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An Update on Our 2021 Conference

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CONGRESO MUNDIAL ONLINE

Estudios Sociales del Deporte

World Congress of Sociology of Sport

15 al 19 noviembre 2021
8:30 a 18:00 horas
Transmisión vía Teams

Expone

Pablo Alabarcas
Investigador CONICET, Argentina.

Se invita a presentar resúmenes de investigación o sistematizaciones de experiencias prácticas, para participar de este gran congreso mundial que se realizará por 2da vez en 56 años en un país latinoamericano.

Cierre envío de resúmenes:
30 de Junio 2021

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1 - CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT
It is with great pleasure that ISSA can announce that the ISSA 2021 World Congress for the Sociology of Sport will be a virtual conference hosted by Universidad Andres Bello, in Chile in conjunction with collaboration from ALESDE, CLASCO, and RESDEP. The keynote lecture will be from Pablo Alabarces, Universidad de Buenos Aires.

The conference will be held **15 - 19 November 2021**. The congress will offer dramatically lower registration fees and provide an important opportunity for a global community of scholars in the sociology of sport to come together and share their research. The abstract registration system and updated website will open in May and abstracts will be accepted in Spanish, Portuguese and English.

More details to follow.

**Introducing Three More Advisory Board Members**

**Sun-Yong Kwon**

I am an Advisory Board member based in South Korea. I am a professor in the Department of Physical Education, Seoul National University. I have a PhD in sociology of sport from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. I’ve been a member of ISSA’s Advisory Board since 2016. I have also served as executive board member in various Korean scholarly organizations and editorial board member in Korean journals including the editor of the Korean Journal of Sociology of Sport. Currently, I am serving as the president of the Korean Society for the Sociology of Sport.

Within my varied research interests in institutional, cultural, historical aspects of sport, I have recently focused on the areas of sport policy and development, sport organizations, sport participation, and sports in international relations. Currently, I am also leading a research project regarding the formation of lifestyle sport culture in South Korea. I have published works in English in
I am an Advisory Board member based in Russia. I have a PhD in Sociology and I am professor at the Department of Economic Sociology, St-Petersburg State University, Russia, as well as associate researcher of the Sociological Institute of the Federal Research Sociological Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences. During my academic carrier, I have visited Bielefeld, Magdeburg, and Heidelberg Universities in Germany, Korea University in Korea, the University of Kansas in the USA, the University of Jyväskylä in Finland, and Mumbai University in India.

I am concerned with a broad array of sociological issues. I started my academic carrier in the 1990s looking at the history of Russian sociology. After the millennium, I turned to economic sociology, focusing on institutional economics. Since 2010, I have included sports sociology into my research agenda. In 2017, I co-founded the Research Committee on the Sociology of Physical Culture and Sports of the Russian Sociological Society, and became its vice-chair. I am also a member of the International Sociological Association and the European Association for Evolutionary Political economy.

Recently I did some sociological research on Russian sports leisure, doping practices, and sport mega-events. Now I am focusing on integrity in sports, sport as a public sphere, and commercialization in sports.
It seems important that we should promote contacts between the Russian sociological community and international sports sociology. Russian sociologists are strongly concerned with explaining dramatic changes in sports, both professional and amateur, that have occurred during the transition to capitalism. Therefore, issues of commercialization, consumerization, mediatization, as well as institutional transformations of sports are highly relevant. As a result, social structure and processes of socialization of sport practices need fresh theoretical approaches and hypotheses. Last but not least, a recurring topical issue of sociological concern in Russia is the interrelation between sport as leisure and health.

Jacco van Sterkenburg

I am an Advisory Board member from The Netherlands. I work as an Endowed Professor of "'Race', inclusion and communication, specifically in relation to football and media" in the Department of Media & Communication at Erasmus University, Rotterdam. I obtained my PhD at the Humanities Faculty of Utrecht University in 2011. For the past years, my research has focused in particular on the following topics:

- Football and racism in a broad sense, including media, leadership, professional and recreational sports/football
- Media, inclusion and diversity
- Race, ethnicity, gender, whiteness in sport leadership and sport coaching
- Race/ethnicity, nationality, and gender in mediated football in an internationally comparative perspective
- Nationality changes and migration patterns in football and sport, and changing ideas on citizenship and fandom, in an internationally comparative perspective
- Media, migration, diversity and discrimination in general, in a European perspective
- the Paralympics on television.
Currently, I am a project leader of a 5-year project on race/ethnicity and whiteness in mediated football across Europe (2018-2023), and involved in an Erasmus+ grant on race and gender in football leadership and communication across European football. I enjoy supervising five PhD candidates and being involved in the editorial board of the peer refereed journals *Communication and Sport* and *Soccer & Society*. Since 2016, I have been one of the Advisory Board Members of ISSA. My teaching focuses on intercultural communication, racism and inclusion, qualitative research methodologies, sociology of sport and football, and media and diversity.

**Important IRSS Announcement**

We are delighted to announce that the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* is now accepting Proposals for Special Issues.

A Special Issue provides an in-depth and sustained engagement with a particular topic through the curation and publication of a number of research articles (between 6 and 10). A Special Issue will be devoted to particularly ground-breaking, innovative and important developments within the field, but may focus on any area within the remit of the journal as defined in the journal’s Aims and Scope [https://journals.sagepub.com/aims-scope/IRS](https://journals.sagepub.com/aims-scope/IRS).

Proposals should be up to 2000 words and include the following information:

The title of the Special Issue.

An outline of the topic.
A statement explaining the thinking behind the proposed special issue and/or a rationale why the IRSS should promote this topic in a Special Issue of the journal.

The name(s) of the proposed Guest Editor(s) and a brief biographical note detailing relevant background and experience.

A draft call for papers (up to 400 words) containing the above information and identifying indicative topics.

The deadline for receipt of proposals is 1 July 2021. The Editor-in-Chief will chair a panel consisting of 5 representatives of the IRSS Editorial Board and ISSA Executive Committee to evaluate proposals. Our current expectation is that the Guest Editor(s) will be chosen within 4 weeks and that a call for contributions can be issued by 1 September 2021, with initial article submissions received in mid-2022.

About being a Guest Editor

Guest Editor(s) will be responsible for issuing a Call for Papers, liaising with potential contributors, and answering author enquiries. Working through Manuscriptcentral, the Guest Editor(s) will ensure that submissions conform to the journal style, co-ordinate a rigorous review process for all manuscripts, and make recommendations to the Editor-in-Chief about the acceptance, revision or rejection of manuscripts. The Guest Editor(s) will communicate with the journal Editor-in-Chief regarding any developments in the schedule and ensure the timely delivery of manuscript submissions, copyright forms and article proofs. The Guest Editor(s) will write an editorial for the Special Issue and will take an active role in publicising the special issue both before and after publication.

Virtual Special Issues

In addition to the above call for Proposals for Special Issues we invite expressions of interest for the Editorship of Virtual Special Issues.

A Virtual Special Issue similarly provides an in-depth and sustained engagement with a particular topic but the content is curated from the existing IRSS catalogue of publications. By combining Research Articles, Editorials, Research Notes and Book Reviews that have previously been published in the journal, Editors of Virtual Special Issues highlight scholarly advances made within the sociology of sport. Virtual Special Issues will be devoted to particularly important developments within the field, but Virtual Special Issues especially lend themselves to a timely alignment with particular sports events, anniversaries, etc. Virtual Special Issues will be accompanied by an Editor’s introduction. Virtual Special Issues will normally be hosted solely on the journal’s website.

Please submit your proposals – for leading on a Special Issue or a Virtual Special Issue - to Dominic Malcolm at the following email address irsseic@gmail.com
Information Requested: National and International Associations

Hélène Joncheray

As part of my missions as Vice-President in charge of International Relations, I am undertaking a review of the National and International Associations, as well as the associated journals of sociology and the sociology of sport in the different countries of the world.

This review will allow all ISSA members to have access to a list, as exhaustive as possible, of the various institutions and journals likely to interest them.

The members of the Advisory Board have already participated in the production of this list. We have thus, collectively, identified the associations and associated journals in sociology and the sociology of sport in the following countries: the Czech Republic, Finland, France, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan and the United States of America. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Advisory Board again for its commitment. Whatever information we requested from its members, they were incredibly responsive.

I am now writing to all readers of this newsletter to ask if you would send me any information about relevant Associations in the country you are carrying out your research work in, for example:

“Country’s” Sociology Association(s)

Name

Website

Contact
Journal
Website
In contact with them: yes/no (as member or occasional contacts)

“Country’s” Sociology of sport Association(s)
Name
Website
Contact
Journal
Website
In contact with them: yes/no (as member or occasional contacts)

To send me this information or if you need any clarification, contact me directly at international.relations@issa1965.com. And, of course, when the list is completed, we will be happy to share it with all readers of the bulletin.

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

Becoming a Reviewer
Being a reviewer gives you an insight into the publication process and a better understanding of how to develop your own research and publications. The easiest way to become a reviewer is to create an account through this link
Managing your Account
If you already have an account for the IRSS do remember to keep it updated.

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

Regular ISSA Calls

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 [communications@issa1965.org](mailto:communications@issa1965.org) (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](mailto: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.

Contact Emmanuelle Tulle [communications@issa1965.org](mailto:communications@issa1965.org)

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- Sub-Committee of ICSSPE
- Research Committee 27 of ISA