circulate reports about the social background of sport and the status of the sociology of sport in different countries.</i></li><li>• <i>To cooperate with ICSSPE, ISA and other committees, groups or organizations in order to solve tasks of general interest.</i></li><li>• <i>To identify sociological problems in sport, and where appropriate, organize international research programmes concerning the same.</i></li><li>• <i>To oversee and coordinate the official publications of ISSA.</i></li><li>• <i>To advise and facilitate the establishment of other continental, regional and national sociology of sport societies.</i></li></ul>

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **PhD Studentship in Sport and Citizenship: Supporters' activism, nostalgia and the governance of modern football**

Following the establishment of a 'mini Centre for Doctoral Training' (mini-CDT) in Sport and Citizenship at Loughborough University, applications are invited for a PhD studentship funded by the University's Graduate School to start on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. The Sport and Citizenship mini-CDT is a joint initiative of the School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences and the School of Social, Political and Geographical Sciences. It will research the diverse ways in which active citizenship is pursued by different individuals and social groups in and through sport.

The specific focus of this PhD is the area of football governance and supporters' activism, with attention to the role of nostalgia and the communication networks of supporters. This PhD explores the extent to which football fans develop and articulate specific forms of social, cultural (and football) citizenship by participating in the activities of supporters groups at local, national or European level. This project will explore the motivations, strategies and outcomes of supporter activism in Europe. This PhD will explore the concept of 'modern football' and question the extent to which nostalgia for 'older football' is a motivator for supporters' activism. The project will adopt an interdisciplinary approach with a threefold social scientific theoretical framework, comprised of theories of collective and cultural memory, communication networks, and approaches to sports governance.

This PhD will adopt a case study design, with a qualitative methodology for data collection and analysis. The research will benefit substantially from our external links with Football Supporters Europe (FSE) as the non-academic project partner. The PhD supervisors will be Dr Borja García, (Lecturer in Sport Policy and Management in the School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences), and Dr Emily Keightley (Senior Lecturer in Communication and Media Studies in the Department of Social Sciences). The PhD student will be based in the School of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences.

The studentship is for 3 years and is intended to start on October 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. The studentship provides a tax-free stipend of £13,863 per annum, plus tuition fees at the UK/EU rate, for the duration of the studentship. International (non-EU) students may apply for this studentship, but will need to find the difference in fees between those for a 'UK/EU' and 'international' student themselves. For more information on fees, please see: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/study/finance/research/>

Applicants will need to hold at least an upper 2:1 degree (or equivalent) in the areas of the social sciences related to the study, such as Communication, Media Studies, Sport Management/Policy or the social sciences of sport. Knowledge and/or strong experience of football governance and supporter activism will be considered an essential pre-requisite as well. A relevant Master's degree and/or strong experience in the relevant areas will be an advantage. Applicants should also have excellent qualitative research skills. Finally, speaking a second European language will be an advantage.

General information about the school of Sport, Exercise and Health Sciences can be found at: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/ssehs/>

For informal enquiries about the project, please contact Dr Borja García (b.garcia@lboro.ac.uk).

To apply, please complete the online application using the following link: [https://luis.lboro.ac.uk/web\\_apx/f?p=100:1](https://luis.lboro.ac.uk/web_apx/f?p=100:1)

**The closing date for applications is 27<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

**Interviews will take place in week commencing 27th April 2015.**

Please quote the following reference when applying: **GS15SSEHS/M1**

## FIRST CROSS-SECTOR YOUTH SPORTS PLAN RELEASED TO HELP SERVE THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN, COMMUNITIES

Aspen Institute Project Play initiative identifies eight breakthrough strategies Washington, DC, January 26, 2015–

Over the past two years, the Aspen Institute has convened more than 250 thought leaders in 10 roundtables and other events around the nation, identifying strategies that can address barriers limiting access to early sport activity that fosters the development of healthy children and communities. A range of barriers were explored, including rising costs of organized youth sports, the loss of casual play, and the concussion crisis.

Through its Project Play initiative, the Institute released a 50-page report aggregating the eight most promising strategies, based on research and the insights of experts. Authored by the Sports & Society Program with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Sport for All, Play for Life: A Playbook to Get Every Kid in the Game is a unifying document, collecting in one place the best opportunities for stakeholders—from sport leaders to mayors, parents to policymakers—to work together to grow access to an early, positive sport experience.

To read and download the report, visit: [www.youthreport.ProjectPlay.us](http://www.youthreport.ProjectPlay.us).

### Defining the Problem

The report focuses on children between the ages of 6 and 12, who, despite the growth of sport as an entertainment industry, participate less often than kids did just a few years ago. Only 40 percent of children played team sports on a regular basis in 2013, down from 44.5 percent in 2008, according to data culled for Project Play by the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA), which commissions an annual survey on participation in U.S. households. Participation among pre-adolescents is down not just in football (from 1.8 million to 1.3 million children), where parents have become concerned about brain injuries, but in many sports, including softball, baseball, track & field, soccer and basketball. The amount of physical activity acquired through sport is also down. In 2013, the most recent year of data collected by SFIA, less than one in three children engaged in high-calorie sport or fitness activity three times a week.

### Finding Solutions

The eight strategies recognized as most promising in the report are:

- 1) Ask kids what they want
- 2) Reintroduce free play
- 3) Encourage sport sampling
- 4) Revitalize in-town leagues
- 5) Think small (to create more play spaces)
- 6) Design for development
- 7) Train all coaches
- 8) Emphasize prevention (to limit injuries)

The report offers 40+ ideas on how the strategies could be supported by the eight key sectors that touch the lives of children: Community recreation groups, national sports organizations, policymakers & civic leaders, education, parents, public health, business & industry, and tech & media. It also addresses the need for national and community leadership in facilitating cross sector collaboration around sport and physical activity.

The Aspen Institute Sports & Society Program convenes leaders, facilitates dialogue and inspires solutions that help sport serve the public interest. The program provides a venue for thought leadership where knowledge can be deepened and breakthrough strategies explored on a range of issues. More information at: [www.SportsAndSociety.org](http://www.SportsAndSociety.org).

The Aspen Institute's Project Play, an initiative of the Sports & Society Program, is a multistage effort to provide the thought leadership to build "Sport for All, Play for Life" communities that foster a culture of health. Project partners include the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, American College of Sports Medicine, Nike, the Clinton Health Matters Initiative, the University of Florida's Sport Policy & Research Collaborative, and the President's Council on Fitness, Sports & Nutrition. For more information, visit [www.ProjectPlay.us](http://www.ProjectPlay.us).

The Aspen Institute is an educational and policy studies organization: [www.aspeninstitute.org](http://www.aspeninstitute.org)



**East-African Athletics &  
Social Sciences  
International Conference  
29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June, 01<sup>st</sup> July 2015  
Dept of Sport Sciences  
Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia**



## URMIS

### Call for Communications

Although thoroughly studied by live science specialists for the last three decades, East-African athletics has seldom caught attention of social and human scientists. In the meantime, the running phenomenon has locally reached an unprecedented level of development in some areas of Kenya and Ethiopia and is now affecting numerous sectors of social life: economic development, domestic and international migrations, development of sport activities and infrastructures, inter alia. In the regions touched by this phenomenon, gender issues and participation of disabled people have also raised as relevant topics of interest. Studying East-African runners under the social science perspective also represents a break with the tradition of reducing them to their biology (genetics) or their environment (altitude), opening a new field of research on the social determinants of their performances.

Considering that the social sciences, namely history, sociology, anthropology, psychology, economy, political science, etc. have not yet been enough mobilized to study this field of activity and the numerous nexus between athletics and society, the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 01<sup>st</sup> July conference in the Addis Ababa University intends to give the opportunity to junior and senior scientists from either sport sciences or social and human sciences to present communications on any subject related to East-African athletics. Non-academic specialists of East-African athletics are also invited to submit applications, as well of specialists of athletics (especially running) in other parts of the world.

The communications are expected to present research works based on empirical and/or first-hand data. Applications will be assessed by an international scientific committee co-chaired by Dr. Manuel Schotté (Univ. Lille, France) and Dr. Bezabeh Wolde (AAU Sp Sc Dept) and composed of senior scholars with competences in either East-African studies or social and human sciences applied to sport. A selection of the best communications will be published in a collective book.

Communications will last 20 minutes, plus a 10 minute discussion session with audience. Topics to be addressed include, but are not restricted to:

- Athletics and Migrations
- Athletics and Gender
- Athletics-Generated Local Economic Development
- Athletics Institutions and Networks
- Sporting Socialization of Runners
- Athletics and Discriminations
- Psychology and Athletics
- Athletics and Disabilities
- Ethnography of Running
- Local Somatic Cultures and Athletics
- History of East-African Athletics
- Side topics: Running from other parts of the world, others disciplines of East-African athletics (field events), communications from sciences other than social sciences.

Proposals of communication should be submitted in English, on a maximum one page document, by email to [benoit.gaudin@ird.fr](mailto:benoit.gaudin@ird.fr) and should include the following items: name and affiliation of the applicant, 3 to 5 keywords, title of the communication, abstract of the communication and type of data collected. Communicants employed by or registered in an African institution of higher education are eligible, under conditions, to reimbursement of their airplane ticket to and from Addis Ababa. Women are encouraged to apply.

Deadline for application: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Comité d'organisation : Dr. Solomon Teka (AAU), Dr. Bezabeh Wolde (AAU), Dr. Tesfaye Asgedom (AAU), Dr. Benoit Gaudin (IRD-AAU), Mr. Leulseged Petros (AAU), Mr. Onesmus Amberas (AAU).

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## **Call For Papers URePSSS / INSEP2015 - Workshop**

### **Sports, genders and sexualities Social, Ethical and Political Challenges**

**5th-7th May 2015  
University of the Littoral Opal Coast, Dunkirk, France**

#### *Organisers :*

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As expressions of cultural embodiment, sexualities, genders and sports can be analyzed as a mirror of societies' transformations and developments. The analysis of sports, gender and sexuality can be a key to analyze changes and persistence's in social interactions and collective representations. This workshop seeks to create a discursive space for contributors to explore the social, ethical and political criticalities arising in the interaction between sports, gender and sexualities in contemporary societies.. We invite papers aimed at both understanding the relationships between sports, genders and sexualities, and using them as a tool to analyse broader social, ethical and political transformations. As such, such, we hope to provide both critical evaluation of current theories and paradigms by which sport, gender and sexuality are understood and encourage the opening of new horizons for critical investigations. Indicative but not exhaustive themes of enquiry might be:

- Should sport be sexy? Should sex be sport? What do we learn from bring the two together?
- How have sports and physical cultures built their specificities - in particular with relation to genders and sexual differences and consequently to body-related social norms - and how should we understand them?
- How have sports' institutions managed to include or exclude gender and sexual diversities (e.g. cases of intersexed and/or transgender athletes or gender bars)? Are these exclusions necessary and what if any solutions are there for these exclusions?
- To what extent has sports cultures been inherently sexist and heteronormative, and to what extent are they spaces of abuse, prejudice and pathology, and how can this be changed?
- What impacts have innovations in sport practices (technologies, enhancements, techniques, dressing-codes, aesthetics, etc.) had in their intersection with sexualities?
- To what extent have issues of sexual violence and homophobia amongst the sports community been successfully addressed?
- How should we understand the confluences of desire, eroticism and pleasure in the intersections of sport and sexuality?
- What are the popular and digital media's roles and responsibilities in the co-construction of sex and gender representations in sports?
- What are the contemporary challenges and opportunities when we consider the relationship between sports and sexuality?

Starting from these (and other) questions, broader collective representations concerning sports, genders and sexualities can be analyzed, for example health issues, media messages, social rules.

This workshop will both bring together current research in the area and mark out future directions for researchers interested in contesting/reformulating our understandings of knowledge production in sports, gender and sexuality studies. We invite contributors to submit abstracts elaborating their theoretical and empirical research (including reflexive and experiential contributions). Studies that have focused on political, ethical and social criticalities are welcome. We are interested in contributions that expose the challenges, emerging issues and possible solutions in focusing in critical and delicate issues of power, domination and abuse in order to analyze the representations and meanings of both sports, gender and sexual diversities. We welcome both trans-disciplinary and disciplinary contributions

This workshop is part of the **new** collaboration between the **URePSSS-EA 4110/EA4488 ULCO laboratory** (Unité de Recherche Pluridisciplinaire Sport Santé Société) of the University of the Littoral Opal Coast / University of Lille Nord de France, and the **INSEP** (International Network on Sexual Ethics and Politics). INSEP is an international network that encourages synergistic transdisciplinary legal, political and ethical research, 'troubling' current assumptions, dispositions and claims for the boundaries between legitimacy and illegitimacy in diverse sexual identities, sub-cultures and practices in both national and international contexts. The URePSSS is a pluridisciplinary and inter-university laboratory that conducts its researches focusing mainly on the interaction between sports, health and society.

INSEP publishes a journal - <http://www.budrich-journals.de/index.php/insep> - and is launching an accompanying book series in 2015. It is anticipated that this workshop will produce an edited collection and or a symposium in the journal (subject to normal refereeing conventions).

The **workshop fee** for the full three days, which includes the conference pack and refreshments is:

Presenting Delegates - **90 Euros**,

Presenting Postgraduates.- **70 Euros**

Non-presenting delegates - **30 Euros** (with some free places available for local researchers and postgraduates)

Non-presenting undergraduates / students - **Free**

For more details about the URePSSS / INSEP workshop, please visit the INSEP website:

<http://www.insep.ugent.be/>

Submissions for *this workshop* (300 words) should reach us by the final deadline of Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, February.

Please send abstracts to [alessandro.porrovecchio@gmail.com](mailto:alessandro.porrovecchio@gmail.com) - Normal acceptance/rejection notification: within 7 days.

**British Sociological Association  
Sport Study Group Postgraduate Forum**

**Hosted by  
Department of Sport and Physical Activity,  
Edge Hill University**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2015  
9am - 5pm**

**Call for Papers**

The aim of this forum is to continue efforts to develop a postgraduate research community, providing students with the opportunity to develop an appreciation of current postgraduate research within sport and the social sciences.

The BSA Sport Study Group welcome theoretically informed papers from postgraduate research students working in fields of sociology of sport, physical education, coaching, anthropology, pedagogy or related disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. Topics are encouraged from a wide spectrum, including but not limited to, theory, methodologies and discussions of data.

At this forum postgraduate students will be provided with the opportunity to:

- Deliver presentations to peers within a supportive, non-threatening environment.
- Network and share ideas with other postgraduate students within the field.
- Foster social relationships with other postgraduate students
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Deadline for abstract submission:	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015</b>
Notification of acceptance:	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015</b>
Deadline for registration (attendance only):	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015</b>

The forum will run from 9am-5pm and will consist of a number of short presentations of approx. 20 minutes. Please note that lunch will be included.

Delegates can register their intention to attend and submit an abstract for consideration through the following link: <http://surveys.edgehill.ac.uk/sportstudygroupforum/>

Delegates will be informed of the exact room for the conference after the registration deadline on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2015. If you require any further information about the event, please contact Dr Melanie Lang on [Langm@edgehill.ac.uk](mailto:Langm@edgehill.ac.uk)

**THIS FORUM IS FREE TO ATTEND**

## Abstract Guidelines

Abstract submissions are restricted to registered Postgraduate Research students who are currently members of the BSA and/or Study Group – you can join here: [www.britsoc.co.uk](http://www.britsoc.co.uk)

1. Abstracts should be no longer than **200 words** and should detail the objectives, rationale, and findings (where appropriate) of your PhD research.
  2. Candidates within the first year of study may present findings from their Masters dissertation, if conducted within their current or proposed area of Postgraduate Research.
  3. Due to time limitations, individuals are only permitted to submit one abstract.
  4. All abstracts will be subject to review by the organising committee.
  5. Presentations should be approximately 20 minutes plus 10 minutes for questions. PowerPoint facilities will be available.
  6. Copies of abstracts will be provided to all conference attendees.
  7. Abstracts should be submitted electronically via the registration form. Available here: <http://surveys.edgehill.ac.uk/sportstudygroupforum/>
  8. Abstracts should be submitted by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015**
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**BSA Sport Study Group Day Conference  
Sport and Social Protest**



**Friday 15th May 2015, British Library Conference Centre, London**

Time	Speaker	Title	
Introduction			
09.00-09.30	Registration and Coffee		
09.30-09.45	John Horne & Jude England	Introductory remarks	
Keynote			
09.45-10.45	Peter Hain		
Teabreak 10.45-11.00			
Targeting Sport in Protest Campaigns			
11.00-13.00 Panel 1  Chair:	Malcolm MacLean	Sports boycotts, the structure international federations and opportunities for and the character of action	
	Chris Gaffney	An anatomy of resistance: the popular committees for the World Cup in Brazil	
	Gemma Edwards	'Business Before Pleasure': Sport as an Adversary in the British Suffragette Movement	
Lunch 13.00-13.45			
Athletes, Capital, Politics			
13.45-14.45 Panel 2 Chair:	Celia Valiente	Sport as a driver of social protest: The case of Catholic feminist Lili Álvarez in 20th century Spain	
	Stuart Whigham	'Sport for Yes'? The precarious positioning of Scottish athletes in the Scottish independence referendum campaign	
Teabreak 14.45-15.15			
Football Fandom, Collective Memory and Collective Action			
15.15-16.45 Panel 3  Chair:	Matthew Hawkins	Re-imagining the future of San Lorenzo with a stadium on Avenida La Plata: Football supporters use of memory to make a social movement	
	Suzan Gibril & Ekaterina Glorizova	Football fandom as a motive for mobilisation: a comparison of Russian and Egyptian football supporters	
	Jarosław Chodak	"Donald you moron, football hooligans are going to bring your government down". Anti-government protests of football supporters in Poland 2011-2014	
Roundtable 16.45-17.30 Elite sport, mass protest?			
Chris Bolsmann	Graeme Hayes	Mark Doidge	Jean Harvey

**Booking and other details can be found online at: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/bsa-events.aspx>**

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