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ISSA Website Refresh

VP Communications

In 2022 the Board undertook to refresh the ISSA website. After several years of useful service, the current website is now beginning to show its age. It is quite unwieldy to update as it is underpinned by outdated technology. The refresh is therefore an opportunity to modernise the look of the website, make it more user-friendly for this and future Communications VP, rethink what content is needed and most importantly enhance its interface to make it easier for members to navigate and find useful information.

We contacted three web designers to obtain quotes based on our requirements and gave the contract to an Edinburgh-based company. We have been working closely with them since before Christmas 2022 and they have provided us with a range of styles (looks and font) for the homepage, as well as new designs for the other pages. So far it looks fantastic! The Board and Advisory Board have voted on their preferred homepage style and over the next few weeks we will be working on content - especially how you can access content and join/rejoin the association.

We need some new photos for the website - the developers have provided mock-ups of the website using banks of non-copyrighted images. Inevitably the images they have used to create the mock-ups tend to favour elite athletic bodies - muscly, young, in motion, non-disabled. The images do not reflect entirely the nuances and scope of the work that members do. We have already made suggestions to the developers for images we would like to see. It would be nice however if you, our members, could propose one or two images. So if you'd like to suggest pics of your own, please do send them to me at e.tulle@gcu.ac.uk

Obviously you must make sure that the photos do not have copyright restrictions and that if they feature people they have given permission for their photos to be used for public purposes. So if you do send me a photograph, please state that it would not incur copyright charges and that it fulfills GDPR (Data Protection) requirements.

The current [website](#) is still live and we have recently posted three news items, so do go and have a look.

Thanks

Emmanuelle

Reminder: Call for nominations of the ISSA Executive Board 2024-2027



Last call for your Nominations of the ISSA Executive Board 2024-2027.

All nominations have to be received by March 30th, 2023.

When you nominate someone you are helping them put themselves forward for election to the ISSA Executive Board. Nominees need two nominations from two ISSA members from different countries. If you want to be nominated, or have been asked to nominate someone, make sure nominations are in by the 30/03/2023 deadline.

The nomination form is straightforward and does not take long to complete.

This is all the information that you are required to provide, up to two names and countries of people you nominate to go forward for election to the Board, as well as your name and country.

The following members of ISSA are nominated for the ISSA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2024-2027:

1. Name:

Country:

2. Name:

Country:

Your name: Your country:

Signature: Date:

You have already received the link to the form in an email from David Blackwell, our independent Elections Officer. When you have completed it send it to him david.blackwell@waikato.ac.nz

In the next step, David Blackwell will verify the eligibility of nominees (and those who have nominated them). Nominees who are eligible to be included in the ballot will be contacted and asked to provide a short piece about themselves and why they want to be elected to the Board.

The ballot will open on 1st May 2023 and will close on 30th June.

Reflections on Being a Board Member by a Past President



As we approach the time when we will vote for our next Board, we've asked Prof Elizabeth Pike to chart her journey through the ISSA Board and reflect on the impact this has had on ISSA as well as her own professional development.

Terms of office:

2005-2008: Member of the Extended Board, during which time I established the ISSA Graduate Paper Award (GPA) and chaired the Award Committee

2008-2011: Elected General Secretary, Treasurer* and Member of the Executive Board

2012-2015: Elected President, Treasurer and Member of the Executive Board

2016-2019: Past-President and Member of the Executive Board, during which time, I led the ISSA International Mentor Programme (IMP).

Her footprint on ISSA:

- Establishing the GPA and IMP as above
- Investing funds in high-interest market-linked bank accounts to ensure financial sustainability
- Updating the contract with SAGE for a more favourable relationship to ISSA for the publication of IRSS
- Setting up ISSA as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to protect the association and its officers
- Designed the logo!

Impact on her personal and professional development:

- In the early days as an Early Careers Researcher (ECR), I learned a huge amount from more experienced scholars in the field, not only about the sociology of sport, but also about how to run an organisation, manage a budget, chair meetings, organise the annual international conferences etc – all of this learning proved invaluable in my subsequent career and also no doubt contributed to academic promotions
- The opportunities to collaborate with colleagues from around the globe enhanced my inter-cultural understanding and made me reflect on myself and my own work as a white woman based in the Global North – this provided the foundations for future international collaborations and more applied work (a ‘public sociology’)
- I have made friends for life and had an enormous amount of fun!

* At the time there was no separate Treasurer position so Elizabeth combined the two roles of General Secretary and Treasurer. When she became President she kept the Treasurer role for continuity purposes. Since then a separate Treasurer role has been created, a position currently held by John Horne.

ISSA 2023 Congress - Update

Over 300 abstracts have been accepted for the ISSA 2023 World Congress of the Sociology of Sport, to be held in Ottawa, August 14-17.

If you have not registered yet, please do so before the deadline of June 1 to be included in the academic program.

The academic program will be available in July 2023. Visit www.issa2023.com for updates.

The Graduate Student Workshop is now full, but we are keeping a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Call for Papers

Special Issue: The Contested Terrain of Sport: Sociological, Political and Policy Perspectives



Special Issue Editors: Professor Steve Jackson and Professor Michael Sam, University of Otago

Deadline for manuscript submissions: 30 November, 2023

Dear Colleagues,

This special issue seeks to bring together a set of critical analyses that delve into the contested terrain of sport. By **contested terrain** we are referring to sport as a site of debate, negotiation and conflict involving diverse interest groups with varying levels of resources, and contrasting and competing sets of ideas and beliefs.

Contested sites can surround for instance, the processes of gaining recognition and legitimacy for new sports as witnessed by the recent entry of breakdancing into the 2024 Paris Olympics and the increasing pressure to include e-sports. However, the contested terrain of sport can also extend far beyond this to include the use of sport for peace and development on the one hand and as a strategic target for terrorists on the other. Given its global presence and strategic location alongside key state sectors including: health, education, culture, business and foreign policy, 'sport' is increasingly the focus of serious discussion amongst scholars, policy makers and citizens. Our aim is to showcase novel research that illustrates the contested terrain of sport within the broad intersections of sociology, politics and policy.

We invite papers that address one or more of the following topics: Sociology of Sport, Sport Policy, New and Alternative Sports: from e-sport to Breakdancing, Sport Integrity, Indigenous Sport, Transathletes and Sport Policy, Sporting Identities, Sport Mega-events, Sport Media, Sport Mega-events, Sport, Diplomacy and Foreign Policy, Sports Activism, Sports Gambling and Matchfixing, Sport and National Identity, Sport and Wellbeing, Sport and the Environment.

Professor Steve Jackson and Professor Michael Sam

Guest Editors

Manuscript Submission Information

Manuscripts should be submitted online at www.mdpi.com by [registering](#) and [logging in to this website](#). Once you are registered, [click here to go to the submission form](#). Manuscripts can be submitted until the deadline. All submissions that pass pre-check are peer-reviewed. Accepted

papers will be published continuously in the journal (as soon as accepted) and will be listed together on the special issue website. Theoretical and empirical research articles, and review articles are invited. Authors are invited to submit a title and short abstract (about 100 words) to the Editors to confirm suitability for this special issue (steve.jackson@otago.ac.nz). Selected papers from the special issue may be included in a related book publication.

Submitted manuscripts should not have been published previously, nor be under consideration for publication elsewhere (except conference proceedings papers). All manuscripts are thoroughly refereed through a double-blind peer-review process. A guide for authors and other relevant information for submission of manuscripts is available on the [Instructions for Authors](#) page. [Social Sciences](#) is an international peer-reviewed open access monthly journal published by MDPI.

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- New and Alternative Sports
- Sport Integrity
- Indigenous Sport
- Transathletes and Sport Policy
- Sporting Identities
- Sport Mega-events
- Sports Activism
- Sport, Diplomacy and Foreign Policy
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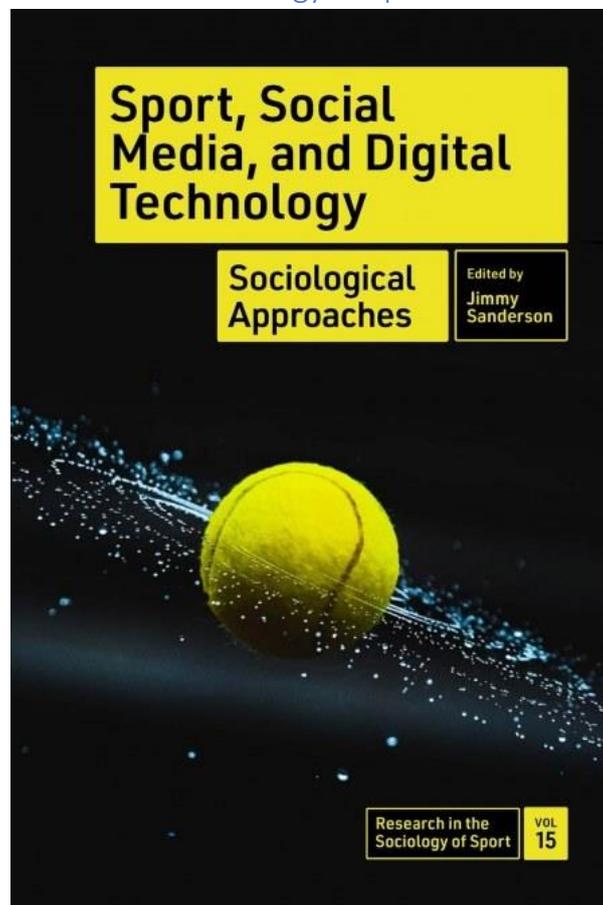
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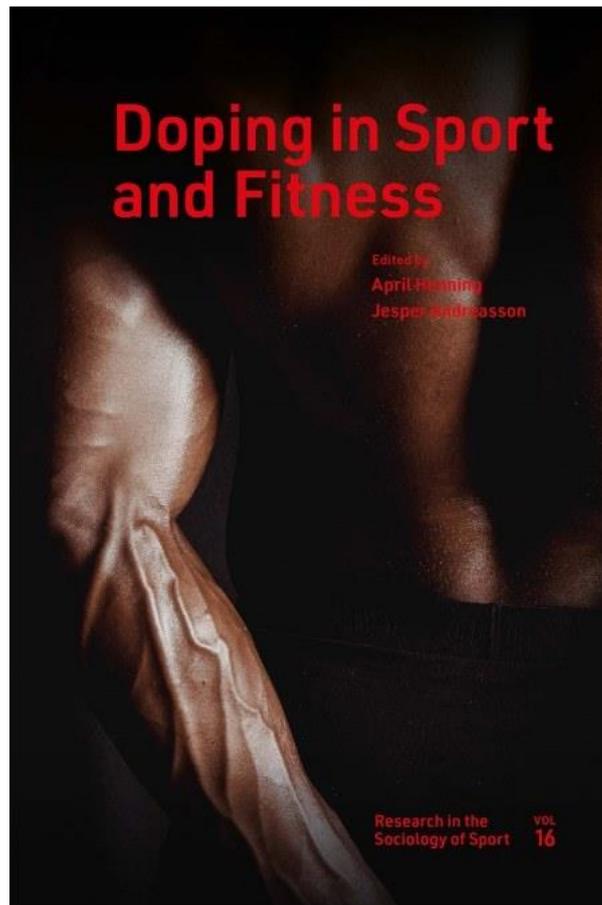
New Books

Two new books in Research in the Sociology of Sport book series (Emerald Press)



1 - Sport, Social Media, and Digital Technology: Sociological Approaches Vol: 15

Author: [Jimmy Sanderson](#) Texas Tech University, USA



2 - Doping in Sport and Fitness Vol: 16

Authors: [April Henning](#) *University of Stirling, UK* and [Jesper Andreasson](#) *Linnaeus University, Sweden*

More details [here](#)

Submissions to Our Journal



Our journal's general editor, Dominic Malcolm, encourages the submission of diverse research articles seated in the sociology of sport, broadly defined, that shed light on social and cultural understandings of sport.

Book/Media Reviews

Authors wishing to review books or media (films, videos, interactive media) or contribute to a comparative review, please contact the book and media reviews editor directly: Dr. Kass Gibson, Plymouth Marjon University, kgibson@marjon.ac.uk

Manuscripts for both research articles and book/media reviews may be submitted [here](#)

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Please visit the journal website for more information about its Aims & Scope, the Editorial Board, manuscript submission guidelines, and sample issues [here](#)

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Members' News

ISSA is happy to share information about conferences, seminars, awards, jobs and recently published books. 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 Emmanuelle Tulle e.tulle@gcu.ac.uk (as a Word document). Remember that ISSA also has its own Facebook page, and you are welcome to share information via this group.

Call for ISSA Archives

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 either in digital or hard copy format. 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. We are particularly hoping to obtain copies of ISSA Congress programs and Books of Abstract prior to 2011. For further information about the Archive and/or to donate items, please contact Mike Sam president@issa1965.org

Share Your Reading Recommendations

Have you read a good sports related book lately? Send us your favourite titles (not your own books, see earlier announcement!) that you think ISSA colleagues might also be interested in reading, with a short blurb to entice us.

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Research Committee 27 of ISA

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