A
PERSONAL
ACADEMIC
ODYSSEY
SUMMATION
THE WORLD IS YOUR OYSTER

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An Academic Revolution in Sports Studies

The World is Your Oyster
WHY?

In the modern world sport is a major global phenomenon — with political, cultural, economic, spiritual and aesthetic dimensions.

E.J. Hobsbawm has called it one of the most significant social practices of late nineteenth century Europe.

Now its significance is international. This significance clearly increased in the last century and will increase further in the twenty first century.
QUESTION

The question should be asked as to why such an important aspect of the modern world has been so neglected in academia?
COMMENT

It is certainly time that sport should be incorporated within conventional academic debate about political ideologies, social organisation, stratification and mobility and cultural control!
ANSWER

SINCE THE 1980s, IT HAS!
OUTCOME

Massive surge in Sports Studies Publishing GLOBALLY

Publications in Sports Studies Internationally in twenty-five years have EXPLODED

The World is Your Oyster
A small seed has become a sturdy tree. Moreover, it has produced fruit of quality.

Now, some evidence from the English-speaking world.
SPRINTS STUDIES PUBLISHING

AN

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL

PERSPECTIVE
CREDENTIALS

- EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE
  International Founding Editor and Executive Academic Editor:

- JOURNALS & SERIES
  - The British Journal of Sports History
JOURNALS

• *The International Journal of the History of Sport*
• *Culture, Sport and Society*
• *Sport in Society*
• *Soccer and Society*
• *European Annual Sports Review*

BOOK SERIES

• *International Studies in the History of Sport*
• *Sport in the Global Society*
PUBLISHING REVOLUTION ENGLAND

1980: One publisher in sports studies: CASS
2000: Twelve publishers in sports studies including CASS, BERG, MAINSTREAM, EPON, DONALD, SAGE, SPON, ORION, PLUTO, ROUTLEDGE and several UNIVERSITY PRESSES
2006: Even more publishers!

The World is Your Oyster
These academic publishing innovations offer academics world-wide opportunities to publish their work in ENGLISH - the international language of academia.

They also serve to advance historical and other studies of sport.

AND THIS IS MERELY ONE ENGLISH SPEAKING COUNTRY!
PUBLICATIONS ARE STILL EVOLVING!

2003:
1. Cass merges with Taylor Francis/Informa/Routledge (largest global academic publishing conglomerate)
2. IJHS goes from 4 to 6 Numbers a year.
3. CSS expands to become Sport in Society.
4. ESHR expands to become the ISHR.
5. SGS reaches 60 volumes.
AND STILL EVOLVING!

Academic Publishing Explosion
Sports Studies

ILUSTRATION: IJHS
IJHS : 2007

TWELVE NUMBERS A YEAR 3 Regular Numbers(articles)
2 Collections(edited numbers)
2 Monographs(author numbers)
1 IOC Special Number
4 Regional numbers (and in 2009 a further number)
1 International Annual Review

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SIGN OF THE TIMES

- IJHS REGIONAL NUMBERS
- Major Development
  - South & North East Asia
  - South Asia
  - North America
  - Europe
  - Australasia & the Pacific
- Opportunities for regional academics to further regional scholarship.
IJHS

- 2009: 16 NOS A YEAR
- 2010: 18 NOS A YEAR
OTHER SIGNS OF THE TIMES
SGS
(Sport in Global Society)

1997- LAUNCHED- first VOL
2007 – CELEBRATED- 100 VOLS
2008 - OVER 110 VOLS
2009 – OVER 120 VOLS

Dramatic evidence of the explosion in Sports Studies in recent years.
DECLARATION
OVER THE HILLS AND FAR AWAY

T..., he was a piper's son.
He piped and piped till he was done.
The only tune he'd now play
Was 'Over the Hills and Far Away'.
Over the hills and away to 'play'
The Wind will keep Dark Clouds at bay.
(Adapted English Nursery Rhyme)

In the Prologue 'Swansong' to my last monograph, 'Manufactured Masculinity': Making Imperial Manliness, Morality and Militarism I declared that it was now time for me 'to play' - over the hills and far away in my glorious 'Golden Triangle': the Isle of Purbeck-downs, cliffs, beaches (home), the Chilterns and Henley - sweet pastures and ancient woodlands (daughter and delectable granddaughter), and Wear Dale (the 'Last English Wilderness') moors, becks and hills (cottage) and seek on Dorset Down's, in Chilten Woodlands and on Wear Dale Moorlands - Sweet Silence:

Elected Silence
Sing to me
And beat upon my
Whorled ear.
Pipe me to pastures still
And be the music
That I long to hear.

(Gerald Manley Hopkins)

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IJHS Founding and Executive Editor (1984 to 2010)
and several other (initially) Cass journals.

The Isle of Purbeck, the Chilterns and Henley, Wear Dale ('The last English Wilderness')

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REFLECTION
Since it is not granted to us to live long, let us transmit to posterity some memorial,
(Pliny the Younger: Letters translated by W. McIntosh and W.M. 1 Hutchinson.)