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HIEU 127 - Sport in the Modern World

This course looks at the phenomenon of sport in all of its social, cultural, political and economic aspects. Our starting point will be the emergence of modern sport in nineteenth century Britain, but our focus will be global. Our primary concern will be with elite sport, rather than participation sport or physical culture. Because our approach here will be topical rather than chronological, students should already have a good knowledge of world history in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, as we will be attempting throughout the course to set sport in the context of the events of this period. Students who feel they lack historical background may want to read Eric Hobsbawm's works - *The Age of Empire* and *The Age of Extremes*. Other works covering the nineteenth and twentieth centuries are also acceptable.

There will be a mid-term exam and a final. Students may replace the mid-term with a research paper on a topic of their choice. In order to prevent purchased papers, students must submit a preliminary outline and bibliography. They must also meet to discuss the paper with the professor. This must be done before the mid-term. No topic can be approved after the mid-term. Plagiarism is the most serious academic offense a student can commit.

Books to be Purchased

William Baker - Sports in the Western World
C.L.R. James - Beyond a Boundary
Susan Brownell - Training the Body for China
Richard Mandell - The Nazi Olympics
The readings packet will contain other assigned works

Theoretically, all the readings for this course are on reserve. At least the request has been made to the reserve desk.

The following videos will be shown in class:

Rugby Documentary
Olympia
Soccer History
City Dump
Olympic History: 03 Seconds to Gold
Soviet Sports Festivals

The material discussed in these videos will be on the exam. Those who cannot attend the

class on the day they are shown, will be able to find them in Film and Video Reserves in Geisel Library.

I. Introduction

Reading packet: Allen Guttman, *From Ritual to Record*, chs. 1 and 2.
Pierre Bourdieu, "Program for a Sociology of Sport"
Richard Gruneau, "The Critique of Sport in Modernity: Theorising Power, Culture and the Politics of the Body"

II. The Rise of Sport in the Modern World

William Baker - Sports in the Western World- pp. 99-259

III. The People's Game - Soccer

reading packet: Tony Mason, *Association Football and English Society, 1863-1915*. Pp. 68-167
Bill Murray, *The World's Game*, chs. 2-5.

IV. The Olympic Games

reading packet: John MacAloon, *This Great Symbol, Pierre de Coubertin and the Origins of the Modern Olympic Games*, pp. 43-60, chs. 5 and 6.

First hour exam Friday

V. Sport and Gender

reading packet :Susan Cahn , *Coming on Strong: Gender and Sexuality in Twentieth Century Women' Sport*, chs. 2-9

VI. American Exceptionalism?

Reading packet Gorn and Goldstein - *A Brief History of American Sports*, pp. 49-221

VII. Sport and Fascism

Richard Mandell-*The Nazi Olympics*, chs. 2-5 and 10

VIII. Sport and Communism

Robert Edelman, *Serious Fun*, chs. 2-6. Students may download this book for free from the following website - www.aafra.org. Click on “search” on the home page and find the book on the right hand column.

Hour exam Friday

IX. Sport, Colonialism and Race

C.L.R. James - *Beyond a Boundary*, pp. 1-116

X. Sports in Asia

Susan Brownell, *Training the Body for China*, chs.2-4, 8 and 11