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Call for Papers for Special Bilingual Issue of Przegląd Socjologii Jakościowej

(Qualitative Sociology Review):

SPORT IN DISCOURSE, DISCOURSES OF SPORT

The recent couple of years have witnessed new topics and contexts in public debates surrounding contemporary sport. Important threads in the debate have also come from within the world of sport, voiced by prominent sportsmen and sportswomen, coaches, physicians, sports officials, and journalists. To name just a few:

Ongoing controversies concerning the record breaking figures paid for and to football players in Europe, which is still recovering from the economic crisis, added new topics to the debate concerning the commercialization and hypercommodification of a global sport.

Growing public concern accompanied the debate on Sport Mega Events hosted in countries which do not embrace democratic values. The cases of the Beijing Summer Olympic Games, Sochi Winter Olympic Games and forthcoming World Cup football tournaments in Qatar and Russia were approached on a variety of aspects, including: lack of clarity concerning the decision-making process, economic rationality for hosting countries, the protection of human rights (e.g. of sexual minorities and immigrants) in countries hosting/preparing for the tournaments, and the freedom of political expression of sportsmen and women, which was limited by threats made by the International Olympic Committee in advance of the Beijing event.

The Lance Armstrong doping scandal shocked the world of cycling, yet further revelations provided by Eufemiano Fuentes and the recent publication of the book by Mads Drange fuelled the debate on doping occurring in sporting disciplines and in countries perceived as strongholds of 'clean' sport. This has added relevance to the ongoing debate concerning the legalization of doping in sport, while the case of Oscar Pistorius and his use of prosthetics ignited the debate towards the possible limits of biomechanical intervention in the body of an athlete.

The suspicions of corruption surrounding the decisions of major world sport federations, accompanied by the numerous examples of large scale bookmaking scandals, have raised further doubts about the possibilities and procedures to control or reduce the scale of match fixing or the impact of gambling businesses on contemporary sport.

The coming out of several former/current professional football and basketball players have finally put the topic of homosexuality on the agenda, challenging traditional tabooization of this topic as contradictory to stereotypical representation of masculinity/femininity in sport.

The growing recognition of the Paralympic Games with record breaking attendances, broadcasting coverage and mass-market appeal during the 2012 London Paralympic Games has contributed to the further appreciation of athletes with disabilities and re-ignited the debates about disability rights.

We kindly invite contributions applying all kinds of high quality, empirical, in-depth analysis of the discourses surrounding sport present inside the world of professional sport. All theoretical frameworks and methodologies within the qualitative paradigm are welcomed.

TIME FRAME:

Abstract (up to 500 words) submissions – **28 February, 2014**

Acceptance notification – **10 March, 2014**

Deadline for submitting full paper – **31 May, 2014**

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Abstracts and inquiries should be sent to the guest editor:

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