

Call for Papers: Kick it! The Anthropology of European Football Vienna, 25/26 October 2013

Football is one of the most well-loved and most widely shared expressions of popular culture. But why does football have a social role that stretches way beyond the stadium? The international conference “The Anthropology of European Football” seeks to understand football’s impact on everyday lives and identity dynamics in Europe. Thereby, the football phenomenon is not only perceived as being related to class relations and subculture, but at the same time as a symbolic domain that produces social identities at various levels.

Therefore, we would welcome proposals for papers on any of the following research strands, but by no means confined to these areas:

- How are supporter and fan identities created in the everyday practices of football fan culture?
- How do globalisation, commercialisation, and migration exert an influence on football fan culture?
- What impact do Europeanisation and the increasing mobility of both supporters and players have on the self-perception of football fans?
- How is the “Other” created among fans? How are exclusion and inclusion practices enacted, narrated and reproduced?
- What cleavages and loyalties cross-cut European football, such as East vs. West and North vs. South, class, gender or politics?

Keynote lectures: Dr. Cornel Sandvoss (University of Surrey, UK) and Dr. Hani Zubida (The Max Stern Yezreel Valley College, Israel).

We invite papers from researchers at all stages of their career. We especially encourage applicants whose research is based on ethnographic fieldwork or those with an anthropological background.

Proposals should include an abstract of 300 words, the author’s institutional affiliation, contact details and a short biography (all on one page). The submission deadline is 10 May 2013. Successful applicants will be notified by the end of June, with registration for the conference being opened after that date. Selected papers will be published as part of a special issue of an academic journal or an edited volume.

The event is part of the interdisciplinary European research project FREE - Football Research in an Enlarged Europe (www.free-project.eu) funded by the European Commission’s 7th European Framework Programme for Research (FP7). The conference is organised within the scope of the anthropological research strand of the project by the Department of European Ethnology at the University of Vienna in collaboration with the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at the Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań. Please contact the local conference organisers if you require further information as to this conference, or the research network generally: Alexandra Schwell (alexandra.schwell@univie.ac.at) and Nina Szogs (nina.szogs@univie.ac.at).

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