



**Esa RN 28  
Mid-term conference  
20-23 June 2012  
Berne, Switzerland**

The next mid-term conference of the Esa RN 28 Society and Sports will be held in Berne, Switzerland on 20-23 June 2012, hosted within the forthcoming Eass conference (see: <http://www.eass2012.ch/index.html> ).

We will organize special sessions on the following topics:

- Social theory and sport
- Sport, children and youth
- Sport, nationalism and identity
- Sport, politics and social movement
- Sport, risk and violence
- Sport and emotion
- Sport and gender
- Sport and media
- Sport and migration
- Sport and religion/spirituality
- Sport development
- Qualitative methodological concerns about sport research

Further topics can be found in the Eass call for papers here below.

The deadline for the abstract submission is 31st January 2012.

For any enquiry specifically regarding the sessions organized by the RN 28, please contact the network coordinator Davide Sterchele: [davide.sterchele@unipd.it](mailto:davide.sterchele@unipd.it)

**eass Conference 2012  
Sport in Globalised Societies Changes and Challenges 20-23 June 2012 Berne, Switzerland  
Call for Papers**

### **Topic**

The development of modern sport is closely linked to globalisation. The process of globalisation has caused significant changes, transforming sport into a transnational phenomenon. At the same time, sport continues to be deeply affected by regional cultures and local actors. These influences will be analysed from an international and comparative perspective, offering the opportunity for critical reflection and for the discussion of prevailing challenges.

Within the main topic we want to have a broad thematic focus on social issues relating to questions concerning sport and globalisation. Abstracts on both, theoretical and empirical, perspectives are welcome. Besides oral presentations we are planning to organise a poster session which will be placed well within the conference programme.

## Thematic Symposia

We will organise specific thematic symposia for the following subtopics in cooperation with partner organisations:

- Swiss Sport Research and Globalisation (in cooperation with the Research Committee Sociology of Sport of the Swiss Sociological Association)
- Sport and Migration (in cooperation with the Section of Sport Sociology, German Society of Sport Science)
- Challenges of Sport Participation Research (in cooperation with the Meeting for European Sport Participation and Sport Culture Research)
- Body, Gender and Ethnicity (in cooperation with European Sociological Association Research Network 28 “Society and Sports”)

## Possible Subtopics for Parallel Sessions

All participants are invited to submit an abstract for an oral or a poster presentation. One or several thematic parallel sessions will be scheduled according to the number of abstracts submitted and accepted. We will incorporate several similar topics into one session if necessary. Papers which do not correspond with any of the following broad list are also welcome and can be submitted as “Open Papers”.

- Changes of Sport Ethos and Morality
- Development of Sports Organisations
- Elite Sports
- Professionalisation and Commercialisation in Sport
- Qualitative methodological concerns about sport research \*
- Social Theory and Sport \*
- Sport, Children and Youth \*
- Sport, Nationalism and Identity \*
- Sport, Politics and Social Movement \*
- Sport, Risk and Violence \*
- Sport, Tourism and Leisure
- Sport and Body
- Sport and Emotion \*
- Sport and Gender \*
- Sport and Globalisation
- Sport and Glocalisation
- Sport and Health
- Sport and Media \*
- Sport and Migration
- Sport and Religion/Spirituality \*
- Sport Development \*
- Sport Participation
- Transnational Sport Events
- Trend and Scene Sport
- Voluntarism and Sports Organisations

\* in cooperation with ESA Research Network 28 “Society and Sports”

## Guidelines for abstract submission

### *Dates and deadlines*

- Abstract submission opens: **1st November 2011**
- Abstract submission deadline: **31st January 2012**
- Notification to authors: **15th March 2012**
- Early Bird registration deadline: **30th March 2012**

- Registration for presenting authors deadline: **15th April 2012**

### *Review*

All abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee, which can make recommendations as to the type of presentation (oral or poster). The author may state preference for the type of presentation (oral or poster). The final decision, however, lies with the Scientific Committee. Authors will be informed on acceptance of their abstract by 15th March 2012.

### *Abstract Submission*

**Step 1** Register on <http://www.eass2012.ch/abstracts.html> (open from 1st November 2011) in order to receive an e-mail containing your login information. Note that this is only registration for the system, and not registration for the conference.

**Step 2** Login to the system using your login information on <http://www.eass2012.ch/abstracts.html> Follow steps 1 to 4 on the site in order to submit your abstract.

### *Abstract*

The Abstract must be typed or pasted into the Abstract Submission Form. Abstracts are restricted to a maximum of 3,000 characters (including spaces and references) and may not contain any tables or graphs.

References in the text have to be cited at the end of the abstract (they must fit within the 3,000 character limit). All abstract content is in the sole responsibility of the author(s) of the abstract. The receipt of your abstract submission will be confirmed by e-mail within 7 days of submission.

Any author may submit a maximum of two abstracts as first author. The submitted abstract must be presented at the congress by the first author. It is possible to appear as co-author on other abstracts.

### *Book of Abstracts*

Presenters (= first authors) must be registered for the congress by 15th April 2012 at the latest in order to guarantee the publication of their abstract in the book of abstracts.

We will not print further conference proceedings following the conference. However, we intend to publish a special issue of the *European Journal for Sport and Society* (ejss) entitled "Sport in Globalised Societies" containing selected papers from the conference. Information regarding deadlines and the review process will be announced at a later date.

### **Young Researcher Award (YRA)**

The European Association for Sociology of Sport is proud to announce the 4th eass Young Researcher's Award. The aim of the award is to encourage the integration of outstanding graduate students and young researchers into the European community of sociology of sport scholars. The award will be granted to an academic paper authored by a young researcher, which is deemed by a panel of judges to be of highest quality. The winning author will be invited to receive the award and present the paper(s) at the eass Conference in Berne 2012. The winning paper may be considered for publication in the *European Journal for Sport and Society* (ejss).

For further information see: <http://www.eass2012.ch/YRA.html>.

**Important:** Those authors who plan to present at the conference as well as applying for the YRA must submit their abstract via the on-line submission system of the general conference as well as their full paper for the YRA.