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Introduction

Welcome to this first Bulletin on 2024. This is a momentous year as we are welcoming a new cast of characters in the governance of ISSA as well as a new Editor-in-Chief for our journal IRSS. So this short Bulletin is mostly dedicated to introducing new colleagues, including our freshly elected Executive Board members. In our next bulletin we will feature our newly appointed Advisory Board members.

A small request - if you know of anyone who would like to apply to join our Facebook pages, do ask them to answer **all** the questions, including that they agree to abide by the rules of the Facebook group. Without responses to all the questions, we will not approve requests for joining the pages. We have had to deal with a lot of unsavoury posts in the last year and we therefore have to vet people who want to engage with our Facebook pages to protect members as well as our reputation. The rules are: 1. we do not accept spam, self promotion or the selling of products and 2. we do not tolerate bullying or hate speech as we want to make the Association a safe and welcoming space for all, in line with EDI principles. As our new President stated on our website, we are dedicated to making [ISSA](#) 'a vibrant community of scholars from across the world who share a common goal in advancing the sociology of sport'.

Lastly, some website news. Our [website](#) has been fully updated with details of the new Boards. This includes our [Contact Page](#) through which you can target the Board member whose remit your enquiry relates to. On our [News page](#), we continue to feature vacancies and conference announcements (send me a photo or logo with your announcement please). And do keep abreast of details of our forthcoming congresses on our [Events page](#).

All the best,

Emmanuelle

VP Communications

Welcome from Prof Parissa Safai, ISSA President



Dear ISSA members,

As you will quickly see from this first e-Bulletin of 2024, the ISSA represents a vibrant global community of scholars committed to thoughtful and engaging research and teaching on the sociology of sport. I am delighted to have started my term as President, and look forward to learning from the members of the 2024-2027 Executive Board as we work together to support the ISSA community:

- Billy Graeff (General Secretary)
- Emmanuelle Tulle (VP Communications)
- H  l  ne Joncheray (VP International Relations)
- Sun-Yong Kwon (VP Conferences)
- Mark Falcoux (Treasurer)
- Mike Sam (Past-President)

I would be remiss in not also warmly welcoming the newest additions to our ISSA Advisory Board who will be joining Simona Safarikova, Mikhail Sinyutin, Lucie Schoch and Chen (Sean) Tzu-Hsuan:

- Cora Burnett-Louw (South Africa)
- Koji Kobayashi (Japan)
- Anand Rampersand (Trinidad & Tobago)
- Froukje Smits (Netherlands)
- Rodrigo Soto Lagos (Chile)
- Anne Tjonndal (Norway)
- Ernest Yeboah Acheamong (Ghana)
- Ik Young Chang (Korea)

The Executive Board are already actively working on plans for the 2024 Virtual ISSA events and we look forward to sharing those details soon. In addition, our colleagues in Seoul, Korea and our ISSA-EASS colleagues in Jyv  skyl  , Finland have already started planning and preparations for the 2025 (July 8-11) and 2026 (June15-18) Congresses, respectively. Please save those dates in your calendars.

Looking ahead in 2024, and beyond our virtual events this year, the ISSA Executive Board is committed the enhancing the accessibility of the Association for scholars from around the world. The ISSA Executive Board is focused on exploring better outreach to and support for those for whom English is not their first language and/or are from under-represented regions from around the world as diversity and inclusiveness are the bedrock of our Association. We welcome your insights on these issues and more. Over the coming weeks, we will be engaging in consultations with ISSA members through a membership survey to better understand your perspectives on the Association's activities, challenges, and possibilities for the future.

Wishing everyone peace in these trying times

Parissa

A Few Words from Mike Sam, Our New Past President



It is my sincere pleasure to welcome new members to the ISSA and thank our existing membership for their continued support and engagement in 2024. While I bid farewell to you as ISSA President, I look forward to serving in the role as Past President for the next four years, with special thanks to Christine Dallaire who has now completed her 12 years of service!

Our previous Board served from 2020-2023 and throughout that term, I felt extremely fortunate to be surrounded by such a competent, conscientious group of scholars. There was a lot of disruption and uncertainty in that time and the ISSA thrived thanks to a tremendous amount of wisdom and enthusiasm brought to it from its officers.

I am now delighted to pass the torch to incoming President Parissa Safai, the new Executive Board and its refreshed committee of advisors. However, you are not quite rid of me yet! In continuing to support the Board in an ex-officio capacity, I'll be honoured to play a small part in the ISSA's continuing development. I really hope to see you at our next Congress where, from now on, I may be located just a little bit closer to the bar!

New Executive Board Members



We want to celebrate the three new colleagues who have joined the Executive Board following the elections held last year. You can contact them via the contact page on our website [here](#)



1 - Sun-Yong Kwon, Dept. of Physical Education, Seoul National University

Greetings! It is a privilege for me to serve as one of the ISSA Executive Board members. I will be mainly helping with the development and organisation of ISSA Congresses.

I received my Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the United States. Since 2007, I have been working at Seoul National University's Department of Physical Education in South Korea. In addition to my work with ISSA, I have held various positions with Korean academic associations such as the Korean Society for the Sociology of Sport, the Korean Society of Sport Policy, and the Korean Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance.

My academic interests have been more focused on contextual understandings of various sporting phenomena than on specific subjects. This is probably because the Korean sporting landscape has undergone a remarkable transformation in terms of its pace and modality. My primary research interests have been in examining how sport and physical activity are linked with political, economic, social, and historical contexts from a variety of macro perspectives. Since returning to Korea in 2007, my research interests have broadened to include a thorough examination of various aspects of sport policy and politics, including elite sport, sport-for-all, school sport, and the sport industry, reflecting the Korean context.

Among my various sports, I played rugby in college and enjoy watching rugby, and right now I am trying to get in better shape so I can start playing tennis again. But looking back on my life, I see a common thread – my birth and upbringing near the sea – involving water. My military duty also brought me to work in the Korea Naval Academy's Physical Education Department, which naturally exposed me to a variety of marine sport activities. I therefore enjoy engaging in water-based activities, and I'm currently attempting to seize the chance to practice windsurfing more frequently, starting this spring.

Naturally, water-based lifestyle sports like windsurfing and surfing are among my study interests. In particular, I am currently interested in a sociological understanding of the linkages between beach environments in Korea, physical activity, and community transformation.

Being a part of the ISSA leadership is an honor, but I also feel a great deal of responsibility. ISSA has greatly influenced my personal development in addition to my academic and professional career advancement. I may still be getting used to my new role, but I'm determined to do my absolute best at it. I warmly welcome any advice and suggestions you may have. Thank you.



2 - Billy Graeff, Associate Professor in the Sociology of Sport at the Federal University of Rio Grande - Brazil

I am joining the ISSA Executive Board as General Secretary. I am also a member of the Brazilian College of Sports Sciences and the Latin American Association for sociocultural studies of sport.

Between 2014 and 2017 I taught at Loughborough University and at Nottingham Trent University in the UK. My teaching was on the Sociology of Sport, Olympic Studies, Sport Policy Analysis, and Sport and Globalization, as well as sports training pedagogy and international perspectives on sport and physical education. I have also held a post of lecturer at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul and UNISEP, both in Brazil.

My Master's thesis was titled 'Lifestyle and Social Trajectories of Skateboarders: From The "Neighborhood" To The "Run"', based on an ethnography of Skateboarders **where was the ethnography Billy?** I did my Ph.D. in the Sociology of Sport Group at Loughborough and my thesis was titled 'A political economy of the 2014 FIFA World Cup: global capitalism, sport mega events and the perceptions of Porto Alegre residents impacted by the FIFA 2014 World Cup works'.

I have published academic papers and also authored books and chapters in academic books throughout my professional career. A highlight includes *Capitalism, Mega Sport Events and the Global South* (2020).

My current research project focuses on 'Global South Voices on Sport for Development and Peace'.

You can also check out my videos for examples of my research work:

<https://youtu.be/SMhDFshZry8?> and <https://youtu.be/MTHP-PZAHu4>.



3 - Mark Falcoux, Associate Professor in the Sociology of Sport at the University of Otago, New Zealand

I am joining ISSA's Executive Board as Treasurer.

My research focuses on intersections of sport, media and identity politics. My work has appeared in *Sociology of Sport Journal*, *Continuum: Journal of Media and Cultural Studies*, *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, *Journal of Sport and Social Issue*, *Sport In History*, and *Sporting Traditions*. I co-edited (with Joseph Maguire) *Sport and Migration: Borders, Boundaries and Crossings* (Routledge, 2011), *The Business & Culture of Sport* (Cengage/Gale, 2019), *Handbook of Globalisation of Sport* (Palgrave, 2023), and *Handbook of Sport & Migration* (Elgar, in press)

You can find out more about my research and publications here: orcid.org/0000-0003-2317-521X

Members' News

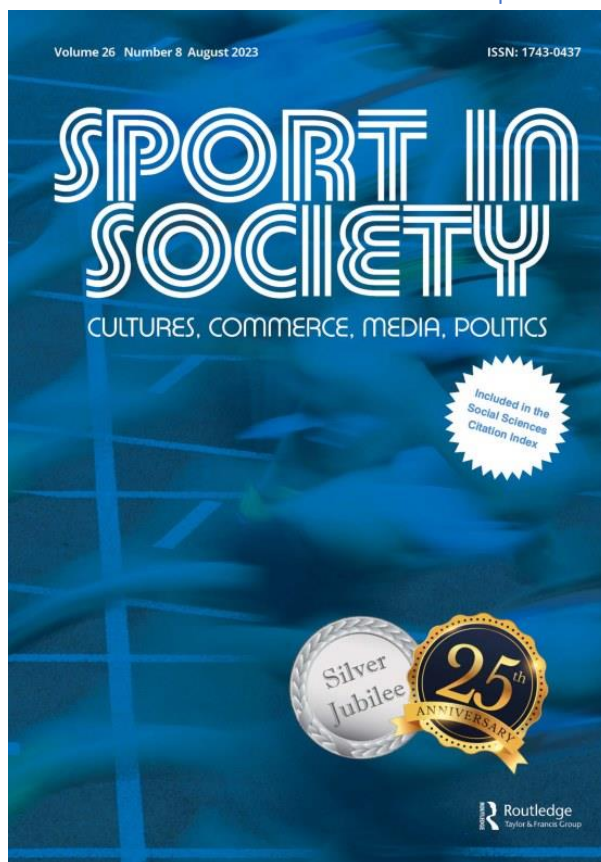
Billy Graeff, Associate Professor at the Federal University of Rio Grande, Brazil, has received funding from the Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq R\$ 252.000,00) for the following research project:

'SPORT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: The perception of agents in the field of Sport for Development and Peace about sport as a tool for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals'.

The research, which has 11 collection loci spread across the Americas, will be developed over the next 3 years.

Calls for Papers

Special Issue: Sport and War: From the Global South Perspective



Deadline for Abstracts (CfP): 30th March 2024

https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/special_issues/sport-in-society-sport-and-war-from-the-global-south-perspective/

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From the mid-twentieth century onwards, the Global South has experienced several profound geopolitical shifts and cultural transformations, many of which triggered a series of conflicts and crises. Most recently, these have included the enduring crisis in the Middle East, the escalating tensions in Ethiopia, and the consequential Fall of Kabul. All have not only reshaped the political landscapes of these regions but have also left indelible marks on their cultural fabrics. These pivotal events, distinct in their nature and implications, have collectively forged a new reality for the societies they have touched. This period of unrest and transformation offers a unique opportunity to examine how sport functions as a mirror to societal changes, a platform for political expression, and a catalyst for communal resilience. The world of sports in these societies tells a story far beyond the games themselves; it reflects the people's struggles, hopes, and identities caught in the tides of

these tumultuous times. The intricate interplay between sports and warfare has been a subject of scholarly debate (Bairner 2013; Sipes 1973; Vamplew 2014), tracing back to ancient civilizations where the realms of physical prowess and military might often intertwine. We seek to extend this discourse, focusing particularly on perspectives from the Global South.

This call for papers invites academicians, researchers, and historians to contribute their insights into how the intersections of sport and war are perceived, manifested, and transformed within these diverse contexts. We especially encourage researchers from the Global South to contribute to this call by taking intersectional, postcolonial, and/or decolonial approaches. This call for papers also explores the critical dimension of freedom of speech as it intersects with the realms of sport and warfare, particularly within the Global South context. This theme encourages a deep dive into how freedom of expression is navigated, contested, and manifested within sports during war and peace.

We invite submissions of individual articles of up to 10,000 words that investigate the complex relationship between sport and war from the Global South perspective. Research articles might focus on one or more of the following indicative themes:

- Socioeconomic dynamics and sport
- Sport as a medium for nationalistic expression
- Sports and forced displacement
- Global South perspectives through sports
- Pacifism and resistance in sporting culture
- Sports as channels of communication and protest
- Gender narratives and militarism in sports
- The intersection of military and athletic disciplines
- The interplay between civil and military spheres in sports
- Historical and contemporary sporting rivalries
- The role of sports during times of war
- Freedom of speech and the Middle East crisis
- Militarization of physical education
- Global North's imperialism via sports

Submission Instructions

Call for Abstract (CfP): Deadline, 30th March 2024

Acceptance of Abstracts: 15th April 2024

Full Paper Submission (First Draft) Deadline: 31st Jan 2025.

References and Style Guidelines:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?show=instructions&journalCode=fc20#style-guidelines>

Send the abstracts to Umer Hussain (umer.hussain@wilkes.edu) before 30th March 2024.

Abstracts must be clearly written in English and a maximum of 300 words, excluding the title and authors.

FuG Special Issue “Football and Digitalisation”



Deadline for Abstracts (CfP): 31st March 2024

Digitalisation is a megatrend that brings about extensive changes in many areas of society. In general, one can speak of digitalisation "when an analogue service is replaced in whole or in part by a service in a digital model that can be managed by a computer" (Wolf & Strohschen, 2018: 58 (authors' translation)). Not only do established phenomena affect the field of football, but completely new phenomena are also developing in this domain. 40% of fans engage with their club and team via social networks already (Seifert, 2021). Branding and fan retention are now also increasingly taking place through social media marketing, accompanied by an increasing internationalisation. As a result, potential for an even greater commercialisation of football is being exploited.

In this context, stadium operators and clubs are also developing their own apps, e.g. for spectator management or customer loyalty. There are also opportunities for digital participation, such as fans participating in polls from the comfort of their own homes. Further changes in spectatorship are predicted for the future due to the influence of virtual and augmented reality. Some authors assume that a 3D matchday experience for fans will be possible from one's own home in the future. The influence of digitalisation is also evident on the pitch. Detailed digital data on players' passes and paths is already available. Coaches analyse and discuss these at half-time and digital parameters are becoming increasingly important for scouting as well. Digital elements can also be found in training. For example, the German national football team has already simulated match actions with the help of virtual reality glasses in 2017.

Developments such as goal-line technology and the video assistant referee (VAR) have also changed the game in recent years. Similar to other social transformations, digitalisation is also causing resistance. The aforementioned VAR is rejected by parts of the fan scene. In Switzerland and Germany, there have been protests against the establishment of e-sports teams at traditional football clubs. These counter-movements largely represent a research desideratum. The developments described relate primarily to professional football. However, digitalisation is also finding its way into amateur football at times. The ethical, social, and economic implications of these processes deserve thorough investigation in order to develop a comprehensive understanding of the

current and potential future impact on football in a digital era. Despite its relevance, this topic has hardly been studied so far, which may also be due to the romanticisation and importance of tradition in football.

This special issue therefore aims to develop a more comprehensive understanding of digitalisation in football, taking a multi- and interdisciplinary approach.

Submissions can address the following topics, although this list is by no means exhaustive:

- Discrimination against athletes in social media and other digital spaces
- The impact of digital technologies on the fan experience inside and outside stadiums
- Interaction between digital platforms and fan communities
- Larger and more accessible performance data, greater objectivity in the evaluation of athletes
- Possibilities of online participation in clubs' decisions
- Video Assistant Referee (VAR)
- Augmented reality
- Digital transformations in training and match operations
- Analysing player data and tactical patterns
- Branding through digitalisation
- E-sports
- Artificial Intelligence in football
- Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs) for fans

We encourage researchers from various disciplines to submit papers that explore the topic of digitalisation in football from different perspectives.

Please note that we only accept original submissions that have not been previously published. All contributions will undergo a double-blind peer review process. Please refer to the journal's author information https://budrich.de/Zeitschriften/Autor_innenhinweise_FUG.pdf

We are open to submissions **in both English and German**. We kindly ask interested authors to submit an abstract (max. 2,000 characters incl. spaces) by March 31st, 2024. Please send your abstract to robert.warnecke@inspo.uni-stuttgart.de. The editors will provide timely feedback on the abstracts.

The deadline for submission of finalised articles (max. 40,000 characters incl. spaces) is October 7th, 2024.

If you have any questions about the Special Issue, please contact us at robert.warnecke@inspo.uni-stuttgart.de.

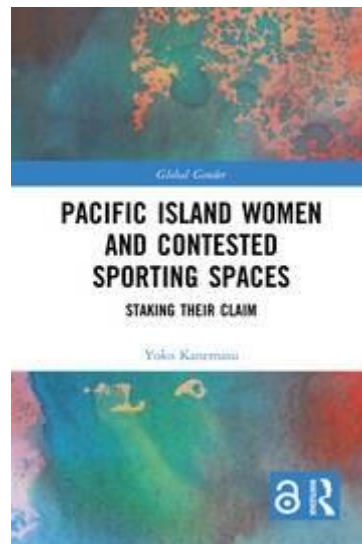
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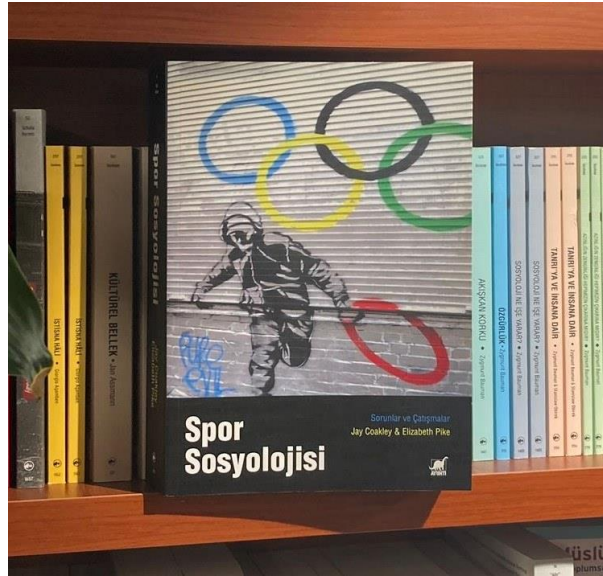
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New Books



The open-access book, [*Pacific Islands Women and Contested Sporting Spaces: Staking Their Claim* \(Routledge Global Gender series\)](#), is an exploration and celebration of Pacific Island women's experiences and triumphs, against the backdrop of systematic barriers including many forms of harassment and violent retribution for their play, in an array of sports that are conventionally dominated by men and/or are linked to (hetero)patriarchal standards that exclude women (rugby union, soccer and beach volleyball). The studies presented in the book draw on qualitative interviews with women athletes in Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, intended to capture both their immense struggles in negotiating postcolonial (hetero)patriarchal barriers and their remarkable competencies in claiming the sport of their passion.



The UK adaptation of *Sports in Society* by Jay Coakley and Elizabeth Pike has been published in Turkish and is now available in bookstores. The link to the publisher is <https://www.ayrintiyayincirubu.com/kitap/spor-sosyolojisi-toplumda-spor-sorunlar-ve-catismalar/>

Additionally, Jeffrey Montez de Oca will join Jay Coakley as a co-author for the 14th edition of *Sports in Society*, first published in 1978. It will be available in early 2025 in both digital and hard copies. Previous editions have been translated into Chinese and Japanese, and Korean; adaptations have been written with Coakley by Peter Donnelly (Canada, two editions and Korean translation), by Chris Hallinan, Steve Jackson & Peter Mewett and by Hallinan & Brent McDonald (New Zealand and Australia, two editions). As textbook publishing continues to change with books now distributed in digital form, these authors (and translators) have been committed to providing students and instructors with overviews of sports in society in much of the world. As work continues on this text Jeffrey and Jay welcome notes, photos, critiques, and general comments (jcoakley@uccs.edu and jmontezd@uccs.edu). Recent changes in all forms of sports necessitate regular revisions to stay current, informative and useful.

Submissions to Our Journal



Our journal's general editor, Brent McDonald, 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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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, VP Communications via our [contact page](#) (select I'd like to contact a specific person and choose VP Communications from the drop down list). Remember that ISSA also has its own Facebook page and Twitter account 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 [via our contact page](#) (select I'd like to contact a specific person and choose President from the drop down list).

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 [via our contact page](#) (select I'd like to contact a specific person and choose VP Communications from the drop down list).



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