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Moving Forward? Conversations about the Sociology of Sport in Turbulent Times

**Announcing Virtual ISSA 2020 (vISSA 2020)
from Parissa Safai, General Secretary**

Dear ISSA members,

Like other national and international scholarly communities and organizations, the International Sociology of Sport Association (ISSA) is navigating through uncharted waters as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. In partnership with ALESDE and CLASCO, our annual World Congress that was originally scheduled to be held in Chile in October 2020 has been postponed to 2021. This was a necessary decision given national and international travel and health restrictions, as well as our own commitment to safeguarding the health of our members. Understandably, the postponement of our annual Congress means the loss of a physical opportunity to gather together to discuss, debate, and advance our field.

In order to continue to advance academic dialogue and exchange, as well as to support our international community of members in their efforts to stay connected to one another, ISSA is pleased to announce a series of virtual “live” (synchronous) panel discussions to be held in October 2020 (the discussions will occur between October 8 to 16, exact dates and times of each session to be announced) following our virtual AGM on October 7, 2020.

Under an overarching theme, entitled *Moving Forward? Conversations about the Sociology of Sport in Turbulent Times*, these panels are comprised of discussants from all around the world who will focus on providing critical analysis and commentary on the following themes:

- The Future of International Sport Events in a (Post?) Pandemic World
- The Consequences of COVID-19 for Women’s Sport
- Pandemics and Protests: Is this a Turning Point for In/Equity in Sport?
- Sport y Pandemia in Latin America (in partnership with ALESDE/CLASCO)

Over the coming days and weeks, more specific information about these panel sessions will be sent to ISSA members including information on session registration and webinar links. There is no cost associated with these panel sessions, and every effort will be made to afford time in each session for dialogue and discussion among panellists and session attendees. The panel discussions will be recorded and recordings will be made available online for those who are unable to join ‘in person.’

In addition to these panel discussions, and in an effort to support graduate students during these turbulent times, there will be a virtual webinar for graduate students entitled “Graduate Study and Careers: Opportunities and Challenges in a Post-Covid World” on Thursday October 15, 2020, 9 am NZST (New Zealand Date/Time). As moderated by Steve Jackson (University of Otago, NZ), speakers Marcelle Dawson (University of Otago, NZ), Cecilia Stenling (Umeå University, SE), and Sarah Gee (University of Windsor, CA) will discuss a range of topics related to the teaching, research, and career opportunities in the pandemic/post-pandemic landscape for current graduates and post-graduates.

Lastly, the students of the top three ranking papers submitted to the 2020 ISSA Graduate Paper Award – Bethany Geckle (University of Otago, NZ), Daniel Eisenkraft Klein (University of Toronto, CA), and Bridgette Desjardins (Carleton University, CA) – have graciously agreed to prepare short video podcasts of their papers. These videos will be posted in early- to mid-October, and more information about them will also be forthcoming.

THE 2020 GRADUATE PAPER WINNERS!

ISSA is thrilled to announce the winner of the 2020 Graduate Paper Award: Bethany Geckle (University of Otago) for her paper entitled: “Failure for the Future: Queering Skateboarding and Making Space.”

In addition, honorable mention goes to Daniel Eisenkraft Klein (University of Toronto) for his paper: “Plus-Development: Restrictions and Limitations within Corporate Sport-for-Development.”

A warm thank you to all the students who submitted to the competition this year, and we would be remiss not to acknowledge our deep appreciation and thanks to the 2020 ISSA GPA reviewers (in alphabetical order): Sun-Yong Kwon, Simona Safarikova, Jacco van Sterkenburg, Dóczy Tamás, and Pinar Yaprak.

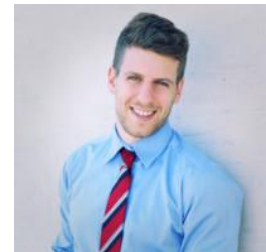
Bethany Geckle (University of Otago), Winner, 2020 ISSA GPA

for *Failure for the Future: Queering Skateboarding and Making Space*
Bethany Geckle is a PhD student at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. Her work explores the relationships between skateboarding, drag, punk, hip hop, and alternative art. Specifically, she investigates how networks of people, materials, and ideas can stabilize, destabilize, and revise dominant heteronormativity. She is supervised by Dr. Sally Shaw and Dr. Doug Booth with the School of Physical Education, Sport and Exercise Sciences, and Dr. Rosemary Overell in Media, Film and Communication.



Daniel Eisenkraft Klein (University of Toronto), Honorable Mention, 2020 ISSA GPA

for *Plus-Development: Restrictions and Limitations within Corporate Sport-for-Development*
Daniel Eisenkraft Klein is currently completing his PhD at the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health. His Master's research, supervised by Dr. Simon Darnell, focused on corporate social responsibility and sport-for-development in the context of dwindling social services. His present focus remains on structural socio-economic inequities and political economy, examining commercial and economic determinants of health.



Stay tuned to the ISSA website as the students of the top three ranking papers from the 2020 GPA competition will be preparing video podcasts of their work!

INTRODUCING OUR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Advisory Board (AB) members play an important role in ISSA. They are a key link between our membership and the Board. As an international association with members scattered across the world, part of our remit is to make sure we promote the discipline widely and nurture active links with our membership wherever it is based. Our AB member system is well placed to help us fulfil our remit.

Indeed, it can be difficult to have meaningful dialogues and representation, even with the plethora of modes of communications we have at our disposal these days. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this challenge in myriad ways, starting with the postponement of our face-to-face congress for 2020. This year our AB members are playing a particularly important role in facilitating our virtual events of 2020. But beyond 2020, we are, like a lot of organisations and individuals, facing an uncertain future and who knows when we will be able to meet in person again. So it is important that we introduce our AB members properly, especially if you are new to the Association, aren't sure how to make your voice heard within your country or region, whether your country or region has a representative and what this person can do to facilitate your sense of belonging and your ability to contribute.

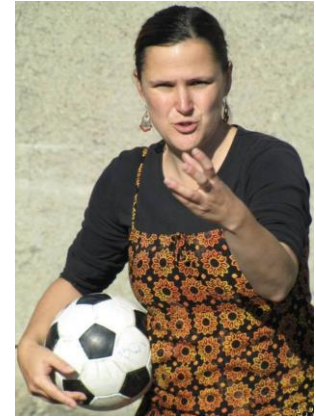
In this bulletin we are showcasing three of our AB members: Tzu-hsuan “Sean” Chen, Simona Šafaříková and Tamas Doczi

Prof Tzu-hsuan “Sean” Chen: I am an Advisory Board member based in Taiwan. I am Professor at the Graduate Institute of Physical Education, National Taiwan Sport University. I have a Ph.D. in Journalism and Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin – Madison, USA, master degree in Journalism, bachelor degree in economics from the National Taiwan University. I am Deputy Secretary of Taiwan Society of Sport Sociology and Deputy CEO of the 2017 ISSA World Congress Organizing Committee in Taiwan.



My research interests currently focus on sport and mass media, globalization, fan culture and nationalism. I have published works in English on numerous renowned journals such as *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*, *Sociology of Sport Journal*, and *International Journal of the History of Sport*, along with papers in Mandarin. I serve as an editorial board member for *Communication & Sport*. With Alan Bairner and Ying Chiang we are working on *Sport in Taiwan: History, Culture, Policy* (coming up in 2021). I published *Leftfield – Sport Sociologist Speaking Out* (in Mandarin) in 2019. I earned the honor of “Outstanding Young Scholar” research grant from the Ministry of Science and Technology of Taiwan in 2019. Besides academic works, I also write regularly for the *United Daily News* on current sport affairs and culture. Lastly I am also a TV commentator/anchor for sport broadcast in Taiwan, including the Olympics, Major League Baseball and the National Football League. I would welcome trans-national research projects on media industry or fan culture with fellow scholars around the world.

Dr. Simona Šafaříková: I am an Advisory Board member based in the Czech Republic. I have been working at Palacky University, Olomouc, since 2008. I am based in the department of Development and Environmental Studies (Faculty of Science) and I also teach at the Faculty of Physical Culture. I am very much involved in the topic of Sport for Development (and Peace). I studied Physical Education and Geography at master level. This influenced the focus of my dissertation entitled “*The Influence of Sport and Physical Activities on Youth Development within the Context of Developing Countries (The Kids League, Uganda)*”. In my work at the two different faculties, I try to make connections between development and sport studies bringing the topic of international development to sport, leisure and APA students and talking about sport to students of development studies. In the Czech Republic I was involved in the *Football for Development* project. I have worked and taught in many different countries (e.g. Colombia, South Africa, Morocco, Kyrgyzstan, Brazil, France, Spain, Mexico, UK, Mongolia, etc.) and I always bring this experience into my classes.



I have done sport-for-development (SFD) research e.g. in Uganda and in the last few years I have cooperated with several Colombian SFD NGOs. I am involved in the project called GloKnoCo (www.gloknoco.net) that brings the topic of SFD to students and makes connection between universities and the NGO sector. I am a huge fan of international cooperation and I have actively participated as local director in the joint master degree GLODEP (www.glodep.eu). In 2020 together with other colleagues I received the Advanced Olympic Research Grant entitled “*South American Sport for Development voices and the Sustainable Development Goals*”. I became a member of ISSA in 2010, and in 2019 I joined its Advisory Board.

Dr Tamas Doczi: I am an Advisory Board member based in Hungary. I work as an associate professor at the University of Physical Education, Budapest, Hungary, teaching sociology of sport and other sociology and research-related subjects, and supervising a number of students in their sport and sociology related PhD-projects. My main research areas include: sport, globalization and national identity, social inclusion through sport, sport policy, sport for development and peace, social impact of international sport events, and the elite athletic career. I have been member of the Advisory Board of ISSA since 2016 and contributed to past conferences as an organizer (2016), mentor (2017) and GPA reviewer (2017, 2019, 2020).



As a sport enthusiast living in Central and Eastern Europe, I’ve had the opportunity to observe the state socialist sport system at work and how it evolved into the current, hybrid sports economy, an experience probably shared by colleagues coming from this region. Although I see myself as a huge fan of sport, ever since I started to approach it from a scientific perspective, I have come to see the controversies surrounding it, especially the ones between how (sport) politicians and business leaders talk about the social functions of sport and how these functions actually take shape in reality. I believe the time of the pandemic has also shown how important sport is for humanity, but also how unimportant it can be in so many ways, so critically studying it is of crucial importance.

As a representative of ISSA in the region, I would like to contribute to the development of sociology of sport in a way that scholars from CE Europe can make their voices heard on international (English language) scientific platforms, and to achieve this, I am happy to

collaborate with colleagues who are interested. I believe ISSA is an organization where these initiatives can get recognition and encouragement.



A SECOND MEETING WITH OTHER SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

You will remember from our previous Bulletin that I reported back on a meeting that Brett Smith, President of International Society of Qualitative Research in Sport & Exercise organised to bring together representatives from a range of sport-related Associations (including NASSS, EASS, BASES, NASPSA, ISSP and ISSA) to discuss opportunities for collaboration, mutual support, and exchange of information as we face up to the implications of COVID-19.

We met again in early July to catch up on developments in our respective associations and take stock of experiences so far. Several of us had already decided to explore the potential of virtual events (full conferences, seminars, poster presentations) and we were keen to find out how NASPSA had got on with their June virtual conference! We also wanted to talk about teaching. It's clear from my own experience here at GCU, but also around our virtual table, that there is a lot of anxiety about how to shift to online teaching in such a short period of time, with little training and in some cases lack of clarity about how much face-to-face contact will be possible.

As I write this, in late August, my university has published its return to campus strategy. We are allowed some face-to-face activities with some groups of students, but we are going ahead with 90% remote teaching so we're redesigning our teaching like hell. Then the Scottish government announced yesterday that it had suspended its move to relax lockdown further because of a spike in infections, especially among young people ie students. How this will affect the University's strategy remains to be ascertained. I am not expecting a visit to my campus any time soon.

We got a few tips from Catherine Sabiston of NASPSA:

1. Record keynotes ahead of time and play them live, with speakers available for a live Q&A session.
2. Do a dry run 15 minutes before the session kicks off, so speakers, convenors and a tech person have to meet up first.
3. Use platforms like zoom webinar for large events, especially AGMs (Remember AGMs??), and zoom meeting for Q&As (not advertising this particular platform but its different declensions).
4. Break out rooms for end of conference social networking will help foster networking and long term contacts.

5. Short presentations can be posted to a YouTube channel.
6. Have a background staff – e.g. student volunteers and colleagues. Don't do this on your own!
7. Best to hold the conference over two days, rather than one long one-day event.
8. Events can be made open to all, but only members of the Association can access recordings of events.

In our discussion about online teaching I shared some of my own experiences. GCU has been remarkably supportive by providing a Going Digital Framework based on the Principles of Digital Learning, training in Camtasia, Ultra Collaborate and others, lists of appropriate (and inappropriate) software. I am happy to share my module structure and a link to one of my sway courses for anyone interested. And those of you on the NASSS Listserv might also have noticed the very active sharing of teaching tools and substantive material, an excellent example of collegiality at a time of emergency.

All this makes the issue of Equality and Diversity even more pertinent. In view of recent examples of racism, other forms of exclusion and harassment in several parts of the world, perhaps our efforts to think creatively about hosting good quality virtual events and providing good online teaching material will help us address accessibility and participation by a wider range of groups than face to face conferences and teaching could achieve.

Overall this was a very friendly and supportive meeting and we are likely to have more. If/when we resume 'normal' service of physical conferences, 2022 will likely have a congested calendar so Associations might need to be creative again by collaborating, for instance on keynote speakers, training events etc...

Emmanuelle Tulle
VP, Communications

Colleagues, additional perspectives or further tips about any of the above are warmly welcomed. Please feel free to feed them to me at communications@issa1965.org or on our ISSA Facebook page.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
International Sociology of Sport Association
Honorary Member Award 2020

It's not too late to nominate someone! The Executive Board invites nominations for an Honorary Member award in the International Sociology of Sport Association. This award honours outstanding contributions to the International Sociology of Sport Association and to the sociological study of sport.

The recipient of this award must meet both of the following criteria:

- a long career of service to the International Sociology of Sport Association, and a distinguished international academic career as a sociologist of sport. Individuals who are retired from formal academic positions are eligible for Honorary Member awards. In addition, the International Sociology of Sport Association will consider retrospectively honoring an individual's service and scholarship with a ceremonial posthumous Honorary Member award.

Honorary Members in the International Sociology of Sport Association receive:

- Full, lifetime membership in the International Sociology of Sport Association, including subscription to the *International Review for the Sociology of Sport*;
- Free, lifetime registration to the International Sociology of Sport Association's annual conference.

The list of current Honorary Members can be found at
<http://issa1965.org/board/#Honorary%20Members>

Nominations

Nominators should submit a 1 to 2-page document (letter) that describes in as much detail as possible how the nominee meets the International Sociology of Sport's Honorary Member criteria. Submit nominations by email to Mike Sam at
president@issa1965.org



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 at: communications@issa1965.org and 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 at president@issa1965.org.

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 at: communications@issa1965.org

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS AND ABSTRACTS

Palgrave book series: *Palgrave Studies in Masculinity, Sport and Exercise*

CALL FOR BOOK PROPOSALS

Recent years have seen the emergence of a considerable body of research investigating the complex nature of masculinity, and how it impacts on a wide range of sporting (and exercise) cultures. *Palgrave Studies in Masculinity, Sport and Exercise* is the first series solely dedicated to providing innovative and high-quality scholarship within this area of study. The series welcomes proposals for research monographs (60k words and above), Palgrave Pivots (25-50k words and above) and edited collections (70k words and above) examining critical, empirical and theoretical issues related to the study of masculinity, sport and exercise. The series has an international focus – both in terms of its authorship and readership – and welcomes relevant scholarship by established and emerging scholars in the field from any country.

Further information

For more information or general queries, please contact one of the series editors:

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Proposal forms, and information about publishing with Palgrave can be found on the Palgrave website: <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book-authors/publishing-guidelines/submit-a-proposal>

Special Issue: *Sport and Society: Cultures, Commerce, Media, Politics*
on Sport and Refugees: Displacement, Migration, and Settlement
Journeys

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Guest editors

Professor Ramón Spaaij, *Victoria University, Australia*

Dr Carla Luguetti, *Victoria University, Australia*

Dr Nicola De Martini Ugolotti, *Bournemouth University, UK*

Scope and aims

Sport can play a significant role in the everyday lives of people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, whether as athletes, informal participants, fans, coaches, or administrators. Government agencies, sport governing bodies, and humanitarian and development organisations have all directed attention to sport's potential contribution to refugee health, wellbeing, and social inclusion, and to promoting peaceful co-existence and intercultural learning between refugees and local communities. In 2018, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

the International Olympic Committee, and Terre des hommes launched the *Sport for Protection Toolkit: Programming with Young People in Forced Displacement Settings*. Another significant initiative occurred two years prior when, for the first time, a Refugee Olympic Team competed in the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Notwithstanding the global attention for sport as a stage or context for hope, belonging, and social inclusion of refugees and asylum seekers, scientific research on the topic is arguably still in its infancy. Applied research is required to produce a more robust knowledge base to inform sport and settlement policies, programs, knowledge sharing, and community capacity building. Only in the last few years has scientific research on the topic evolved in earnest (Bailey et al., 2017; Spaaij et al., 2019). A recent integrated review identifies key opportunities and areas for future research, upon which this special issue builds (Spaaij et al., 2019). Furthermore, more research is needed to critically analyse and interrogate the implications of existing approaches, practices, and research around sport and forced migration in reproducing, redressing and/or unsettling (skewed) discourses, policies, and assumptions surrounding forced migration within and beyond sporting domains.

This special issue aims to provide new knowledge and insights into refugees' lived experiences and journeys across all levels of sport – from grassroots to elite. The special issue will also provide a platform to better understand and showcase the contributions by refugees to local and global sports cultures, and to highlight the relevance of sport as a lens through which it is possible to reveal, interrogate, and address practices, narratives, and policies regarding forced migration in a variety of policy and social contexts.

Themes

Papers from different disciplines and perspectives are invited. Themes will include (but are not limited to):

- Policy discourses and institutional dynamics of sport, forced migration, and resettlement;
- The lived experiences of sport participation and fandom among refugee-background people across all levels of sport – from grassroots to elite;
- Contexts, mechanisms, and outcomes in sport-based programmes that work with refugee youth;
- Pedagogies of sport-based programmes that work with refugees;
- The politics and ethics of research on sport and forced migration;
- Methodological innovations in the study of sport, forced migration, and settlement;
- The challenges, opportunities, and ambivalences of sport as a means of social inclusion and political solidarity;
- Intersectional approaches to sport and forced migration.

Submission instructions

Deadline for the submission of abstracts: 31 October 2020

Files should include a title, authors, and an abstract of no more than 250 words. These should be sent to Professor Ramón Spaaij at ramon.spaaij@vu.edu.au.

Confirmation of invitations to submit full papers: 6 November 2020

Deadline for submission of full papers: 31 January 2021

Paper length: Maximum of 8,000 words including abstract, tables/figures, and references

Submission process: Papers should be submitted to the guest editors via email

Author guidelines and further information about the journal can be found at:

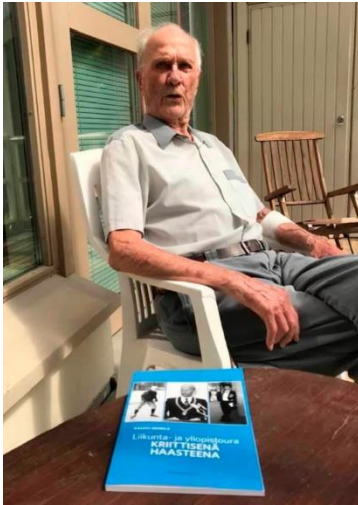
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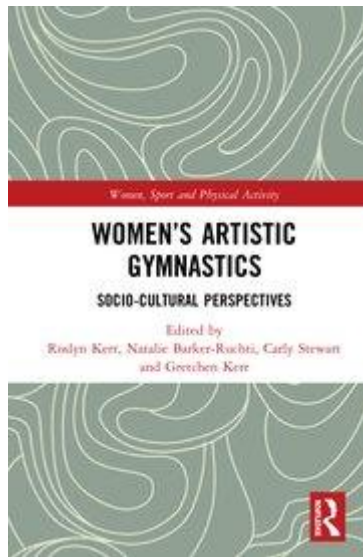
A NEW PUBLICATION BY KALEVI HEINILÄ

So you thought you could retire some day? Not so fast!

Kalevi Heinilä is the only surviving founder member of ISSA. He is pictured here celebrating the publication, at the tender age of 96 years, of his most recent book on sport and university careers as critical challenges. Kind thanks to Pasi Koski and Peter Donnelly for sharing this announcement and picture with ISSA.

Kalevi had a productive career at the University of Jyväskylä as Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Sport Science and Rector, from 1965 to 1987.

His work would shift academic and public debates in sport in Finland, drawing attention to the lived experience dimension of sport, the social and political underpinnings of sporting organisations as well as the emancipatory potential of sport participation. These innovations went hand in hand with innovations in sport research, promoting the adoption of social science and historical methods, thus enabling critical analyses of sport to flourish.



This book lifts the lid on the high pressured, complex world of women's artistic gymnastics. By adopting a socio-cultural lens incorporating historical, sociological and psychological perspectives, it takes the reader through the story and workings of women's artistic gymnastics.

Beginning with its early history as a 'feminine appropriate' sport, the book follows the sport through its transition to a modern sports form. Including global cases and innovative narrative methods, it explores the way gymnasts have experienced its intense challenges, the complexities of the coach-athlete relationship, and how others involved in the sport, such as parents and medical personnel, have contributed to the reproduction of a highly demanding and potentially abusive sporting culture.

With the focus on a unique women's sport, the book is an important read for researchers and students studying sport sociology, sport coaching, and physical education, but it is also a valuable resource for anyone interested in the development of sporting talent.

<https://www.routledge.com/Womens-Artistic-Gymnastics-Socio-cultural-Perspectives-1st-Edition/Kerr-Barker-Ruchti-Stewart-Kerr/p/book/9780367440015>



Submissions to Our Journal

Our journal's general editor, Dominic Malcolm, 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.

Book/Media Reviews

Authors wishing to review books or media (films, videos, interactive media) or contribute to a comparative review, please contact the book and media reviews editor directly: Dr. Kass Gibson, Plymouth Marjon University, Email: kgibson@marjon.ac.uk

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