**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 Remarks  Raf Nicholson for BSSH, Jill Cowley for DMU, and Martin Polley for ICSHC  HU 2.06 | | |
| 9.15-  10.30 | Keynote Paper: BSSH at 40  Richard Holt, Taking Stock: British Sports History Forty Years On  HU 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 Guoth  By the Numbers: Antipodean initiatives in football shirt numbering | Daphné Bolz  From drill to fun? Differences and variations in interwar British physical education | Huw Richards  Jim McCormick and the Baseball Hall of Fame |
|  | Erica Munkwitz  Fields 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 Fitt  Festive 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 Blakeley  Tracking down Britain’s 1908 Olympians: using online resources during ‘lockdown’ to explore athletes’ socio-economic backgrounds | Keith Myerscough  Blackpool’s Mermaids and Mermen: Social and Cultural Aspects of Nineteenth Century Commercial Swimming | Fiona Skillen  Rutherglen Ladies F.C and interwar Ireland |
|  | Lauren Beatty  Representations of women golfers in Ladies’ Golf Union photographs 1893- 1945 | Mark Evans  Osborne Swimming Club – Water Polo Pioneers | Steve Bolton  Molly Seaton: Ireland’s Greatest Interwar Footballer |
|  | Mike Huggins  Non-human animals and the cultural history of British sport | Jo Halpin  Get 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 Projects  HU 2.06  Derek Peaple   ‘Back to the Future II’: the Sporting Heritage Day Programme and its Relationship to BSSH One Year On  Gayle Rogers  Drawn 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 Ali  Playing in Style: Modern Sports in the Plantation Zones in the Post Independent South India | Jared Strange  Playing for Peace: Historicizing Theatrical Depictions of the Christmas Truce | Matt McDowell  The Royal Caledonian Curling Club and Scottish imperialism |
|  | Dale Whitfield  A historical study of education and shūkyū in Japan: how football identity was shaped by 1945 | Enrico Castro Montes  Football, Ethnicity and the Visual Representations of National Identity in Ecuador | Yichen Lian  The narrative of Chinese history in the opening ceremony of the Beijing Olympics: the construction of Chinese national identity |
|  | Souvik Naha  Playing for British Empire 2.0: Cricket and Commonwealth Relations in the 1940s-50s | Stuart Gibbs  Women’s football: Image and Perception. | Alec Hurley  Concern in the Caribbean: Cold War Politics and National Sovereignty at the 1966 Central American and Caribbean Games |
| 4.30-  6.00 | BSSH AGM  HU 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 Lecture  Ramachandra Guha, The Accidental Sports Historian  HU 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 Postlethwaite  An 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 Carter  Hubert 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 Barton  The influence of Sir Henry Lunn’s business model on the development of winter sports before 1930 |
|  | Luke Harris  The same old problems? Britain’s preparations for the 1932 Olympic Games | Katie Holmes  The Reluctant Bride – an attempt to force amalgamation of the Women’s Amateur Athletic Association with the AAA | Paul Wheeler  Female 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 Hancock  Cricket and its crowds in 1953 | Liam O’Callaghan  Rugby Union and Irishness 1860-2020 |
|  | Mike McGuinness  It’s a Red Card for Hitler – Dictators, Autocrats and Sport | Tom Campbell  A comparison of the treatment of football hooliganism and the Miners’ Strike by the Thatcher Government | **Other Paper TBC** |
|  | Paul Reef  To 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 Goswami  Minorities 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 Prize  Rob Colls, Writing *This Sporting Life*  HU 2.06 | | |
| 2.30-  3.00 | Tea and Coffee | | |
| 3.00-  4.00 | Round Table: BSSH and EDI  HU 2.06  Paul Campbell  Lydia Furse  Malcolm MacLean  Raf Nicholson | | |
| 4.00-  4.30 | Closing Remarks  ICSHC and BSSH colleagues  HU 2.06 | | |