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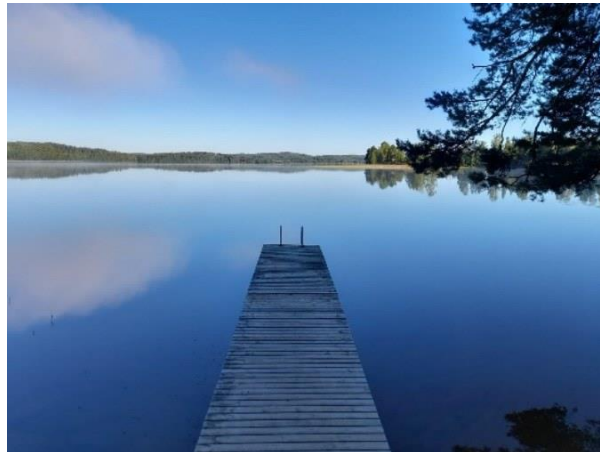
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Introduction



Welcome to our second bulletin issue of 2025.

In this bulletin we continue to look back at ISSA 2025 in images. This time we are featuring our panellists and paper presenters.

We also focus on our forthcoming Congress, ISSA 2026, organised in collaboration with EASS. You will find reminders about important deadlines below including: abstract submission, early bird registration, submission to the Graduate Paper Award, and our Call for Mentors.

We are pleased to promote some members' news: the launch of the UNESCO Chair in Sport for Development, Peace, and the Environment, a promotion, an account of a symposium on Advancing Mobility Justice, Gender Equity, and Climate Action through Sport, a new book and a call for papers for a special issue of *Youth* on the theme of Discrimination and Inclusion in Youth Leisure.

We are starting our Bulletin with an invitation to take part in our survey.

ISSA Survey

As part of the ISSA's 60th-anniversary celebration, the ISSA Executive Board invited members to share their feedback on their experiences with the association. Thank you to those who have already responded!

In efforts to gain further feedback from our global sociology of sport, we continue to invite participation in this brief survey. So, if you haven't already done so, please complete our survey which is available [here](#)

Members and non-members are welcomed to participate. Your valuable insights will help the ISSA continue to serve the needs of its vibrant scholarly community.

ISSA 2026 (jointly with EASS)

A reminder that our 2026 Congress, jointly with EASS, will be held at the Seminaarinmäki Campus, University of Jyväskylä, Finland. The theme is Responsibilities and Responses of Sport in Contemporary Society.

Preparations for the Congress are gathering pace, and we have a few deadlines that we'd like to draw your attention to:

- Abstract submission opened in October and will close on 30th January 2026.



- Early Bird registration is also upon us, opening on 1st December until 31st March 2026. Thereafter, full rate registration will apply and will continue till 17th May 2026.

All details about the conference can be found on our [website](#) or directly [here](#)

Jyväskylä can be accessed from Helsinki by train, bus or aeroplane. Please check the website for travel options and accommodation.



1 - Parissa and Hanna

@Emmanuelle

We look forward to connecting with you in Jyväskylä for what we are certain will be a fantastic Congress!

Call for Mentors



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 a 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 2026 World Congress for those accepted to be ISSA mentors.

Please send your nominations by **15th December, 2025** to Sun-Yong Kwon, ISSA Vice President Conferences via [our contact page](#).

Graduate Paper Award 2026

Another reminder that the deadline for submitting papers to our GPA is **19th January, 2026**. All details about eligibility and how to submit can be found on our [website](#).



ISSA 2025: Photo Gallery part 2

As promised here is the second batch of photos taken during the academic programme back in July 2025 in Seoul. We hope you will enjoy these photos of our panellists, our paper presenters and our Keynote speaker, Dominic Malcolm.

Photo Gallery



2 - Keynote lecture

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3 - Panel 1



4 - Panel 2



5 - Panel 3

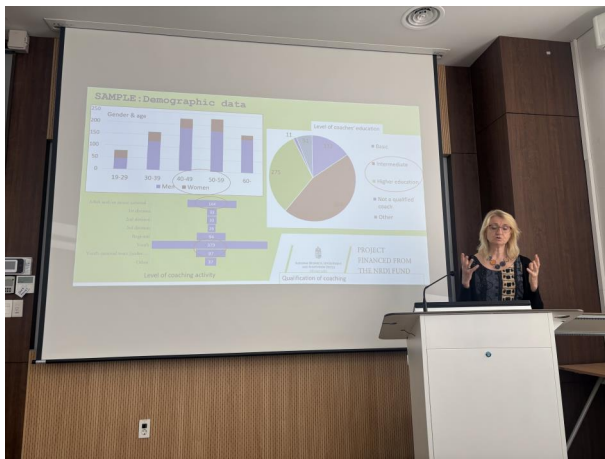
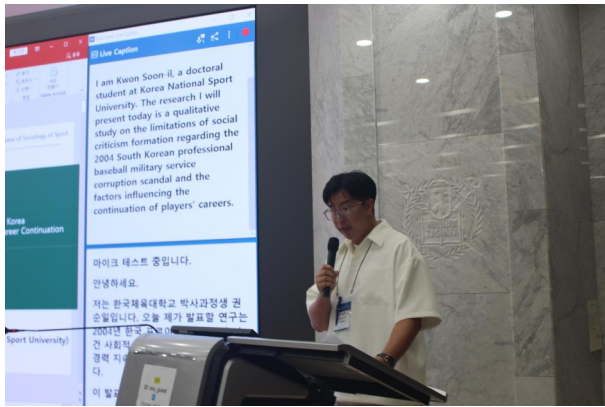


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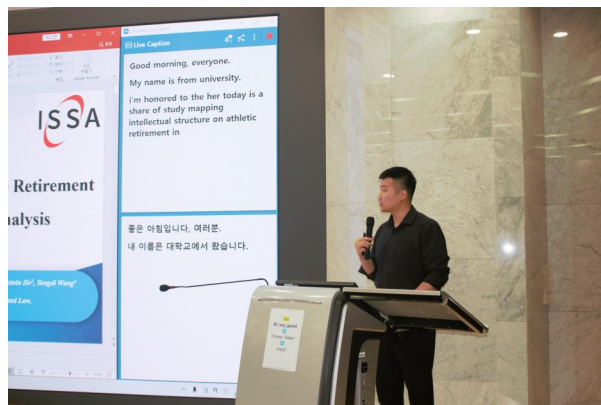
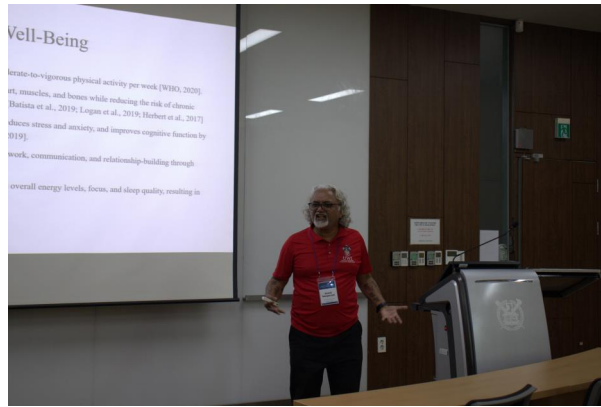












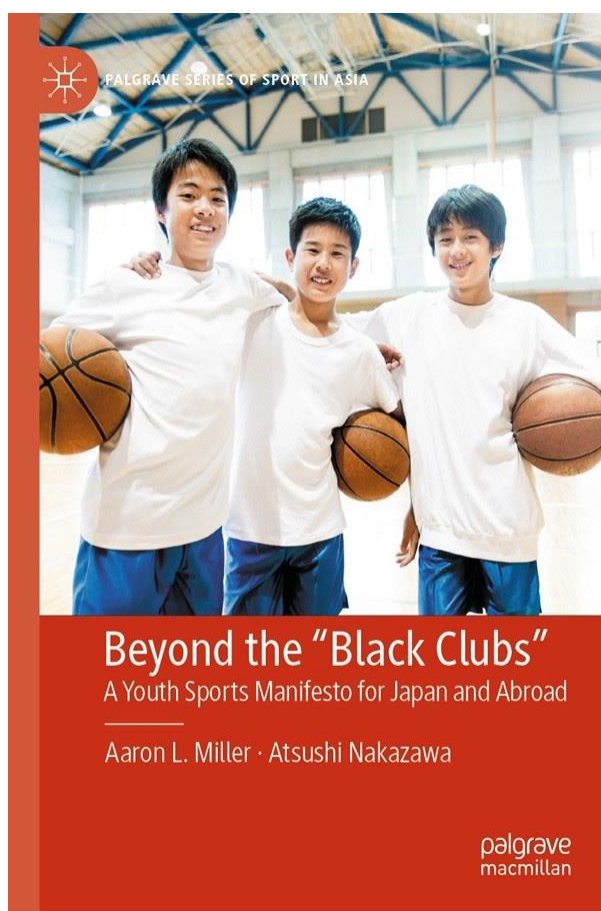
ISA RC27 News



A reminder that you can watch the first 2 ReCo webinars on the [ISA Youtube Channel](#) or in your ISA [Benefits Page](#)

We also promote ISA and RC events and publications on our Facebook page.

New Books



7 - Beyond the "Black Clubs": A Youth Sports Manifesto for Japan and Abroad

by Aaron L. Miller & Atsushi Nakazawa

Beyond the "Black Clubs": A Youth Sports Manifesto for Japan and Abroad

Based on a unique blending of sociology, history, anthropology, and philosophy, this book by Aaron L. Miller & Atsushi Nakazawa seeks to reinvigorate youth-centered sports along a path of inclusivity, play, and enjoyment. Beyond the Black Clubs represents a groundbreaking collaboration between leading global researchers as they unravel the intricate tapestry of youth sports in Japan. From Japan's opening to the West in the nineteenth century, the state-driven fusion of sports and education has given rise to a powerful apparatus of moral education, which has helped sustain social stability, order, and hierarchy. And yet, the current state of youth sports is unfortunately pockmarked by so-called "black clubs"—school sports clubs that allow practices such as hazing and corporal punishment, and which lead to many injuries and accidents. This meticulously researched book unveils the global undercurrents that have shaped youth sports in Japan and created the conditions for these black clubs to emerge and, by demanding the attention and action of fellow adults, lays the

intellectual foundation for a brighter sports future for all Japanese youth as well as all youth athletes abroad.

- The first book to cover the history, philosophy and culture of youth sports in Japan
- The only book focused on articulating a future vision for, and improved provision of, Japanese youth sports
- Accessible to any reader, this book will appeal to anyone interested in sport, society, education, and globalization

Aaron L. Miller is a lecturer in the Departments of Kinesiology at California State University, East Bay (CSUEB), San Jose State University (SJSU), and at St. Mary's College of California, where he teaches a range of courses in sociology, history, anthropology, and philosophy to undergraduate and graduate students.

Atsushi Nakazawa, after working as a lecturer and associate professor at Hitotsubashi University's Graduate School of Social Sciences, became an associate professor and later full professor at Waseda University's School of Sport Sciences. Atsushi Nakazawa specializes in the sociology of sports, physical education, and social welfare.

Members' News

Congratulations to **Bo Peng** who was recently honoured with the Timothy Fok Scholastic Award for Sports and Recreation Management 2025. Bo Peng officially graduated with a PhD from the Department of Sports Science and Physical Education, Faculty of Education, at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). Bo Peng has transitioned into a new role within the Gender Studies Programme at the Faculty of Social Sciences, CUHK. In this capacity, Bo is teaching courses in Qualitative Research Methodologies in Gender Studies, while also supervising undergraduate theses.

[Launch of the UNESCO Chair in Sport for Development, Peace, and the Environment](#) [UQAM | Université du Québec à Montréal](#)

On August 12, 2025, Université du Québec à Montréal inaugurated its seventh UNESCO Chair, co-directed by Professor [Tegwen Gadais](#) and Professor [Karen Petry](#). The initiative aims to integrate sport into strategies for sustainable development, peace, and environmental protection.

The Chair takes a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach, bringing together researchers, NGOs, and policymakers from both the Global North and South. Its focus spans four key areas: gender and equity, health and education, environment and nature, and peace and social cohesion. Students are also actively involved, contributing their skills, research, and energy to advance the Chair's mission.

A heartfelt thank you to the students and the UQAM team for their invaluable support in organizing this launch.

Congratulations to the entire team for this significant achievement! Read the full article [here](#)



En Français

Le 12 août 2025, l'Université du Québec à Montréal ([UQAM | Université du Québec à Montréal](#)) a inauguré sa septième Chaire UNESCO, codirigée par les professeurs Tegwen Gadais et Karen Petry. Cette initiative vise à intégrer le sport dans les stratégies de développement durable, de paix et de protection de l'environnement.

La Chaire adopte une approche collaborative et interdisciplinaire, réunissant des chercheurs, des ONG et des décideurs des pays du Nord et du Sud. Ses travaux s'articulent autour de quatre axes principaux : genre et équité, santé et éducation, environnement et nature, ainsi que paix et cohésion sociale. Les étudiantes et étudiants y participent activement, en mettant à profit leurs compétences, leurs recherches et leur énergie pour faire progresser la mission de la Chaire.

Un remerciement particulier au Fonds de recherche du Québec ([Fonds de recherche du Québec](#)), à l'Université du Québec à Montréal et au [Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie du Québec](#) pour leur soutien dans la réalisation de ce projet.

Un immense merci également aux étudiants et à l'équipe de l'UQAM pour leur précieuse contribution à l'organisation de ce lancement.

Félicitations à toute l'équipe pour cette réalisation importante

Lire l'article complet [ici](#)

[Advancing Mobility Justice, Gender Equity, and Climate Action through Sport](#)

This in-person three-day international symposium, held at the University of York, Ontario, brought together attendees from around the world, leading global and local scholars, international agency representatives (e.g., United Nations Environment Programme), sport organizations (e.g., Commonwealth Sport Canada), and sport industry leaders (Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment). Throughout the symposium we aimed to foster a safe space for

vulnerable discussions on topics such as feminist ethics and mobilities of care, mobility justice as both a field of inquiry and activism, South-South cooperation, and South-North policy learning.

Symposium discussions extended broadly, from creating equitable and climate-just systems of movement through a context-driven approach to exploring community-based participatory action research methodologies to increase access to health and recreation services. These dialogues will be further extended through a forthcoming virtual transnational collective platform, designed to facilitate sustained cross-sectoral collaboration, share toolkits with practical steps on creating climate-sensitive infrastructure within community contexts, and to ignite resource mobilization and knowledge exchange beyond the symposium.

The symposium celebrated the launch of three policy briefs regarding mobility justice across the globe. More information can be found by visiting <https://linktr.ee/dreaminglab>.

We have overwhelming gratitude for the support and partnerships from The Centre for Feminist Research (CFR), The CITY Institute of York University, LaMarsh Centre for Child and Youth Research at York University, and York University. These collaborations made it possible to convene a global network of scholars, NGOs, policymakers, and practitioners to exchange expertise and co-develop strategies for inclusive mobility.



Call for Papers

Special Issue of *Youth*



Discrimination and Inclusion in Youth Leisure

Discrimination in all its forms remains a critical issue, particularly within leisure settings that are often assumed to be barrier-free, inclusive, and beneficial. Although advocates and policymakers extoll the virtues of leisure participation and its ability to promote social cohesion and life skill development, these environments can also be sites of exclusion and

inequity. In fact, discriminatory behavior—whether systemic, interpersonal, or institutional—is widely reported both anecdotally and scientifically within various leisure sub-sectors. Traditional leisure offers (e.g., museums, theatres, and sport clubs) are often less accessible to diverse or vulnerable groups, and there are numerous cultural, linguistic, and financial barriers that limit participation in leisure activities. These barriers are especially pronounced among youth, whose participation in organized leisure tends to decline significantly during adolescence.

Taking a broad view of leisure—including sport, cultural offers of every kind (ranging from subcultural activities to so-called ‘high’-culture formats), events, and more—this Special Issue aims to shed light on the relationship between leisure and discrimination amongst youth, as well as investigate approaches to ensure greater inclusion and diversity within youth leisure settings. It focuses deliberately on offline or real-life leisure activities, as these require different structural conditions than online offers. We invite contributions that explore how leisure can both reflect and challenge broader social inequalities and how inclusive practices can be fostered through policy, programming, and community engagement. Authors are encouraged to engage critically with concepts of discrimination and inclusion and to consider the implications of their findings from practical and theoretical perspectives.

In this Special Issue, original research articles and reviews are welcome. Research areas may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Experiences of discrimination in various leisure settings, including sport, culture, arts, events, and more;
- The impact of discrimination on leisure participation;
- Studies of interventions or initiatives that support leisure inclusion;
- Analyses of the role of policy in fostering leisure inclusion;
- Intersectional approaches to understanding exclusion in leisure;
- Comparative studies across countries or cultural contexts;
- Youth-led initiatives or participatory research promoting inclusive leisure.

We look forward to receiving your contributions!

Prof. Dr. Louis Moustakas and Prof. Dr. Agnes Bidmon

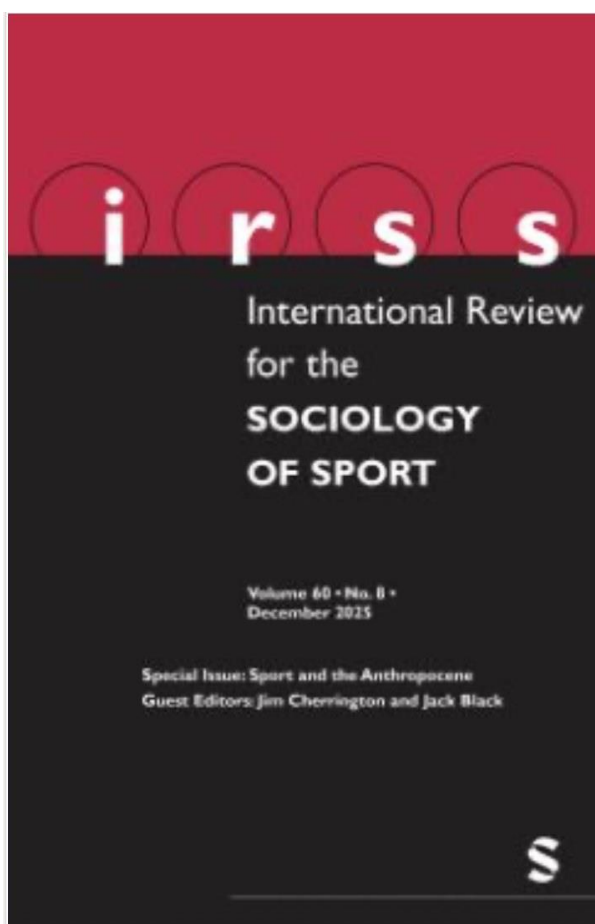
Guest Editors

Details about submission [here](#)

IRSS News



Hot off the Press! The Special Issue titled **Sport and the Anthropocene** has just been published.



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.

[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 via our contact page on our [website](#). 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 on our [website](#)

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 [website](#)



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