

There is a growing interest among scholars in sport and leisure studies to focus on issues related to the globalization of sports and on the impact of international migration. Social scientists who work in the area of international migration, again, are getting interested to study athlete migration and to view the impact of sport and leisure among diaspora communities.

The international conference Sport & Diaspora provides a platform for interdisciplinary exchange by focusing on two major aspects which derive from the title: The migration of athletes and the role of sports in the everyday culture of migrants. Twenty-one scholars, among them pioneering and leading authors in the field, from the areas of anthropology, sociology, history, geography, political science, sport and exercise sciences, as well as anthropology and sociology of sports will present data and case studies in order to discuss the developed concepts of their areas across disciplines.

What does the biography-marking experience of migration really mean for young talents and professional athletes? Which impact has the international migration of athletes in sending and receiving countries, and for (the management of) sports at the local, national and international level? What is the importance of sport as a leisure activity and commodity, of sporting celebrities and mediated spectacles in diasporic life?

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Day One: Friday, 12th of February 2010

09h30 Welcome

Sine Agergaard
(foomi-net, University of Copenhagen)
Nina Clara Tiesler
(foomi-net, Diasbola, ICS-UL)

09h45 Keynote Speeches

Joseph Maguire,
Loughborough University, UK
Imagined, Invented and 'Real' Migrant Experiences of Lions Fans in New Zealand: the cultural politics of being 'British'?

Detlev Claussen,
University of Hannover, Germany
Proletarian sport, gentrified science and euro-centrist blindness? On the unsettled relation between Social Sciences and Soccer

10h45 Coffee Break

11h00 Panel I: The Role of Sports among Diaspora Communities

Chair: John Bale,
Keele University, UK

11h00 Paul Darby,
University of Ulster (Jordanstown), UK
Gaelic Sport and the Irish Diaspora in the United States

11h40 John Kelly,
University of Edinburgh, UK
Irish Diaspora Identities and Celtic FC. The Case for New Typologies

12h20 Nina Clara Tiesler,
ICS, University of Lisbon, Portugal
'We didn't lose it on our way', says the old man. 'It helps to imagine a modern Portugal', says the girl. Why football matters in social scientific research on Portuguese Emigration

13h00 Lunch Break

14h30 Victor Pereira,
New University of Lisbon, Portugal
Self-perception and soccer among Portuguese in France

15h10 Nélia Bergano,
University of Hannover, Germany
Portuguese immigrants and the role of Portuguese football in two different settings: A comparison of Portuguese communities in Northern Germany and Switzerland

15h50 Stephen Wagg,
Leeds Metropolitan University, UK
Cristiano Ronaldo: Comparative and Extraordinary Renditions

16h30 Coffee Break

16h45 Nuno Domingos,
ICS, University of Lisbon, Portugal
Portuguese Football and Portuguese People in metropolitan and post-colonial contexts: the cases of London and Maputo

17h25 Miguel Moniz,
CRIA/CEAS, Lisbon, Portugal
Football and technological links to the homeland: how the experience of futebol through the television, radio, print media and the internet mediates social-adaptation among North American Lusophone migrant communities.

18h05 Marcos Alvito,
Federal University Fluminense, Brazil
Negotiating Identities with Football: Portuguese immigrants in Brazil

18h45 End of Day One

Day Two: Saturday, 13th of February 2010

09h30 Panel II: The International Migration of Athletes

Chair: Stephen Wagg,
Leeds Metropolitan University

09h30 Richard Elliott,
Southampton Solent University, UK
The athlete as highly skilled migrant: Examining the significance of a conceptual synthesis in athletic migration research

10h10 Gavin Weedon,
Southampton Solent University, UK
Uncertainty, Dislocation and Elite Youth Football: Some experiential dimensions of migrant youth footballers in English Premier League academies.

10h50 Barbara Liegl,
Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM), Vienna & Georg Spitaler,
University of Vienna
Between Trans-Nationality and Identity Politics – Austrian Migration Regimes and Professional Football (1945–2008)

11h30 Coffee Break

11h40 Francisco Pinheiro,
University of Coimbra, Portugal
Portugal and Africa: football connections in history

12h20 Carlos Nolasco,
CES, University of Coimbra, Portugal
Foreign footballers in Portuguese football: Where they come, where they go?

13h00 Carmen Rial,
Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil
'Rodar': The circulation of Brazilian Football Players abroad

13h40 Lunch Break

15h10 Sine Agergaard and Vera Botelho,
University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Moving for the Love of the Game? Motivational factors for early processes of female football migration

15h50 Nina Clara Tiesler,
University of Lisbon, Portugal
Two types of Female Portuguese Football Migrants: Diaspora players and emigrants

16h30 Coffee Break

16h45-18h00 Panel III: Sport and Diaspora. General debate and concluding remarks

Chair: Paul Darby
Discussants: John Bale, Joseph Maguire,
Detlev Claussen & Sine Agergaard