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## HIEU 127 – The History of Sport in the Modern World

This course looks at the phenomenon of sport in all its social, cultural, political and economic aspects. Our starting point will be the emergence of modern sport in nineteenth century Britain, but our approach will be global. Our primary concern will be with elite sport rather than participation or physical culture. Because our approach will be topical rather than strictly 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 particular periods. Students who feel they lack the 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 an informal section/meeting on Tuesdays after class at Café Roma.

There will be an in-class mid-term (25%), a critical essay (25%) (topics distributed week VI) and a take-home mid-term (50%)

Books to be purchased at Bookstore

Tony Collins – *Sport in Capitalist Society*  
C. L. R. James – *Beyond a Boundary*  
Allen Guttman – *The Olympics*  
Kathryn Jay – *More than Just a Game*  
Richard Mandell – *The Nazi Olympics*

Reader – University Readers

Both the books and the reader will also be placed on reserve at H&SS library

Electronic Reserves – password re127

David Goldblatt – *The Ball is Round*  
Xu Guoqi – *Olympic Dreams*  
Peter Alegi – *Laduma: Soccer, Politics and Society in South Africa*  
Simon Martin – *Football and Fascism*

Available on free download at [www.LA84Foundation.org](http://www.LA84Foundation.org)  
Robert Edelman – *Serious Fun: A History of Spectator Sports in the USSR*

## Videos

BBC History of Soccer vol. 1  
BBC History of Rugby – New Zealand and South Africa  
Olympia  
City Dump  
03 From Gold  
Soviet Sport Festivals  
Lagaan

## READINGS

### Week I – Theorizing Sport

in Reader – Allen Guttman – *From Ritual to Record* ch. 1  
Johan Huizing *Homo Ludens*, ch. 1

### Week II – The Rise of Sport in the Modern World

Tony Collins – *Sport in Capitalist Society*, read entire book

### Week III - The People's Game – Soccer

Electronic reserves – David Goldblatt – *The Ball is Round*, pp. 19-260  
Video – BBC History of Soccer vol. I

### Week IV – The Olympic Games

Reader – John MacAloon – *This Great Symbol* pp. 43-60 and chs. 5 and 6  
Guttman – *Olympics* – chs. 2-10

### Week V – American Exceptionalism?

Reader – Gorn and Goldstein – *A Brief History of American Sports* - chs. 2-4  
Kathryn Jay – *More than Just a Game* – chs. 2-5

### Week VI – Sport and Fascism

Mandell – *The Nazi Olympics*, chs. 2-5  
Electronic Reserves – Simon Martin – *Football and Fascism* - pp. 173-217

Video - Olympia

Week VII - Sport and Communism

Download from website [[www.LA84foundation.org](http://www.LA84foundation.org)]- Robert Edelman – *Serious Fun* - chs. 2-6

Video – Soviet Sports festivals

Week VIII – Race and Gender in American Sport

Reader - Eric Dunning – “Sport as a Male Preserve”

Reader - Susan Cahn - *Coming on Strong*, chs. 2-9

Video – City Dump

Week IX. - Sport and Colonialism

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

Electronic reserves – Peter Alegi – *Laduma* – pp. 15-84

Video - BBC History of Rugby South Africa vs. New Zealand

Week X – Sport in Asia

Electronic reserves – Xu Guogui – *Olympic Dreams* – pp. 12-116

Video – Lagaan

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