



## **Call for Paper**

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### **RN28 - Society And Sports**

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#### **Description of the Research network:**

Involving millions of European citizens, the emotions of sport and physical activity contribute to shape interaction models, accomplish socialization processes, express local, national and transnational identities and senses of belonging.

The Research Network 28 "Society and Sports" aims at encouraging and supporting research within this highly relevant field, serving as a forum for exchange, collaboration and sharing among sociologists of sport and those with overlapping interests.

#### **General call for paper:**

##### **Sports and Social Relations in Turbulent Times**

The RN Society and Sports invites papers for the Esa conference to be held in Geneva in September 2011. As highlighted in the conference theme, the financial crisis is posing new challenges to the European societies, opening the way to many possible transformations. Established practices and institutions may crumble and die and new configurations and alliances may rise.

How are these dynamics reflected in the field of sports, physical activities and body cultures? How will the sphere of sport face the challenges coming from the financial crisis? What models for sport will be sustainable in the future? Are alternatives for the current sport policies necessary? To what extent are post-crisis developments in the context of sport specific when compared to the spheres of economics and politics? To what extent can be the evidence from sport transposed to other spheres of social and cultural life?

The RN Society and Sports invites papers exploring these and other questions from all areas of the sociology of sport. In particular, we are interested in papers that focus on one of the following areas:

- Sport, development and peace
- Sport and social inclusion
- Physical activity and neoliberal governance
- Sport and media
- Professional sports
- Alternative sports
- Social theory and sport (joint session with the RN 29 Social Theory)
- Sport and religion/spirituality (joint session with the RN 7 Sociology of Culture)

Papers focusing on different topics are also welcome.

The **deadline** for abstract submission is **25th February 2011**. Notification of acceptance will be given by **6th April 2011**.

The deadline for sending full written papers to RN/RS and LOC is **15th July 2011**. Full papers which are not submitted until this date will not be considered for publication. Submission of full papers is not mandatory.

Abstracts should have no more than 300 words, can only be **submitted online** at:

<http://www.esa10thconference.com/submission.php>

They must include: 1) name (s) and affiliation (s) of the author(s); 2) contact details of presenting author (postal address, telephone, fax and email address); 3) title of proposed presentation. 4) If your abstract refers to one of the above-mentioned topics, please indicate which one.

Abstracts will be reviewed by peers according to the following criteria:

- Whether the paper will make an original, understandable, and meaningful contribution to sociology of sport debates.
- What research or evidence the paper is based on.
- Which existing theories and concepts the paper deals with.

**Specific Session title I:** Sport, development and peace

**Specific Session title II:** Sport and social inclusion

**Specific Session title III:** Physical activity and neoliberal governance

**Specific Session title IV:** Sport and media

**Specific Session title V:** Professional sports

**Specific Session title VI:** Alternative sports

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