**British Society for Sports History**

**2022 Annual Conference**

**24-26 August 2022**

**International Centre for Sports History and Culture**

**De Montfort University, Leicester**

*Note: This is the penultimate version of the programme, prepared for pre-conference distribution for all speakers, and as a guide for delegates. The final version will be issued at the conference, and will include the names of colleagues chairing each session.*

All sessions will take place in Hugh Aston Building (HU) on DMU’s Campus. Locations for social events listed here, and for refreshments and registration, will be published at the conference. Rooms will be signposted.

Please note that we will work with open windows in the panel sessions and wherever possible for other events. You are very welcome to wear a face covering at any time while you are at the conference.

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| Time | **Thursday 25 August** |
| 8.30-9.00 | Registration – HU First Floor Lobby |
| 9.00-9.15 | Opening RemarksRaf Nicholson for BSSH, Jill Cowley for DMU, and Martin Polley for ICSHCHU 2.06 |
| 9.15-10.30 | Keynote Paper: BSSH at 40Richard Holt, Taking Stock: British Sports History Forty Years OnHU 2.06 |
| 10.30-11.30 | Parallel Sessions |
|  | **Session 1****Sporting Equipment and Kits****HU 1.49** | **Session 2****Intercultural Connections****HU 1.50** | **Session 3****Politics, Community and Memory****HU 1.51** |
|  | Nick GuothBy the Numbers: Antipodean initiatives in football shirt numbering | Daphné BolzFrom drill to fun? Differences and variations in interwar British physical education | Huw RichardsJim McCormick and the Baseball Hall of Fame |
|  | Erica MunkwitzFields of Dreams: Horse Sports and the English Landscape | Amanda Callan-Spenn‘It will not make them ugly like other methods of what you call physical culture’: Japonisme, women and the Japanese martial arts in Edwardian Britain | Pierre Botcherby‘This sporting life’: community, de-industrialisation, and Rugby League in St. Helens |
|  |  |  | Rob FittFestive Federalism: Neoliberalism and the Iconography of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics |
| 11.30-12.00 | Coffee |

| 12.00-1.00 | **Session 4****Sports History Methodologies****HU 1.49** | **Session 5****Pioneers****HU 1.50** | **Session 6****Irish Soccer****HU 1.51** |
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|  | Eric BlakeleyTracking down Britain’s 1908 Olympians: using online resources during ‘lockdown’ to explore athletes’ socio-economic backgrounds | Keith MyerscoughBlackpool’s Mermaids and Mermen: Social and Cultural Aspects of Nineteenth Century Commercial Swimming | Fiona SkillenRutherglen Ladies F.C and interwar Ireland |
|  | Lauren BeattyRepresentations of women golfers in Ladies’ Golf Union photographs 1893- 1945 | Mark EvansOsborne Swimming Club – Water Polo Pioneers | Steve BoltonMolly Seaton: Ireland’s Greatest Interwar Footballer |
|  | Mike HugginsNon-human animals and the cultural history of British sport | Jo HalpinGet your skates on! The origins of rink hockey in England and women’s participation in it up to World War One | Conor Heffernan“Women Lead the Fracas”: Women’s Spectatorship in 1930s Ireland |
| 1.00-2.00 | Lunch |
| 2.00-3.00 | BSSH ProjectsHU 2.06Derek Peaple ‘Back to the Future II’: the Sporting Heritage Day Programme and its Relationship to BSSH One Year OnGayle RogersDrawn To Research ‘What Times’s Kick Off? Project’: How the graphic novel is a tool for making academic research more accessible for a wider audience |
| 3.00-3.30 | Tea and Coffee |

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| 3.30-4.30 | Parallel Sessions |
|  | **Session 7****Asian Sporting Identity****HU 1.49** | **Session 8****Representation in the Arts****HU 1.50** | **Session 9****International Politics and Identity****HU 1.51** |
|  | Anas AliPlaying in Style: Modern Sports in the Plantation Zones in the Post Independent South India | Jared StrangePlaying for Peace: Historicizing Theatrical Depictions of the Christmas Truce | Matt McDowellThe Royal Caledonian Curling Club and Scottish imperialism |
|  | Dale WhitfieldA historical study of education and shūkyū in Japan: how football identity was shaped by 1945 | Enrico Castro MontesFootball, Ethnicity and the Visual Representations of National Identity in Ecuador | Yichen LianThe narrative of Chinese history in the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics: the construction of Chinese national identity |
|  | Souvik NahaPlaying for British Empire 2.0: Cricket and Commonwealth Relations in the 1940s-50s | Stuart GibbsWomen’s football: Image and Perception. | Alec HurleyConcern in the Caribbean: Cold War Politics and National Sovereignty at the 1966 Central American and Caribbean Games |
| 4.30-6.00 | BSSH AGMHU 2.06 |
| 6.00-7.00 | Taylor & Francis Reception |
| 7.30 | Dinner |

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| Time | **Friday 26 August** |
|  | Registration – Location TBC |
| 9.00-10.00 | Keynote Paper: The Sir Derek Birley Memorial LectureRamachandra Guha, The Accidental Sports HistorianHU 2.06 |
| 10.00-11.00 | Parallel Sessions |
|  | **Session 10****British Sport and the wider world****HU 1.49** | **Session 11****Integration****HU 1.50** | **Session 12****Influencers****HU 1.51** |
|  | Verity PostlethwaiteAn analysis of the six UK-hosted British Empire and Commonwealth Games through time, 1934-2014 | Raf Nicholson“Why should we merge with the women?”: Male Perspectives on Sporting Amalgamations, 1985-2000 | Andrew CarterHubert Parry, Crack House Hard Man |
|  | Rob Lake​​What is a good and proper display? Behavioural Etiquette as a Reflection of Social Class and Elitism in Post-War Tennis | Alex Jackson“Women referees – why not?”: The early history of female referees in England, c1900-1967 | Su BartonThe influence of Sir Henry Lunn’s business model on the development of winter sports before 1930 |
|  | Luke HarrisThe same old problems? Britain’s preparations for the 1932 Olympic Games | Katie HolmesThe Reluctant Bride – an attempt to force amalgamation of the Women’s Amateur Athletic Association with the AAA | Paul WheelerFemale Artisan Golfers and were there any? |
| 11.00-11.30 | Tea and Coffee |

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| 11.30-12.30 | Parallel Sessions |
|  | **Session 13****Fascism and Autocracy****HU 1.49** | **Session 14****Fandom and Community****HU 1.50** | **Session 15****Global Rugby Narratives****HU 1.51** |
|  | Jake Lawton‘Boycott of the sign’: Contrasting narratives of touring Football League player’s refusal to perform the Nazi salute | Nigel HancockCricket and its crowds in 1953 | Liam O’CallaghanRugby Union and Irishness 1860-2020 |
|  | Mike McGuinnessIt’s a Red Card for Hitler – Dictators, Autocrats and Sport | Tom CampbellA comparison of the treatment of football hooliganism and the Miners’ Strike by the Thatcher Government | **Other Paper TBC** |
|  | Paul ReefTo Boycott or Not to Boycott? Amnesty International’s Human Rights Activism around the 1978 FIFA World Cup in Argentina and the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games | Abhinava GoswamiMinorities at Play: Mohammedan Sporting Club and the Politics of Fandom in Colonial Calcutta |  |
| 12.30-1.30 | Lunch |
| 1.30-2.30 | Keynote Paper: Aberdare PrizeRob Colls, Writing *This Sporting Life*HU 2.06 |
| 2.30-3.00 | Tea and Coffee |
| 3.00-4.00 | Round Table: BSSH and EDIHU 2.06Paul CampbellLydia FurseMalcolm MacLeanRaf Nicholson |
| 4.00-4.30 | Closing RemarksICSHC and BSSH colleaguesHU 2.06 |