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Introduction

Welcome to a very full edition of our Bulletin. The material in this issue consists of four types of items:

- Introducing new people involved in supporting the running and health of ISSA
- Conference announcements, including our Virtual ISSA 2024 programme
- Calls for nominations
- News

It is always exciting to bring you so much material and I hope you will find the time to read all of it. If time is short, I would encourage you to pay particular attention to our Virtual ISSA 2024 which will propose a range of panel discussions scheduled in October and November 2024. Some dates and times have yet to be firmed up and we will update you ASAP. Thank you in advance to all our panel organizers for proposing their topics. This programme is a demonstration of how vibrant and global the sociology of sport is. Our AGM is scheduled for 2nd October 2024 and all fully paid up members of ISSA are invited to join the ISSA Board to get an update on our activities to-date, hear about the state of health of ISSA and make suggestions for future activities.

As VP Communications, I would encourage you to keep in touch with our news and members' events on our website, Facebook pages and Twitter. Please please please, can I remind all our readers that if you want to join our Facebook pages you need to answer all the questions and agree to the rules. The rules are important as they are part of our EDI policy. We also have to screen applications to join our Facebook pages to manage the very real risk of spam, of which we had quite an overwhelming amount last year. Fielding requests to join has been really successful so far and I am pleased to report that dodgy contributors have ceased troubling us. However the 'screening' will remain in place to protect our Facebook site. If you do not answer the questions or agree to the rules, I will have to decline your request to join, even if you are a longstanding member of ISSA. This is to maintain consistency and avoid favouritism. I do apologise in advance for being quite strict about this and I hope that you understand the rationale for this way of operating. But if you are declined, normally a reason will be given and you will be encouraged to apply again. Please do!

Emmanuelle Tulle

VP Communications

Warning: We've been experiencing a few niggles with the server that is currently hosting our website. This has recently affected our Contact Page. The messages are still getting through although they are not going directly into our mailboxes. However I will be able to find them so please keep using this method for contacting us. Many thanks.
An Interview with Brent McDonald

Brent McDonald took over from Dominic Malcolm as IRSS Editor-in-Chief at the turn of the year. To welcome him and introduce him to readers and authors, we have put a few questions to him. These are his answers in his own words.

**What’s your current job role and when did you come across ISSA and/or IRSS?**

I am a Professor and a research fellow in the Institute for Health and Sport at Victoria University in Melbourne Australia. I first discovered IRSS whilst studying as an undergraduate in the 1990’s, and then I went to my first ISSA conference in Seoul in 2001. It was amazing putting faces to these names that I had read and realising how down to earth everyone was. I went to Seoul with some trepidation, and a genuine bout of imposter syndrome, but what I found was an incredibly friendly and generous community of practice.

**What was your first ever peer-reviewed publication?**

It was with IRSS in 2005 titled Seishin habitus: Spiritual capital and Japanese Rowing. It comes out of my PhD, but to be honest at that stage I never thought of becoming an academic (I was working in secondary education). That publication opened some doors I did not even know were there and allowed me to move into the university sector in 2008. I suppose it was my first realisation on the importance of publications to the academic game. At that stage IRSS was 4 issues per year, now it is 8.

**What is your most recent?**

That would be something in *Sport, Education and Society* about early childhood PE and sport experiences and the ‘physically active habitus’. One of my PhD students, Cameron van der Smee, did the fieldwork.

**What’s changed in the years between these two publications?**

Well I still like Bourdieu, but I think the obvious thing in the field is the huge increase in journals and number of issues per year. The flow on affect is the pressure on academics to publish more and more.

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**What experience are you bringing to your new role editing IRSS?**
My first undergraduate degree was a Bachelor of Arts in English literature and philosophy, and I worked as an English teacher in Japan between 1994 and 1996. My university is one of the most culturally diverse in Australia, and almost 50% of students come from non-English speaking backgrounds. I think this experience has equipped me with the capacity to read a manuscript or review and meet any author half way.

I was on the ISSA board for 8 years and during that time was responsible for the abstract acceptance for conferences. I suppose that gave me a unique insight into the potential breadth of research that is out there in the sociology of sport. I am a native English speaker from Australia, but someone told me I represent Oceania. My PhD was on Japanese sport and a great deal of my original research (and time) was based in North East Asia. I recognise and respect that there are different academic and research conventions and would like to think that I can be inclusive when engaging with any manuscript.

How do you want to be known – Editor-in-Chief, General Editor, Grand Master?

Some of my students call me ‘mate’ – to which I respond ‘I’m not your mate, mate’. So that’s out. I thought ‘King’ could be good but seems it is taken, but in all seriousness, ‘Editor’ is fine. I also respond to ‘Brent’.

Don’t submit something that is half cooked, nor should you immediately submit something rejected from another journal without making changes to it first.

What are your guiding principles for supporting reviewers and authors in the review process?

I try to send reviewers manuscripts that they will be genuinely interested and expert in. I also try to be reasonable with who I call upon to review and how often. I’ve only been in this role for 5 months but already I am consistently amazed at the quality, thoroughness, and constructive efforts of reviewers for the journal. For authors the first guiding principle is to read the guidelines for manuscripts and submit something that is formatted, referenced, and presented (including word length), according to the requirements of the journal. Don’t submit something that is half cooked, nor should you immediately submit something rejected from another journal without making changes to it first. When an author receives their reviews, take them as constructive criticism and see the response to reviewers as an opportunity to enter into a respectful dialogue. Highlight your changes and provide a table of responses. Make it easy for the reviewer to re-engage with your work.

Importantly, in most cases we have all been reviewers and authors at different times. Most authors have experienced rejection at some stage. If we can consider the person on the other end of the process, be they author or reviewer, and think about how we would like to be treated if it were us, then I think this goes a long way to ensuring a positive experience for everyone involved.

What are your hopes on how you would like the journal to evolve in the next 5 years?

Firstly to maintain the position of IRSS as the pre-eminent periodical in the sociology of sport. IRSS wants your best papers. Secondly, I hope to see the authorship of articles continue to diversify based on geographical region and language. This includes thinking about ways to encourage and facilitate voices not usually present in IRSS. Thirdly to actively engage with SAGE and emerging technologies to consider ways to use the journal as a platform to amplify communication in the sociology of sport.
community. Finally, to ensure that IRSS has a reputation for timely and quality review and a process that is open and prompt.

How would you entice someone to join the Editorial Board?
Meetings will be half the time of Dominic Malcolm’s and a third of Larry Wenner’s.

Virtual ISSA 2024  (Save the Dates)
Theme: Reflections from the Field
In 2020, the ISSA hosted a series of virtual events in lieu of a physical Congress because of pandemic-related travel restrictions and health concerns. Although the loss of an in-person opportunity to gather to discuss, debate, and advance our field was felt by all, the virtual events offered an alternative mechanism by with which we could connect with one another.

As no physical or in-person Congress is planned for 2024 (a consequence of the lingering effects of the pandemic impacting the Association’s conference planning cycle), the ISSA is planning another series of virtual events organized thematically around “Reflections from the Field.”

Virtual ISSA 2024 will involve virtual panel discussions, an information session and discussion with IRSS Editor-in-Chief Dr. Brent McDonald for graduate students and early-career scholars, and video podcasts from former winners and honorable mentionees of the ISSA Graduate Paper Award. Please note that the 2024 ISSA AGM will also be held virtually.

More information, including all panellists and specific dates for events once confirmed, will be shared as promptly as possible.

Parissa Safai
President
October 2, 2024
ISSA AGM
Week of October 7
Environment, Sustainability and (More-than) Human Sport
Week of October 14
Sport for Development and Peace: Global Perspectives
October 24, 2024
Technology and Innovation in Sport
Week of November 4
East Asian Sport Sociology Forum – A 20/24 Hindsight
DATE TBD
Information Session and Discussion with the IRSS Editor-in-Chief
Vodcasts from Former GPA Winners and Honorable Mentionees
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October 2, 2024
ISSA AGM

Week of October 7, 2024

Environment, Sustainability and (More-than) Human Sport: Human Rights and Human Responsibilities?

In this panel, we draw on forthcoming special issues in ALR focused on a) leisure the environmental and sustainability; b) human rights in sport and leisure, and c) considerations of More-than Human Sport. Bringing these topics into conversation we will consider timely questions about the changing relationship between sport and environmental (in) justices; how understanding of the more than human are impacting these debates; and the ongoing need for discussion of what human, and more than human rights in sport and leisure look like and how these play out in consideration of the impacts of climate change.

Organizers
Louise Mansfield (Brunel) and Belinda Wheaton (University of Waikato)

Week of October 14, 2024

Sport for Development and Peace: Global Perspectives

In this panel, we present academics involved in the field of Sport for Development and Peace (SDP) from different parts of the planet, with different approaches, interpretations, and interests in relation to diverse aspects that encompass the SDP sector. The objective of the activity is to allow the audience to learn about the different approaches that panellists may have based on their local, regional and international research experiences.

Organizer
Billy Graeff (Federal University of Rio Grande)

October 24, 2024

Technology and Innovation in Sport

Innovation in sports technology has a transformative impact across all levels of sports. In elite competitions, innovative gear and data analytics can be the thin line between winning and losing, while also reducing the risk of long-term injury. At the grassroots level, technology plays a dual role: it can democratize access to sports or exacerbate existing disparities in participation. In this session, emerging and established scholars give insights into cutting-edge research within sports technology and innovation. There will be presentations on topics such as: wearable technologies and the surveillance of athletes, datafication and self-tracking, artificial intelligence, sports performance and
coaching, the development and adoption of virtual sports and esports. Following the presentations, the speakers will come together in a panel discussion. Questions will be asked around: How does the widespread adoption of sports technologies affect access and inclusivity in sports participation? What are the societal implications of data collection and surveillance technologies used in sports?

Organizer
Anne Tjønndal (Nord Universitet)

Week of November 4, 2024
East Asian Sport Sociology Forum – A 20/24 Hindsight

In October 2024, the Taiwan Society of Sport Sociology (TSSS) and National Taiwan Sport University (NTSU) are set to host the inaugural East Asia Sport Sociology Forum. This event signifies the first opportunity for sport sociologists from Japan, Korea, and Taiwan to convene within the region and serves as a crucial link between East Asian scholars and the ISSA Congress 2025 in Seoul. The theme of the forum, "Local, Region, and the Globe," will encapsulate the multifaceted dynamics of sport. Keynote speakers Marcelle Dawson, Steve Jackson, and Brent McDonald will share insights, complemented by multiple panels featuring renowned East Asian sport sociologists who will delve into regional sport topics and challenges in the context of globalization. This virtual session will not only reflect on the forum in hindsight but will also aim to inspire further regional academic exchanges of this nature.

Organizer
Tzu-hsuan (Sean) Chen (National Taiwan Sport University)

DATE TBD
Information Session and Discussion with the IRSS Editor-in-Chief

Graduate students and early-career scholars are warmly welcomed to join the new IRSS Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Brent McDonald, in an information session and discussion about getting your work published in the journal. This session will provide information about preparing your manuscript, the peer review process, and the publication journey. There will be a focus on best practice and pitfalls, and the session will aim to de-mystify getting published. A large part of the session will be reserved for Q&A and open discussion.

Vodcasts from Former GPA Winners and Honourable Mentionees

Former ISSA GPA prize winners and honourable mentionees have been invited to develop a video presentation to be posted on the ISSA YouTube channel. Each will have this opportunity to speak about the paper that earned them the GPA recognition, and then connect that to their current work,
interests, etc. This is a wonderful opportunity for each speaker to highlight the tremendous work invested into those papers, and to offer their own reflections from the field while looking back on the paper.

Introducing our New Advisory Board

As ISSA’s Vice-President of International Relations, I have the pleasure of exchanging with the members of the ISSA Advisory Board regularly. The previous Advisory Board had nine members, five of whom were serving their second and final term. For this new term (2024-2027), the Executive Board has appointed 12 people: the four members of the previous AB who have served one term only (Tzu-hsuan (Sean) Chen, Simona Safarikova, Lucie Schoch and Mikhail Sinyutin) and eight new members: Ernest Yeboah Acheampong, Cora Burnett-Louw, Ik Young Chang, Koji Kobayashi, Anand Rampersad, Froukje Smits, Rodrigo Soto Lagos and Anne Tjonndal. You will find their photos and presentations below. Advisory Board members help the association run smoothly. In particular, they play an active role in the ISSA Graduate Paper Award review, the mentoring programme, and sharing information about ISSA. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them publicly for their commitment!

Hélène Joncheray
VP International Relations
Ernest Yeboah Acheampong

I am currently working as a senior lecturer in the Department of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Sport at the University of Education, Winneba, Ghana. I hold a PhD in Sport Sociology/ Socioeconomics of Sport from the Université Grenoble Alpes, France. I teach and conduct research in the field of sport sociology, sport psychosocial, sport pedagogy, sports management, football coaching and the application of social sciences to sport (e.g., sport for development and peace, sport and society, social inclusion, give back behaviours of athletes, etc.). I have a lot of experience in teaching courses for undergraduate and graduate students. I have several publications in prestigious journals and also serve as a scientific reviewer for some international reputable journals. My latest book focuses on African Footballers in Europe: Migration, Community, and Give Back Behaviours. I serve on the scientific committee of NGOs using sport for social change and inclusion. I am deeply involved in research, especially on African countries.
I am a professor at the University of Johannesburg and Director of the South African Centre of Olympic Studies and Social Impact (SACOSSI) at the University of Stellenbosch. I hold a doctorate in Human Movement Studies and another in Social Anthropology. I am widely published, including co-authoring the book with Jay Coakley on *Sport in Society: Issues and Controversies*. I co-designed the Sport in Development Impact Assessment Tool (S-DIAT) that received international recognition. Over the years I have undertaken collaborative research in 15 African countries, engaged in policy evaluation and development and lectured internationally on SDP. I am the President of the South African University Physical Education Association. I recently acted as lead for regional research projects on gender and disability justice for the African Union Sports Council (AUSC) Region 5, and on safeguarding for volunteers at the 2023 Netball World Cup. I am currently collaborating with international scholars on three IOC-funded projects regarding stakeholder collaboration, athlete safeguarding and community development, having completed a WADA-funded project on anti-doping and a national project on employability being responsible for the monitoring and evaluation.
It is a great honour for me to serve as one of the ISSA Advisory Board members.

After completing my PhD at the University of Otago, New Zealand, I have been working at Korea National Sport University (KNSU), Seoul, South Korea. I am also serving as the editor-in-chief of the Korean Journal of Sociology of Sport (KJSS) and the director of the Korean Institute for Olympic Studies (KIOS), approved by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

A former elite athlete, I have applied theories and concepts in sociology to explore a variety of sport issues critically. More specifically, my research interest is in the socio-cultural analysis of sport. My current research focuses on two main themes: (1) Transnational Migration and Identity Negotiation; how sports and leisure participation play a role in defining, confirming, and transforming a local, national, and/or transnational identity among Asian immigrants in the context of transnational migration, and (2) Sport Integrity in the context of South Korean elite sport; How sport development systems in the context of compressed modernity of South Korea have had an effect on integrity issues such as abusive practices and corruption.
Tzu-hsuan "Sean" Chen

I am Professor at the Graduate Institute of Physical Education, National Taiwan Sport University. I hold a Ph.D. in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I am the current President of Taiwan Society of Sport Sociology. Over 30 Mandarin and English academic journal articles and book chapters have been published under my name. I sit on the editorial board of Communication and Sport and Journal of Sport Culture (Taiwan). My research interests currently focus on sport and mass media, globalization, fan culture and nationalism and teaches these subjects in master and doctoral level courses. I am very active in developing global and East Asian academic research networks. I have a column on sport and culture and works as commentator on MLB for sports channels in Taiwan.

Koji Kobayashi

It is my honour to serve as a member of the Advisory Board for the next four years. Currently, I am Associate Professor in the Center for Glocal Strategy at Otaru University of Commerce in Japan and Adjunct Senior Lecturer at Lincoln University in New Zealand. To speak a little about my academic background, I completed an MS at the University of Memphis in the US and a PhD at the University of Otago in New Zealand. During my PhD study, I had the privilege of having Steve Jackson and Mike
Sam as my supervisors. My research interests include globalisation, media, marketing, nationalism and celebrities as they relate to sport and recreation. My work appeared in journals such as Sociology of Sport Journal, International Review for the Sociology of Sport, Sport in Society, Communication & Sport, Leisure Studies, Managing Sport and Leisure, International Journal of Cultural Studies and Consumption Markets and Culture. With Younghan Cho, I was a co-editor of the special issue on “Asian Sport Celebrity” in the International Journal of the History of Sport (2019), which was then turned into a book published by Routledge in 2021. Most recently, with John Horne, Younghan Cho and Jung Woo Lee, I have edited the book on Sports Mega-Events in Asia (2023) and the special issue on “Mediating the East Asian Era of the Olympic Games (2018-2022)” in Communication & Sport (2024). I am also a member of the Editorial Board for Communication & Sport.

Anand Rampersad

I am the Head, of St. Augustine Academy of Sport, The UWI, St. Augustine. I previously lectured Sociology in the Department of Behavioural Sciences. My research interests include women in sport, youth and sport, physical activity and sport history. I write a weekly column ‘SPORTIFICATION’ in the Trinidad Guardian on socio-economic-political and managerial perspective of sports. I am also the editor of the bi-weekly newspaper column ‘Sport Matters’ which is published in the Trinidad Guardian and the Jamaica Gleaner.

I am a management member of the Trinidad and Tobago Women’s Cricket Association [TTWCA] and a Special General Member of the Trinidad and Tobago Cricket Board [TTCB]. I am also a member of the National Steering Committee for the Elimination and Prevention of Child Labour in Trinidad and Tobago and member of the Sport Tourism Master Plan Committee for Trinidad and Tobago.
Simona Safarikova

I am an Assistant Professor at Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic. I am based in the Department of Development and Environmental Studies (Faculty of Science) and I also teach at the Faculty of Physical Culture. I am very much involved in the topic of Sport for Development (and Peace). My work makes the bridge between Development and Sport Studies by focusing on the role of sport in development in creating social change and the impacts of physical activities on the solution of development problems. I am also interested in development opportunities in Asia. I teach qualitative research methods and I am involved in global education. I have published academic articles in the field of Sport and Development. In my Sport for Development research, I have focused on Latin America (mainly Colombia, Brazil, and Uruguay). I have conducted fieldwork in many different countries and regions – Colombia, Mexico, Uganda, South Africa, Morocco, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Bhutan, etc.

Lucie Schoch
I hold a PhD in Sports Sciences from the University of Lausanne (Switzerland) and the University of Strasbourg (France). My research focuses on gender-related issues within the sports context through the lens of the Sociology of Work. It is structured around three main axes: (1) Women's participation in sports governance with a 4-year project titled "Women’s Participation in Decision-Making in Sport: A Comparative Approach to Boards of Governance of Four International Sports Federations (2020-2024)." This project examines women’s involvement in decision-making processes within the boards of international sports federations. (2) Gender in sports media: I investigate gender dynamics in sports journalism, particularly focusing on the experiences and career trajectories of female sports journalists. My research also delves into the portrayal of women’s sports in Swiss media and the broader mediatization of women’s sports. (3) Gender-based violence and safeguarding in sports: I am engaged in a 3-year EU-funded project called "Doctoral Training Network in Sport Ethics and Integrity (DAiSi)", with a specific focus on preventing and managing sexual harassment and abuse in sports, in collaboration with the IOC Safe Sport Unit. In addition to my research pursuits, I serve as a board member of the Global Observatory for Gender Equality in Sport, in collaboration with UNESCO.

Mikhail Sinyutin

I am a professor at the Department of Economic Sociology, St-Petersburg State University, Russia, and associate researcher of the Sociological Institute of the Federal Research Sociological Center of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

All my educational and academic trajectory has been connected with the St-Petersburg State University in Russia. Since my dissertation viva in 1994, I have been working here at the Faculty of Sociology. During 1998-1999 I engaged in advanced training at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, participating in the Junior Faculty Development Program.

For the last 30 years I have been teaching sociology on more than 20 courses. I am the author of 6 books and more than 150 book chapters and journal articles. My academic interests have been focused on broad issues of social sciences, mostly, History of Sociology, Economic Sociology and Sociology of Sport. My research experience with sport topics includes sports leisure, doping, and sport mega-events. My current interests involve sport ethics, the commercialization of sports and sport identities. Life is permanently changing and brings new topics to explore. Primarily I study Russian society, but I also have some comparative international projects. I am interested in supporting the development of new international collaborations in the sociology of sports.
I am a co-founder and currently a vice-chair of the Research Committee on the Sociology of Physical Culture and Sports at the Russian Sociological Society. Besides this I am a member of the International Sociological Association and a life-member of the European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy. I really appreciate the opportunity to be a member of

Froujke Smits

I obtained my BSc in Physical Education (PE) in 2004 at Windesheim University of Applied Sciences (Zwolle) (Netherlands). Subsequently, I taught PE at several secondary schools between 2004-2010. I was also enrolled in the course on Sports, Movement and Policies at the Utrecht University (2008) where I then successfully completed my MSc in Education and Society (cum laude) in 2009. I worked as a researcher at the Mulier Institute (scientific sport-research institute) between 2010-2013. From 2013 onward, I have worked as a senior-researcher in the area of ‘Social Impact of Sports and Physical Activity’ at the Utrecht University of Applied Sciences. I was awarded a number of research project grants as a lead and co-applicant and received several social impact and scientific awards. For my PhD thesis I explored how various Foucauldian tools could be used to gain insight and understanding in youth sport practices and experiences. I researched *inter alia* the exclusion of LGBT adolescents and Orthodox Reformed Christians in organized youth sport settings, used a multi-actor (athletes, parents, coaches, administrators) research approach to examine the maintenance and challenge of abusive practices in elite women’s gymnastics and conducted research on the welfare of adolescent high-performance action sport athletes by studying the safeguarding of young commercially sponsored kite surfers. I also initiated the project ‘U on Board’, to improve vulnerable young people’s well-being through participation in action sports. I embedded it in the ‘U on Board Foundation’ that I founded in 2021. In this way, the (research) project continues to roll twice a week at a refugee reception centre in Utrecht.
I am Associate Professor at the Department of Management and Public Policies at the Faculty of Administration and Economics at the University of Santiago de Chile. My doctoral research included internships at the University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), the University of Los Andes (Colombia), and the University of Liverpool (United Kingdom). Complementing my academic journey, I trained in Public Policies at Harvard University (United States), in Case Method for Public Policies at Oxford University (United Kingdom) and Sports Psychology at the University of Thessaly (Greece). Alongside my academic pursuits, I am an amateur triathlete and 1st Dan black belt in Judo.

My research focuses on the qualitative analysis of public policies in Sport, Health and Education. Currently I am the Principal Investigator of the Regular FONDECYT project funded by the National Agency of Research and Development (ANID) N°1231837, titled "Socio-ecological assemblages to understand physical inactivity, body practices and sports in public and private schools in Chile" (2023-2027).

My most recent books are Sports and Covid in Latin America (Ariadna, 2023) and Sports Culture: Pan American and Parapan American Sports in Santiago 2023 (Usach, 2023).
I am Professor of Sociology of Sport at Nord University, located in Bodø, Norway. I lead the RESPONSE – Research Group for Sport and Society and currently hold a term position as Head of Department for Organization, Management, and Working Life at the Faculty for Social Sciences. I serve as Co-Editor for the European Journal for Sport and Society and an Editorial Board Member of IRSS.

My academic background is in Sociology (PhD) and Sport Science (MSc.). My PhD thesis was on innovation in sports (title: The Intention to Include: Studies of Innovation for Social Inclusion in Sport, 2018). My research interests cover a variety of topics, and I have published works on issues related to: sports technologies and innovation, esports, management and leadership, coach-athlete relations, gender, social inclusion/exclusion, boxing, concussion and head injuries, climate change and sustainability. In truth, I find most sociological investigations of sports interesting. I am unlikely to become an expert in any singular field because of that, as I often fall for the temptation of moving on to new topics and collaborations.

Currently, I am involved in an interdisciplinary Nordic research project titled Women in a Digitized Sports Culture, which examines how digitalization and mediatization impact gender equity and equality in sports in the Nordic countries. A book disseminating the results from this project will be published with Routledge in 2025. I am also currently working on co-editing an Edward Elgar Encyclopedia of Sociology of Sport together with Adam B. Evans, Gareth McNarry, and Verena Lenneis.
We are pleased to present the winner of the 2024 GPA Award. Eun Jung impressed the GPA Award judges with her paper entitled "Constructing healthy bodies in polluted air: The illusive purity of school gyms, air quality technologies, and 'modern' South Korea".

Eun Jung is a Ph.D. Candidate in the School of Kinesiology and Health Studies at Queen’s University, Canada. Her research interest lies in the intersection of theories of the body, feminist cultural studies, and environmental studies. In her dissertation, she focuses on the history of the slow disaster of air pollution, air-body-health relations, and environmental injustices in the context of physical education in South Korea.

The prizes for GPA Award winners are:

- free registration to participate at the next in-person ISSA Congress
- an ISSA sponsored 2-year membership of ISSA, and
- a Sage Publisher sponsored £150 prize worth of books

ISSA 2025, Save the Date

ISSA 2025 will take place in Seoul, Korea on 8-11th July 2025. More details to follow later this summer.

Call for ISSA 2025 Congress Mentors

Call for Mentors for ISSA 2025 Congress
As an international organization and in the spirit of scholarship, ISSA wishes to support learning and teaching. This is particularly significant given that our association and congress operate in English but our members are not all English-speaking. In order to assist our members who may need some help preparing for our upcoming congress, we are inviting nominations for a limited number of mentors who can help in reviewing ISSA congress abstracts and ISSA congress power point presentations.

The criteria to be mentor are that you must:

- have been a ISSA full member for a minimum of 2 years
- be a senior lecturer, confirmed/tenured staff, associate professor or equivalent
- have presented at an ISSA congress.

Your letter of application should include a personal statement (maximum 300 words) providing:

- an outline of the reasons why you wish to be a mentor
- a statement of your proficiency in the English language
- confirmation that you agree to review 10-15 abstracts and powerpoint presentations prior to the ISSA 2025 World Congress
- ISSA will pay full registration costs for the 2025 World Congress for those accepted to be ISSA mentors.

Please send your nominations by December 15, 2024 to Sun-Yong Kwon, via our Contact page https://www.issa1965.org/contact/, selecting Vice President (Conferences).

ISSA Guide to Powerpoint Presentations. As part of its Mentor program, ISSA is offering to provide guidance and feedback on powerpoint presentations for participants of ISSA. This offer is directed mainly, but not exclusively, at scholars and graduate students whose first language is not English. The purpose is to support presenters and enhance the overall quality of sessions.

Sun-Yong-Kwon
VP Conferences

Your News

Fabien Wille has been elected Director of the Geriico Laboratory (https://geriico.univ-lille.fr), which is a research team in Information and Communication Sciences. He will take up his post in September 2024.

Lucy Piggot will be starting a new position as Associate Professor in Sport Science at the Department of Sociology and Political Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, Norway on 1st August 2024.

New Books

*Tales of South American Football: Passion, Revolution and Glory* by Jorge Knijnik
Call for Nominations for Honorary Member

The Executive Board invites nominations for an Honorary Member Award in the International Sociology of Sport Association. This Award honours outstanding contributions to the International Sociology of Sport Association and to the sociological study of sport. The recipient of this award must meet both of the following criteria:

- a long career of service to the International Sociology of Sport Association
- a distinguished international academic career as a sociologist of sport. Individuals who are retired from formal academic positions are eligible for Honorary Member awards. In addition, the International Sociology of Sport Association will consider retrospectively honouring an individual's service and scholarship with a ceremonial posthumous Honorary Member Award.

Honorary Members in the International Sociology of Sport Association receive:

- Full, lifetime membership in the International Sociology of Sport Association, including subscription to the International Review for the Sociology of Sport;
• Free, lifetime registration to the International Sociology of Sport Association’s annual conference.

Call for Nominations!

Nominators should submit a 1 to 2-page document (letter) that describes in as much detail as possible how the nominee meets the International Sociology of Sport’s Honorary Member criteria. Submit nominations to Parissa Safai, ISSA President. Please email her via our Contact page, selecting President in the drop down menu.

There are no deadlines for your nomination – you can send us your nomination at any time and we look forward to it!

Joining ISSA or Renewing your Membership

To become a member of ISSA and/or renew your membership please go to our website and follow this link. This will take you straight to the IRSS Sage web pages. You will find all the membership categories on the right hand side of the page (under subscription +). You can purchase a membership for 1 year, 2 years or 5 years. All memberships include the following benefits:

• Print and online subscriptions to IRSS (including access to the full back archive to volume 1)
• The ISSA eBulletin
• Information about discounts for the ISSA conference and events
• Access to the member area of the ISSA website

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From October 19 to 20, 2024, the Inaugural East Asia Sport Sociology Forum will hold its meeting at the National Taiwan Sport University (NTSU) in Taoyuan, Taiwan. The local Organizing Committee – Taiwan Society of Sport Sociology (TSSS) and NTSU – is honored to organize this event with the theme “Local, Region, and the Globe.”

The main goal of the conference is to gather the East Asian community of sport sociologists to discuss the key issues and debates surrounding the roles and challenges of sport in the context of a layered global society. Micro, meso, and macro dynamics are intertwined surrounding sport and physical activities. The forum will allow common interests linked to this theme to emerge, provide networking opportunities to develop collaborative research projects, and contribute to the extension of international scientific knowledge in human and social sciences related to sport.

Local, Region, and the Globe

Japan, Korea, and Taiwan have each established yet promising associations for sport sociology, along with other cognate discipline-based societies. All three countries are shaped not only by common historic events but also by shared democratic values, vibrant civil societies, advanced technology industries, exciting yet problematic sport cultures and practices, and potential challenges such as an alarmingly low birth rate and the struggles between (post)modern and traditional values. Sport sociology is a crucial tool for us to shoulder the responsibility when confronting and addressing the challenges we face in sport. In the past, we were either heavily guided by the Western-centered perspective or remained content within our respective comfort zones. In the post-pandemic East Asia, amid tense geopolitics in the region and emerging perspectives on exercise and individual bodies, it
is a crucial time for sport sociologists to step up and interact with each other more frequently. There is no doubt that potentially high-quality contributions already exist, and many more collaborative works will emerge if a network is established among East Asian sport sociologists. Equally relevant is the ongoing discussion about globalization and the influence of the Global North on East Asia, the structure upon the agency, and vice versa in sport. Japan, Korea, and Taiwan find us at the intersection of these tensions and complexities. In addition to the main theme, the forum will feature a diverse range of sessions, providing scholars, including postgraduate students, with the opportunity to share their latest research.

Abstracts of a maximum of 300 words can be submitted in English for either an oral or a poster presentation. Being the first of its kind, this forum encourages participants to interact with scholars from other countries in any possible form. While English is the “official” language of the forum, proficiency is not the sole determinant of research or presentation quality. Scholars are especially encouraged to form panels composed of different nationalities and diverse backgrounds.

All details about abstract submission and registration can be found on the Forum Website.

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