Call for Papers:

Innovations in Sport for Development and Peace (SDP) Research

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Colloquium Organizers:
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Overview:

Building on the success of last summer’s Girlhood, International Development and Sport workshop at the University of Ottawa, we are pleased to invite proposals for participation in a colloquium on Innovations in Sport for Development and Peace (SDP) Research. While proposals do not need to consider the specific themes of gender or girlhood, we especially welcome contributions that focus on these areas. The goal of this colloquium is to anticipate, inspire and shape the next phase of research in, on and about SDP.

In this colloquium, we encourage scholars to address the above theme with theoretical, empirical or creative formats and are particularly interested in attracting scholars writing on or about SDP from interdisciplinary perspectives and the disciplines of history, sociology, political science, international studies, gender studies and development studies. We anticipate a range of paper topics and encourage contributors to explore new terrain and create unique paths. This includes providing insights from theoretical points of view including, but not limited to: critical, feminist, post-colonial or cultural studies perspectives. Some potential questions that also might be explored include: How do ever-evolving development and conflict situations stimulate new considerations from scholars working in the field of SDP? Will the United Nations’ recently released Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) inspire new ways of doing and theorizing SDP research and practice? What theoretical and methodological insights and challenges are afforded from research partnerships between researchers, local communities and practitioners? Have innovations in monitoring and evaluation (M&E) practices delivered new insights for the field? What can (sport) history tell us about the use of sport for development and peace purposes?

These questions are merely suggestive as we are open to a range of papers that address innovative theoretical, methodological, and substantive issues and questions. Those working in the various domains of the SDP sector are welcome to submit proposals and should note the event’s emphasis on research. We are investigating possibilities to live stream the workshop and thus welcome contributions from those unable to physically join us in Atlanta. Colloquium organizers are currently investigating suitable publication outlets for the collection of manuscripts presented in this workshop.
If interested please submit a 500 word abstract and a 200 word biography to Dr. Mary McDonald (mary.mcdonald@hsoc.gatech.edu) by November 10, 2015. Those selected will be notified by November 30, 2015 and required to provide a 5,000-7,000-word paper by April 15, 2016. Selected participants will present a 15-20 minute version of their longer paper at the workshop, which will also be read and commented upon by other participants. Financial support will be provided for two nights of accommodation, and meals during the duration of the workshop. This workshop will be held just after (May 31-June 1, 2016) the annual meeting of the North American Society for Sport History (NASSH) at the Georgia Tech hotel and Conference Center (May 27-30). Participants are strongly encouraged to attend both events and to also present their scholarship at NASSH. Please also contact Mary McDonald with any questions.