

SOCI 495B Advanced Studies in Sociology (Sociology of Soccer)

Instructor

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Course description

We will explore a range of topics in the sociology of soccer (association football): the origins of the game; spectator identities and the rivalry between Rangers and Celtic fans; hooliganism; sexism, heterosexism, racism and classism in soccer; the celebrity of George Best and David Beckham; pickup soccer; and what makes players or teams successful. We meet Wednesdays 4:00–7:00 pm in IONA Room 301.

Prerequisite

SOCI 100, 101 or 102

Assessment

The final grade will be based on class participation (including weekly reflections), a midterm exam, a group presentation and a final exam

- class participation/reflections (20%)
- midterm exam (30%) on Feb 13
- group presentation (20%) on Mar 27 or Apr 3
- final exam (30%) during the final exam period

Group presentations

Early in the term students will be assigned to groups of two persons each. Each group will deliver a presentation of approximately 15-20 minutes on content that supplements but goes beyond the course materials.

Attendance

Students are expected to regularly attend classes and write exams at the scheduled times. Students who encounter medical, emotional or personal problems that affect their ability to attend classes or write exams should contact Arts Academic Advising. Make-up exams will be scheduled only if Arts Academic Advising formally indicates that this is appropriate. Accommodation for missed reflections also requires a letter from Arts Academic Advising. Students who are unable to write the final exam at the scheduled time should apply to Arts Academic Advising for AEG (aegrotat) or SD (deferred standing); if SD is granted a make-up final exam will be held during the formal SD exam period for the Winter session (typically in late July or early August). UBC accommodates students with disabilities who have registered with the Disability Resource Centre. The university also accommodates students whose religious obligations conflict with attendance, submitting assignments or completing scheduled tests or examinations. A list of religious holidays involving fasting, abstention from work or study or participation in religious activities is available on the UBC website. Students should let the instructor know in advance (in the first two weeks of the course) if they will require accommodation on these grounds. Students who plan to be absent for varsity athletics, family obligations or other commitments should not assume they will be accommodated and should discuss their commitments with the instructor early in the term. Please refer to the UBC Academic Calendar for a more thorough discussion of academic concession.

Schedule

Week 1 (Jan 2): Origins

- Collins, Tony. 2017. Association and rugby football: Two codes, one historiography. *Routledge Handbook of Football Studies*. New York, NY: Routledge (Chapter 3).

Week 2 (Jan 9): Identities

- Giulianotti, Richard. 2002. Supporters, followers, fans, and flâneurs: A taxonomy of spectator identities in football. *Journal of Sport & Social Issues* 26, 1, 25-46.
- Farred, Grant. 2002. Long distance love: Growing up a Liverpool Football Club fan. *Journal of Sport & Social Issues* 26, 1, 6-24.
- Foer, Franklin. 2004. How soccer explains the pornography of sects. *How Soccer Explains the World*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers, pp. 35-64.

Week 3 (Jan 16): Hooligans

- Dunning, Eric, Patrick J. Murphy and John Williams. 2014. *The Roots of Football Hooliganism (RLE Sports Studies): An Historical and Sociological Study*. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, pp. 1-31.
- Foer, Franklin. 2004. How soccer explains the sentimental hooligan. *How Soccer Explains the World*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers, pp. 89-114.

Week 4 (Jan 23): Gender

- Giulianotti, Richard. 2016. Gender and sexuality in sport: Playing against patriarchy. *Sport: A Critical Sociology. 2nd Edition*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 96-115.
- Christopherson, Neal, Michelle Janning and Eileen Diaz McConnell. 2002. Two kicks forward, one kick back: A content analysis of media discourses on the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer Championship. *Sociology of Sport Journal* 19, 2, 170-188.
- Scraton, Sheila, Jayne Caudwell and Samantha Holland. 2005. 'Bend it like Patel': Centring 'race,' ethnicity and gender in feminist analysis of women's football in England. *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* 40, 1, 71-88.

Week 5 (Jan 30): Sexuality

- Magrath, Rory and Eric Anderson. 2017. Homophobia in men's football. *Routledge Handbook of Football Studies*. New York, NY: Routledge (Chapter 27).
- Caudwell, Jayne. 2002. Women's experiences of sexuality within football contexts: A particular and located footballing epistemology. *Football Studies* 5, 1, 24-45.
- Cleland, Jamie. 2018. Sexuality, masculinity and homophobia in association football: An empirical overview of a changing cultural context. *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* 53, 4, 411-423.

Week 6 (Feb 6): Racism

- Giulianotti, Richard. 2016. 'Race' and ethnicity in sport: Competing against racism and intolerance. *Sport: A Critical Sociology. 2nd Edition*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 75-95.
- McCarthy, D., R.L. Jones and P. Potrac. 2003. Constructing images and interpreting realities: The case of the Black soccer player on television. *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* 38, 2, 217-238.

Week 7 (Feb 13): Midterm exam

Week 8 (Feb 27): Social class

- Giulianotti, Richard. 2016. Bourdieu on sport: Domination, distinction and the public intellectual. *Sport: A Critical Sociology. 2nd Edition*. Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 170-188.
- Pope, Stacey. 2015. 'It's such a class thing': Rivalry and class distinction between female fans of men's football and rugby union. *Sociological Research Online* 20, 2, 1-14.
- Swanson, Lisa. 2016. A generational divide within the class-based production of girls in American youth soccer. *Soccer & Society* 17, 6, 898-909.

Week 9 (Mar 6): Celebrity

- Andrews, David L. and Bryan C. Clift. 2017. Football and stardom: On context, intertextuality and reflexivity. *Routledge Handbook of Football Studies* (Chapter 17). New York, NY: Routledge.
- Gee, Sarah. 2013. Bending the codes of masculinity: David Beckham and flexible masculinity in the new millennium. *Sport in Society* 17, 7, 917-936.

Week 10 (Mar 13): Pickup

- Worby, Eric. 2009. The play of race in a field of urban desire. *Critique of Anthropology* 29, 1, 105-123.
- Ellis, Joseph M. and Hemant Sharma. 2013. Can't play here: The decline of pickup soccer and social capital in the USA. *Soccer & Society* 14, 3, 364-385.

Week 11 (Mar 20): Success

- Rosar, Ulrich. 2017. Physical attractiveness and monetary success in German Bundesliga. *Soccer & Society* 18, 1, 102-120.
- Kuper, Simon and Stefan Szymanski. 2018. Why England loses and other Europeans win: Beaten by a dishwasher. *Soccernomics (2018 World Cup Edition): Why England Loses, Why Germany, Spain, and France Win, and Why One Day Japan, Iraq, and the United States Will Become Kings of the World's Most Popular Sport*, pp. 346-395.
- Kuper, Simon and Stefan Szymanski. 2018. Made in Amsterdam: The rise of Spain and the triumph of European knowledge networks. *Soccernomics (2018 World Cup Edition): Why England Loses, Why Germany, Spain, and France Win, and Why One Day Japan, Iraq, and the United States Will Become Kings of the World's Most Popular Sport*, pp. 396-411.

Weeks 12 (Mar 27) & 13 (Apr 3): Presentations