



PSA Sport and Politics Group
9th Annual Conference
SPORT, POLITICS and SOCIAL POLICY
7- 8 January 2015, Durham University, England.
CALL for PAPERS

Sport, as a cultural phenomenon, shapes politics, drives economies, highlights inequalities and contributes to our sense of identity and to our local and national pride.

Governments and international sports federations bid to host sports mega-events amidst allegations of corrupt practices, yet not all citizens want public money invested in sport at the expense of other services.

Rising levels of obesity and inactive lifestyles make sports participation a major concern for current government policy.

The use of sport in initiatives such as crime prevention, community development and health promotion campaigns also make sport a subject area of great relevance and political interest, particularly in the area of social policy.

The *Sport, Politics and Social Policy* Conference 2015 will provide a wide-ranging and interdisciplinary examination of these issues and more. The conference aims to explore the inter-relationship between sport*, politics and social policy by drawing on research from a variety of academic fields, including: politics, international relations, sociology, social policy, criminology, community and youth work, history, law, geography, and sport studies.

*We recognise sports in their broadest forms, including: elite/high performance, competitive, recreational, community, disability and lifestyle sports.

We welcome Abstracts of up to 300 words for papers that address – but are not limited to - the following themes:

- Sport and social policy
- Sports policy and sports development
- Sport and identity politics (e.g. issues of gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, disability)
- Sport, international development and relations
- Sport and global, international and local communities
- Sports governance and the regulation of sport
- Sport and crime
- Sport, religion and sectarianism
- Sports mega events and politics
- Sport, resistance and social justice
- Sport, obesity and public health policy
- Teaching sport and politics / sport and policy

Please email Abstracts (300 words maximum) to:
sportpoliticsconf@durham.ac.uk by: 31st October 2014.

Registration: <https://www.dur.ac.uk/conference.booking/details/?id=379>

NB: We welcome submissions from international colleagues and also from postgraduate research students.